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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	23 rd	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	People of the Parish
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Stephen Bayliffe RIP
Sun	24 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Seventeenth Sunday of Year	Lyn & David (50th Ann)
		10:00am	St Anne's		Christine Godwin RIP
Mon	25 th	9:30am	St Anne's	St James	Feast Bernadette Ball RIP
Tue	26 th	9:30	St Patrick's	Ss Joachim & Anne	Memoria Private Intention
Wed	27 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Feria
Thu	28 th	9:30am	St Patrick's		Feria David Simpson RIP
Fri	29 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Ss Martha & Mary	Memoria Jane Rose RIP
Sat	30 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's		Special Intention
		6:00pm	St Anne's		Albert Smith RIP
Sun	31 st	9:00am	St Patrick's	Eighteenth Sunday of Year	People of the Parish
		10:00am	St Anne's		Bernadette Ball RIP

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Phylis Bowers, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Martha Porter, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Jacqueline Simpson, Graham Burningham. **St Anne's:** Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Bernard Lundberg, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise, Hal Lindop, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Eileen Turvey, Marie Geal.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Ernest Moseley, Mary Murphy, Maurice Desroches, Louise Barker, Wladyslawa Halberda, Barbara Astley, Kathleen Cochlin, Bartholomew Tivenan, Larry Mooney, Mary Daghall, Elizabeth Millward, Delia Ferrie, Edward Hagan, Ian Banks, Charles Faulkner and Patrick Bourke.

[St Anne's] Stephen Bayliffe, Pascal Doyle, Mary Nealon, Berta Szholz, Frederick Miller, Mary Purcell, Ann Stanyer, Peter White and Reg Densem.

Income 17/7/22	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£86.00	£112.49	£391.45	£589.94	Sat 54 Sun 56
St Patrick's	Offertory	£103.30	£218.46	£149.69	£471.45	Sat 34 Sun 69

On the Archdiocese website there is a standing order and Gift Aid form for parishioners so they can transform the way they donate. Please direct any such enquiries to: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/FAQS/category/finance-resources>

Parish Tote 150 Club

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers are available at only £4 per number per month. Further details from Marie (parish secretary) on 01785 661012.

Gift Aid *If anyone wishes to make a commitment; whether weekly, fortnightly, monthly or annually, it would make such a difference. You remain in control for as long as you want. Switching your giving via Standing Order mandate would be a great help also. There are baskets at the back of St Anne's and large collection bins placed on entry and exit at St Patrick's* Very many thanks*

Drop in at St Anne's on Wednesday mornings: All are welcome (from around 10:25am) in the Church Hall.

For your Diary: *Please note that on the weekend of 13th/14th August our three parishes will be hosting two priests from the Society of African Missions (SMA). They will be sharing Masses through the three churches, talking about their work and mission. A large poster advertising the appeal can be found at the back of the churches. I am sure we will give them a generous and warm welcome.*

If anyone has any spare wool, someone who knits hats and scarves for the homeless would be very grateful. Please leave in the church porch of both St Anne's and St Patrick's. Many thanks.

COLLECTION BAGS: From last weekend, the passing around of leather collection bags returned to our parishes of St Patrick's and St Annes'. It was felt that it was the time for re-establishing this tradition because of its inherent security and to enable a more focused collection of 2nd collection donations (through a retiring collection as parishioners leave). I am very grateful to our welcomers and stewards who are enabling the bags to be passed along the benches and also to those who have offered to be in a counting team. To St Patrick's counting teams – I hope to be able to meet with you at convenient times so that we can run through the process (for the benefit of new volunteers). It goes without saying that the most convenient and preferred method of giving remains Standing Order. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Marie in the office if you would like to consider this. Many thanks. Fr. Bob

Refreshments after Mass: Do join us after the 10:00am Sunday Morning Mass for tea and coffee in St Anne's Hall. Many thanks to those who prepare this welcome facility. **More volunteers to help here please.**

St Anne's & St Patrick's Church Cleaning: If you can help with church cleaning, whichever parish you attend, please put your name on the rota in the church porches. Thank you.

St Anne's Choir: Do you like to sing? We would love you to come and see if it would interest you to be "one in the Spirit" here @ St Anne's. Our very small choir could do with a "little support" to be "one in the Lord". Male and female voices provide such harmony. Do come along to our meeting in church 7pm Tuesday. You will be most welcome.

St Patrick's Music: Volunteers who attend regular Mass at St Patrick's (Sat or Sun) are welcome to operate our phone/Bluetooth system so that our parish may once more sing hymns at Mass. I thank those who have volunteered already, so if others could come forward and begin to form a rota it would be great. I will explain it all. Just phone/email Fr. Bob. With gratitude. PS. It is great to see the Sunday morning choir up in the Gallery singing their hearts out. Those who like to add to the chorus please join them!

St Patrick's: As I have mentioned previously, the following groups are soon, hopefully, to be up and running: **Sacristy team, Music/hymns in Mass, Health and Safety, Cleaning Team, Counting teams, Gardening and Environment and Catechesis.** Please be patient with me as I gradually 'touch base' and make contact with you individually; either by text or email. Anyone else who would like to be involved in some way, please contact Fr. Bob who will be delighted to hear from you. [stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk] or 01785 661012

HELP: Due to a number of recent resignations, both our schools (St Patrick's and St Anne's) are in need of Foundation Governors. Foundation Governorship is a seriously important role that enables the school to function with the necessary oversight and partnership of its community. Please do give this request urgent consideration since no previous experience is required. The requisite is that you are a practicing Catholic who recognises the value and importance of each of our parish schools in the life of our Catholic faith. Full induction and training will be provided. Do not hesitate to contact Fr. Bob (01785661012) or Mrs Bennett (01785663128) or Mr Brandon (01785413275) Many Thanks

Flower Arranging: St Patrick's are in need of flower arranging volunteers who could help our usual dedicated 'few' so that a rota can be made. Please let Fr. Bob know. Many Thanks.

+BIBLE STUDY: St Anne's parish Bible Study usually meets on a regular fortnightly programme, in St Anne's parish hall meeting room from 10 am – 11 am. However, there will be a break over the summer period. ----- The next meeting will be on 6th September.

Ukrainian Refugees: Please see just how offers of help will be co-ordinated through Caritas and Father Hudson's Care. Our Catholic parishes will be in regular communication with the diocese in regard to this matter.

Stafford Walsingham Association

Every third Saturday, a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham will be held and this has already begun. During the Mass, we offer the Litany of OLW, praying that Our Lady will, as the prayer says, 'look down in mercy upon England thy Dowry and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.' As membership of the Association is open to anyone within our three parishes, the Mass will alternate between the three churches. If you would like to be a member of the Walsingham Association, please fill in one of the forms at the back of church and return it to the Presbytery.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES Please be aware that the new financial year has passed. New boxes of envelopes used by parishioners who gift aid their donations can be found in the porches of both St Anne's and St Patrick's. They are already named and ready for collection. If any parishioner has transferred to donating through STANDING ORDER then still please collect your envelope, because it can be used for second collections. If anyone would like to Gift Aid their offering please let Fr Bob or Marie (in the office) know so that the relevant form may be completed. Many thanks to all of you who support our parishes so generously; the material upkeep of the churches is ever increasing. Thanks to Mark and Margaret for their efforts in administering the Gift Aid facility

*The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have made an announcement on the "Sunday Obligation":
"The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. "We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation."*

As part of our "Live Simply" Campaign we want to live in solidarity with those in poverty It's time to tackle corporate abuse of human and environmental rights

We're calling on the UK government to introduce a new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act to hold business to account when it fails to prevent abuses and environmental harm.



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We are calling for a new law to make UK companies ensure that their activities do not put human rights or our common home at risk. Please stand with human rights defenders who are under threat right now by urgently sending an email to your MP and asking them to call for a new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act. action.cafod.org.uk

LIVE SIMPLY

"Our **Live Simply** award needs to involve as many people in the community as possible. From the youngest to the oldest, each person's different strengths and interests contribute to making it a success. So do come forward if you have some ideas.

We are asked to "Pray, Act and Give. Take time to consider our broken global food system by praying for food justice, <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/A-prayer-for-food-justice>. You may wish to email your the Foreign Secretary, <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/102736/action/1>. If you are able you can donate to help those in need, <https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&Appeal=125900> If we are to tackle the climate crisis and global poverty around the world, we must address the destruction linked to UK companies. Please email your MP <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/93929/action/1>

We are looking for a date to hold a "Fix the Food System" with our 7 station activity.

Also, There has been news, of late, about Sir Mo Farah and how he was taken from his family and was trafficked to the UK as a child. The Church stands in solidarity with the poor and drawing from Catholic Social Teaching, we believe that each and every person is made in the image and likeness of God, imbued with an innate dignity. Modern slavery is an attack upon this dignity. In solidarity, we are called to work with hope and compassion to transform our common home, to ensure that people, communities and the earth may flourish - free from exploitation. CAFOD are calling for a 'Business, Human Rights and Environment Act' and a UN Binding Treaty on Business and Human Rights, to help the UK fully realise its commitments to the UN. You can email your MP to support this act here <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/93929/action/1>

regards

Joe McCormick

Fr Simon has announced that he will be on the move to pastures new in the Summer. Archbishop Bernard has appointed him as Parish Priest of the parishes of St Thomas More and St Joseph the Worker in Coventry. His last Sunday in Stafford will be 21st August.

Please remember in your prayers those being ordained this weekend: Deacons Steven Fleming and Toby Duckworth who will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on Saturday 23rd July. This event can be watched via the Cathedral livestream.

Spiritual Spa Day for Ladies: This is an opportunity to be refreshed and renewed in God's love; to be inspired, reflect and pray together and to be affirmed in our faith at St Austin's Church, Stafford on Saturday 10th September. Put the date in your diary, more details soon.

St Bernadette Relic Tour: In October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. As part of the pilgrimage, the relics will come to Our of Lourdes in Hednesford on 8th and 9th October. There will be more details about this in the coming weeks.

Today is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Pope Francis has called for the universal church to celebrate our grandparents on Sunday 24th July, the Sunday closest to the memorial of Jesus' grandparents, Ss Joachim and Anne. The following is part of a prayer written by the late Mgr. Joseph Quinn, a former Parish Priest of Our Lady's Shrine in Knock.

Bless all grandparents and keep them in Your care. Bless them with peace, health and healing. Reward them for their faith and fidelity, for their work and goodness, for their love and thoughtfulness, for their gifts and prayers. Give them a long and happy life together. May old age come to them in the company of family and friends. And when life is over, unite them again, where parting will be no more, in the Kingdom of Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.