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Weekly Newsletter

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention		
Sat	24 th	4:00 pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	People of the Parish		
		6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Jason Hall RIP & Fr David Catterall		
Sun	25 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Twelfth Sunday of the Year	Martha & Phil Porter		
		10:00am	St Anne's		Maricri Valdez RIP		
Mon	26 th	No Mass	St Anne's		Feria		
Tue	27 th	9:30am	St Patrick's		Feria Gerard O'Connor RIP		
Wed	28 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	St Irenaeus	Memoria	
Thu	29 th	9:30am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Patrick's St Anne's St Anne's	Ss. Peter & Paul & Holy Day of Obligation	Solemnity	Allan Clews RIP Georgette Bowen RIP John Devaney RIP	
Fri	30 th	9:15am	St Anne's	First Martyrs of the Church of Rome	Memoria	Canon John Gunn RIP	
Sat	1 st	10:30am	St Anne's	First Holy Communion Mass		FHC Youngsters	
		4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Patty & Tim Tiernan RIP		
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Colin Wilkinson RIP		
Sun	2 nd	9:00am	St Patrick's	Thirteenth Sunday of the Year	The Tivenan Family		
		10:00am	St Anne's		People of the Parish		
Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Phyl Bowers, Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham. St Anne's: Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Marie Geal, Molly Hukin.							
Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Ethel Palfreyman, Ann Bates, Kathleen Blackburn, Michael Walton, Joan Corley, Hilda Blamire, Kath Sanford, Ella Nolan, Kenneth Ward, John O'Donnell, Francis Targett. [St Anne's] Joseph Fleming, Robert Hogan, Alice Williams, Colin Wilkinson, Vera Bradshaw, Annie Lidick, Frances Williams, Tony McNulty, Mary Cooper.							
Income 18/06/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance	
St Anne's	Offertory	£98.30	£116.32	£408.25	£622.87	Sat 55 Sun 65	
St Patrick's	Offertory	£98.30	£132.11	£152.16	£382.57	Sat 47 Sun 82	

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 still available at £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.*

Information cards [*giftaid it*] can be found at the back of the churches for any parishioners who are not in the gift aid scheme. The cards explain how the system works (at no extra expense for the doner) and provide information as to how you can be part of the scheme. It is a simple, free and effective way to help our parishes increase our funds. Do consider this if you are not already gift-aiding. Very Many Thanks.

Last weekend's collection for Day for Life St Anne's £215.54 St Patrick's £140.60 Thank You.

FUTURE SECOND COLLECTIONS: weekend 1st/2nd July: Peter's Pence
weekend 8th/9th July: Apostleship of the Sea

FUTURE EVENTS:

- 1. First Holy Communion:** St Anne's youngsters receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday 1st July at a 10:30am Mass.
- 2. Annual Mass of Commemoration:** for the local martyr Blessed Robert Sutton at Thomas Mill Farm on Saturday 15th July at 11:00am.

Our deceased: Please remember in your prayers **Doris Lilian Prestwood**, former parishioner of **St Anne's**, who died recently, and **Fr. Bernard Garratt** (a priest of our archdiocese who was ordained with me in 2008)

St Peter & St Paul: This coming week we celebrate the solemnity of these two great saints and Thursday 29th is a Holy Day of Obligation. As well as the Masses offered at St Anne's and St Patrick's, St Austin's has a 7pm Vigil Mass on Wednesday 28th as well as Masses at 10:00am and 7:00pm on Thursday 29th.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Catholic Stafford will be holding our annual 'Blessing of Graves' service on Sunday 30th July. We will gather in the **Crematorium Chapel at Tixall Road** for 3:00pm where a short service will be held. We shall then move out into the cemetery where graves will be blessed. It is hoped several priests will be assisting.

St Anne's Readers: The rota for July is on the notice board in the church porch.

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

Wool donations – If anyone has any spare wool it can be left in St Anne's Church porch. It will be used for knitting hats and scarves for the homeless. Thank you.

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 would be most welcome.**

CLEANERS St Anne's: Grateful thanks for our volunteers. There is now a list of the teams and a date rota displayed in the church porch. Please let Marie or Fr. Bob know if there are any particular issues with this.

St Anne's: CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be on Sunday 2nd July at the 10 am Mass. There will be none in August but will restart the first Sunday of September and the first Sunday of each month after.

SAFEGUARDING: Our representatives are Geraldine Thickett for St Patrick's sg.stpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk and Ann Kelly for St Anne's 01785 603012 sg.stanne.stafford@rcaob.org.uk .

St Patrick's: (SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY) The Children's Liturgy Group is running and much appreciated. Open to children of primary school age and under. If you think you can help come along to a session and see what we do [Those interested in helping please see Fr. Bob]

+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**.

The next meeting on Tuesday 27th June will be the last one for the summer.

Meetings will start again on Tuesday 5th September.

Exposition and Holy Hour: There is Exposition and Holy Hour, including opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation, at St Anne's: From 10:00am until 11:00am. This is offered every Saturday, except the third Saturday of the month, upon which the Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham will be celebrated.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES The New Gift Aid Envelopes [for this new tax year] are ready for your collection at the back of church. 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.

St Patrick's Eucharistic Minister Rota: St. Patrick's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: we have re-established the rota, for both Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning. If you are an extraordinary minister and would like to be included in the rota, please contact Angela Russell (07765560153) or Fr Bob; please confirm which weekend mass you would be able to assist at. Also, if you are not yet a Eucharistic minister and may have thought of becoming one, please do give it thought and have a word with Fr. Bob. Full training would be given. Thank you.

LIVING SIMPLY (Update):

Parishioners are invited to purchase Fair traded goods and to buy world gifts from CAFOD
<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>

- We are hoping to develop a wildflower meadow at the side of St Anne's Church to help support biodiversity. We are inviting parishioners to donate wildflower seeds, plants or peat free compost. If you would like to look at the area, Liz and Ann will be available to show you the area on Sunday after Mass.

CHRISTIAN FOOD HELP: Due to the ever increasing problem of food poverty, nationally and locally within many families, there is a continual need for donations. At the back of each church we have clearly marked boxes for your donations of food items. Please deposit them there so that they can be taken regularly to St Austin's, where the CFH team can arrange for their distribution. Many Thanks
Our local co-ordinators, Adam and Clare (St Austin's), send their thanks.

New to the Parish? If you are new to either of the parishes of St Anne or St Patrick you are very welcome. Please let Fr Bob know (on 01785 661012 OR stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk) There are numerous aspects of our parish life that might be of interest to you. We hope that you will feel 'at home' within our parish community.

SYCAMORE

FOLLOWING ON FROM THE SUCESS OF PART 1 OF OUR SYCAMORE COURSE WE HAVE DECIDED TO CONTINUE WITH PART 2

SYCAMORE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND ITS RELEVANCE FOR LIFE TODAY. IT GIVES YOU SPACE TO MEET OTHER PEOPLE, SHARE IDEAS, EXPLORE YOUR BELIEFS, AND THINK ABOUT QUESTIONS THAT REALLY MATTER.

The Bible Timeline® study program takes us on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. (Please bring a Catholic Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Both the Sycamore course and the Bible Timeline program take place on Mondays in St Austin's Meeting Room and Hall at 7pm. All welcome. *[For more information, go to St Austin's home web page, click on CONNECT and then PARISH COURSES]*

Mathew 28: 19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Summer at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford.

Diocesan Pilgrimage Sun July 2nd

- 2.15 - 3.45 pm - Confessions.
- 3 pm Rosary.
- 4 pm Mass & Sacrament of the Sick Celebrant Bishop Stephen Wright

Please bring your own chairs

Assumption Devotions Sun August 13th at 3 pm

Preacher Mgr Timothy Menezes

- Procession
- Rosary
- Shrine Prayers

Please bring your own chairs

Diocesan Plan / Three Parishes: All are very welcome to our next meeting at Blessed William Howard Catholic High School on Tuesday 27th June at 7.00 p.m. This is a follow up to our recent meeting on 21st April at St. Anne's Parish Hall. At our meeting on the 27th there will be a Presentation on the Faith Life of our Schools and discussion on how we can work and pray together to implement the Diocesan Plan.

St Anne's STRAWBERRY FAYRE:

St Anne's annual Strawberry Fayre will take place after Mass on 9th July at 11:30. St Anne's PTFA hope to see you there.

