



### St. Anne's Catholic Church

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### TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	St Patrick's	Christmas Vigil Mass	Kevin Walsh RIP
		9:00pm	St Anne's	Christmas Vigil Mass	Bernadette Sharp
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	The Nativity of the Lord	Patrick, Kitty & Mary Daly RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		Winifred Meehan's Intentions
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Anne's	St Stephen	Feast Jack Devaney (Ann.)
Tue	27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Patrick's	St John the Evangelist	Feast The McHugh Family
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Anne's	The Holy Innocents	Feast People of the Parish
Thu	29 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	St Anne's	Requiem Mass for Sebastian Paulose	
Fri	30 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	St Anne's	Funeral service for Baby George, Great Grandson of Ian Hird	
Sat	31 <sup>st</sup>	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Ned & Thelma Taylor RIP
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Peggy Ogram RIP
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am	St Patrick's	Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	John Tivenan RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		Joe Neylon (Ann.)

**Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's:** Phylis Bowers, Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham. **St Anne's:** Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Bernard Lundberg, 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]** Norah Lennon, James Scullion, Catherine Gask, Francis Ralph, Patricia Bradfield, Mary Devine, Margaret Leigh, George Storr, Alfred Simpson, Gertrude Vaughan, Brenda Read, Anthony Dykta, Norma Hussey, Nicolino Petrini, Thelma Taylor, Cynthia Scott. **[St Anne's]** Mary Rogers, Laurence Baker, Robert Glover, Peggy Ogram, John Glover, Margaret Loftus, Deirdre Wilkinson, Louise Harley, Bernard Cunningham, Philip Godridge.

Income18/12/22	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£74.00	£112.28	£391.45	£577.73	Sat 54 Sun 66
St Patrick's	Offertory	£75.30	£307.01	£149.69	£532.00	Sat 53 Sun 54

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 Winners of Draw on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

£100 J Corr - 77, £50 Fr D Standen - 86, £20 W Meehan - 54, £10 J Appleton - 37, £10 K Owen - 82, £10 B Walton - 148, £10 A Russell - 52, £10 K Tivenan - 150, £10 P Harland - 96, £10 M Picking - 105, £10 C Taylor - 28, £10 J Collins - 118, £10 C Porter - 98

Thank you for your support. Those who pay 6 monthly and yearly, your monies are due in January. A lot of numbers are still available at £4 per number per month. Details from Marie 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. Very many thanks.*

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** The Second Collection this weekend is the traditional Christmas offering for the clergy.

**Our Deceased:** Please pray for **Sebastian Paulose** a former parishioner of **St Anne's** and **'Be' Gallow**, also a parishioner of **St Anne's** who died recently. We remember their families also at this time. May Sebastian and 'Be' rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

**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!** Please be aware that there will be no refreshments on this Sunday of Christmas Day.

**St Patrick's:** Anyone who would like to be involved in some way in the following: **Sacristy team, Music/hymns in Mass, Cleaning Team, Counting teams, Health and Safety, Gardening and Environment and Catechesis**, please contact Fr. Bob who will be delighted to hear from you. Once again, many thanks for those who can help.

**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]

**St Patrick's Repository Stand:** Don't forget some of your Christmas needs may be met through the availability of: Christmas cards, calendars, diaries, children's Nativity, books etc. At the back of church.

**+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 on Tuesdays**. The next meeting will be arranged for some time in the New Year.

Every third or fourth Saturday, a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham is hoped to be held. 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. 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.

**Our Next Mass will be announced in the New Year.**

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** 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.

## LIVING SIMPLY (Update):

Do you have a family member or friend who you would like to buy a special gift for? If so, look at the World Gift catalogue which has ideas of gifts which can change lives for the better.

**Latest: the group met recently and discussed activities linked to our "Live Simply" Project.**

- Parishioners are invited to purchase Fair traded goods and to buy world gifts from CAFOD <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>
- We are creating a "wildflower area" in St Anne's garden to help support biodiversity by allowing bees, butterflies and other species to thrive

**FAIR TRADE GOODS** If anyone is interested in buying Fair Trade goods, Ann Kelly, of St Anne's, will be happy to speak to you and to explain the process. If you text: 07914788247 Ann will get back to you. Orders are all done on line at the moment but some catalogues will be ordered. Tradecraft find online more cost effective. It is hoped that we might have a stall at the next meeting. Many Thanks

**Don't forget to take a CAFOD 'World Gift' catalogue (at the back of the churches) Fairtrade is about better prices, safe working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers.**

**Advent/Christmas Giving Tree:** We have been inviting parishioners to bring in gifts around the tree for two charities: 'The Women's Refuge' and 'House of Bread'.

**The Refuge** have indicated welcome donations such as: Deodorant and hair products, small toys and games, socks and pants childrens and womens, umbrellas, kitchen utensils.

**House of Bread** would welcome Deodorant and toiletries, socks and pants (men's), towels. [Both charities would be grateful for supermarket gift vouchers also]. The need is even greater this year and they are happy to receive other donations too. Anything not needed by one will be passed to the other local charities. **Please note:** Since two charities are involved in the Giving Tree, could you please **indicate CLEARLY** on your gift which charity it is destined for. Thank you. Ann.

**This year's Crib Donations will be destined for Friends of the Holy Land.**

**St Patrick's Eucharistic Minister Rota: St. Patrick's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** we are re-establishing 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. It is a simple but wonderful ministry and your services would be very much appreciated. Full training would be given. Thank you.

***\*For your diary:***

**Stafford Passion Play 2023:** As most of you may be aware, it is planned to put on a Stafford Passion Play in the town next Easter. 'Love Stafford' has invited the 'Saltmine Theatre Company' (made up completely of Christians who are professional actors) to perform on the streets of Stafford at Easter 2023. All churches in and around Stafford are invited to help finance this event in whatever capacity can be offered. Looking ahead, there will be opportunities for those who would like to offer their time and interest in being an active part of the performance, eg. Members of the wider cast, musicians, singers, etc. There is also planned, locally, prayer meetings, enabling us to focus on such an important event.

**NB: There are 'flyers' at the back of Church showing where prayer meetings are held in various town churches. There are monthly meetings until January then weekly prayer gatherings from February until March 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

### **Applying for Passion Play parts**

This link is also on the Facebook page of

**PS: Our next prayer gathering is on Baptist Church (The Green), Bailey**



Love Stafford

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in Stafford Street ST17 4BG.**

All of this can be found at <https://saltminetrust.org.uk/passionplaystafford>.

**We now need to begin to build a team of stewards.** There is no application form. Applications are by email using [volunteer@lovestafford.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@lovestafford.org.uk). This address can also be accessed through the website above by selecting the 'Become a volunteer' option. As you will be aware there are four performances of the play 11am and 3pm on both Good Friday and Holy Saturday (Eve), 7 & 8 April 2023. It would be very helpful if in the email, volunteers can show which performances they will be able to steward. Many Thanks to you all.

St Patrick's parishioners are invited if they wish to donate a poinsettia to St Patrick's in memory of a loved one at Christmas. Further details from Carmel 07981392274.

**TIMES of CHRISTMAS MASSES**

DEC		<u>St Patrick's</u>	<u>St Austin's</u>	<u>St Anne's</u>
24 <sup>th</sup>	EVE	7:00pm	8:00pm	9:00pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	MORNING	9:00am	11:00am	10:00am

**Grateful Thanks:** Many thanks to both our parishes for all the good wishes and help I have received over the year, not to mention the Christmas cards and blessings. I hardly need to mention how important it has been to have such generous and selfless volunteers helping out in do many areas of church life. It is what allows parishes to run so smoothly. A big welcome also to our visitors attending Masses over Christmas and any new parishioners who may have moved into the area. [Please don't hesitate to make contact, either by email or phone, if you ARE new to our parishes. We can give you more information about the various aspects our parish life].

I am sure there will be challenges ahead in 2023 as unknown circumstances let themselves be known, but it is always through our faith in the Lord that we can meet whatever difficulties we encounter.

**On behalf of Deacon Michael and myself: May I wish all our parishioners and visitors a Blessed and Happy Christmas and New Year and may the Lord guide us through 2023.**

**Fr. Bob**



Please take the 'Peace on Earth Goodwill to everyone' Christmas prayer cards at the back of the churches. Give one also to someone you know. They are from the Prayer Trust and are a wonderful way of spreading our Christmas joy.