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Weekly Newsletter

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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	23 rd	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Special Intention
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Nagy RIP
Sun	24 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Thirtieth Sunday of the Year	Special Intention
		10:00am	St Anne's		People of the Parish
Mon	25 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Feria	Anne Harvey RIP
Tue	26 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	Feria	Mary Shackleton RIP
Wed	27 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Feria
Thu	28 th	9:15am	St Patrick's	Ss Simon & Jude	Feast Private Intention
Fri	29 th	9:15am	St Anne's	Feria	Private Intention
Sat	30 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Noel Cooney RIP
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Peggy Ogram RIP
Sun	31 st	9:00am	St Patrick's	Solemnity of All Saints	People of the Parish
		10:00am	St Anne's		The O'Dwyer Family

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM By Appointment

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Phylis Bowers, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Martha Porter, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny. St Anne's: Michael Glover, Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, Cath Miles, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise, Hal Lindop, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's.] Michael Hickey, Anne Martin, John Reavy, Joseph Kerr, Margaret Goodwin, Theresa Cooney, Geo Gage, Alexander Harrison, Ian Robertson, Katrina Hughes, Donald Caddick, Rev Bernard Kelly, Edward Biglane, John Emery, Kathleen Crowley, Genevieve Hocart-Derry, Teresa Moore, Bernard Evans, Ellen Snape, George Allman and Isabelo Reyes. [St Anne's.] Joan O'Leary, Ann Begley, Joyce Horne, Johann Sima, Elsie Batkin, Albert Blissett, Tony Joret, Isabella Joel and Dennis Loran.

Income 17/10/21	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£75.00	£102.70	£283.84	£461.54	Sat 43 Sun 71
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£91.00	£110.00	£146.23	£347.23	Sat 45 Sun 48

On the Archdiocese website there is a standing order and Gift Aid form for parishioners so they can continue to give at this time. Please direct any such enquiries

to: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/FAQS/category/finance-resources>

***This email is from the archdiocese:** Just to let you know, there is a donate **BUTTON (TOP RIGHT)** on the home page of the diocesan website – www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Parish Tote 150 Club September winners

Thank you for your support. Numbers are available at £4 per number per month. Further details from Marie on 01785 661012.

Gift Aid At this critical time, 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. Those who use gift aid envelopes will find new ones for this financial year, labelled and numbered at the back of each church. Some parishioners might like to know that the parish office (St Anne's) can always be used as a 'drop-off' for envelopes. There are large collection bins placed on entry and exit* Expenses (maintenance, consumables, utilities and fabric upkeep, not to mention health and safety) are ongoing. Very many thanks

The Year of St Joseph. For this year we are honouring St Joseph (as this is the Year of St Joseph, initiated by Pope Francis). In St Anne's and St Patrick's churches the statue of St Joseph is prominent and we will endeavour to say the short prayer before each Mass.

St Anne's and St Patrick's Church maintenance: Much appreciation to those who have already given so generously. Upcoming tasks this year include remedial H&S work required for making St Patrick's old boiler house safe. **Important and involved remedial work is also needed on St Patrick's upper front roof.** Please accept my grateful thanks for any donations. F.Bob

Sacrament of Reconciliation: [Easter Duties and Confession at this time]. Please be assured that the Church's communication on this is still valid from the beginning of last year's lockdown, and that provided we are fully contrite in our hearts, we can confess our sins to the Lord within our own 'private prayer space'. **If notice is given, and at convenient times, before or after Mass, I have been hearing confessions and this will continue.** Fr. Bob

Guidance: Steps are gradually being reintroduced; the first being the distribution of Holy Communion during the traditional part of the Mass. The vast majority feel comfortable with these arrangements. As we obtain further guidance, then we can continue to take a more relaxed approach; at the moment it is 'steady as she goes'

Our Deceased: Please pray for **Anne Harvey**, of St Anne's Parish, who died on Tuesday and **John Williams**, formerly of St Patrick's who died recently. We also remember their families at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Gift Aid Envelopes: Please be aware that the new 2021/22 GA boxes are available at the back of each parish church. They are numbered and named and began way back on 11th April (many thanks to Margaret [SP] and Mark [SA] for preparing these). If anyone would like more information concerning this method of giving (or, indeed, concerning donation by Standing Order) please see Fr. Bob

November Month of Remembering our Dead)

At the back of St Anne's and St Patrick's churches you will find brown envelopes into which you may place the names of those you wish to be remembered during the month of November. If you wish to make a donation then these may also be placed inside. These envelopes can then be put in the basket, which will be placed in front of the altar before each Mass.

Bible Study resumes fortnightly at St Anne's 10 am – 11 am. Welcome to those wishing to join us.

Drop in at St Anne's on Wednesday mornings: These much appreciated social occasions have now resumed for some time and all are welcome (from around 10:25am).

Blessed William Howard School Reunion on Sat 13th November (8pm - 1am) - please see noticeboard for details.

Christmas Cards: Please note that Christmas Cards have now arrived in both parish churches and are for sale at the back of each. Many thanks to our repository teams who work tirelessly in stocking the stalls with cards, books, statues and other articles of devotion.

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". Do come along to our meeting in church 7pm Tuesday. You will be most welcome. 

St Anne's Ministers of the Eucharist: Please would those who have communicated (through Tony Whitehall), their willingness to resume bringing Holy Communion to the housebound, come to **EITHER ONE** of the meetings we will hold on next **Thursday 28th at 6pm** and the following **Wednesday 3rd November also at 6pm**. Important information will be shared with you then and we can also hold the 'commissioning and re-commissioning of ministers at the same time. Many Thanks Fr Bob

Upcoming **Second** Collections include: **23rd /24th October: APF this weekend.**

6th /7th November The Johnson Association

Calling our community back home

Dear parishioners of *St Patrick's and St Anne's*. Over the last few months we have had the opportunity to pick up a prayer card entitled "Prayer for the Diocesan Vision". There are many in the porch. Together with these cards is an invitation from Archbishop Bernard Longley for us to think seriously and deeply about how we can help to 'unfold' God's plan for our diocese. In essence, for this to happen we must think about how to begin from our own parish life. Central to our parish life of course is the Sunday Mass from which our spiritual strength comes, together with all the ideas and initiatives that enable us to reach out to others and to 'bring Christ to the world'. Sunday is Resurrection Day; the Eighth Day, our central day. Gathering as church community is vital for us to sustain ourselves in so many ways. Since the reopening of churches we are more aware of those who felt unable to return to Mass. Just as a shepherd searches for lost sheep so too our priests and faith leaders are looking for those who are not coming to church as well as welcoming the many new faces. [It might be worth us pondering the fact that just three months ago over one hundred of our youngsters either promised to follow Jesus more closely in confirming their commitment or shared in His Body and Blood for the first time. Food for thought indeed]. It is good to meet our new parishioners but we also miss the familiar faces of those no longer with us. The weekend has always been the focus of our community gathering together for Mass. It is as much about meeting our friends and fellow parishioners as it is about worship and praise of God. A parish community needs to pray and worship, but also to meet and chat, socialise, to support parish initiatives. There is no doubt that the past eighteen months have taken their toll on so many aspects of people's lives and caution, rightly, has entered into all we do and plan for. Maybe as we enter the Autumn of our year, and schools and other routines (leisure and sporting) begin, we could pray for and with each other and encourage each other so that our parish communities can once more rebuild that 'oneness' in trust and above all, hope. The Lord never ceases to call us from wherever we are. Fr. Bob