

Sunday 26th January 2020

Weekly Newsletter

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY - Lectionary Cycle A, Weekday Mass Cycle 2 Psalter week 3 [Parish Mass Book P127]

| Day | Date | Mass Time | Church | Liturgical Day | Mass Intention |
|-----|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Sat | 25 th | 6:00 pm | St Anne's | Vigil Mass | Betty&Martina Mannion (wellbeing) |
| Sun | 26 th | 9:30 am 11:15 am | St Patrick's St Anne's | Third Sunday of Year | Eddie & Bridie Hunt Violet & Jim Donohoe |
| Mon | 27 th | 9:15 am | St Anne's | | Feria Vicky Hunt RIP |
| Tue | 28 th | 9:15 am | St Patrick's | St Thomas Aquinas | Memoria 'Patty' Tiernan & Peggy Toner |
| Wed | 29 th | 10:00 am | St Anne's | Communion Service | Feria |
| Thu | 30 th | No Mass | St Patrick's | | Feria |
| Fri | 31 st | No Mass | St Anne's | St John Bosco | Memoria |
| Sat | 1 st | 10:00 am 6:00 pm | St Patrick's St Anne's | Confessions Vigil Mass | Percy Grero RIP |
| Sun | 2 nd | 9:30 am 11:15 am | St Patrick's St Anne's | Feast of the Presentation of the lord | AnthonySullivan'sRecovery & Tony Rutledge RIP Stan & Marie Rusinowski |

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM By Appointment

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Richard Dawson, Marie Fradley, Dolly Godwin, Alan Mitchell, Alfred Keogh, Mary O'Connor, William Bell, Michael Creamer, Zenon Zawadka, Terry Costello, Mary Bromley, Michael Caple, Eddie Hunt, Terence Keane, Tony Percy, Johannah Plant, Peter Sanza, William Adams, Brigid Bradshaw, Cyril Evans, Eileen Gibson and Amy Hipwell. **St. Anne's** Vincent Lythgoe, Fred Stephens, Peter Gibson, Charles Shackle, Fr Kevin Good, Percy Grero, Brian Ross and James Moran.

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's Phylis Bowers, Kath Read, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Martha Porter and Cecylia Kotara **St Anne's** Michael Glover, Patricia Walters, David Green, Thomas McCormick, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, Cath Miles, Walter Rogers, Colin Wilkinson, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith and Colin Wise.

CHURCH ROTAS

| Church | Church Cleaning | Altar Linen | Flowers | Refreshments | Children's Liturgy |
|--------------|---|--|----------|--|--|
| St Anne's | 24 th January Therese Rosairo & Eileen Turvey | 2 nd February Imelda Moore | | 2 nd February Eileen Turvey & Joan Collins | 2 nd February Dominique Hodgkinson |
| St Patrick's | w/c 2 nd Februy Claire, Sanjay, Chris, Catherine & Sowa | Joan McKinlay | Carmel P | 2 nd February Sarah & Austin | 2 nd February Geraldine, Margaret & Mary |

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

| | ST. ANNE'S | ST. PATRICK'S |
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| Sat . 1st February : Readers: Euch. Ministers: | Frank Lain C Love | |
| Sun. 2nd February : Readers: Euch. Ministers: | Geoff Ogram K Hulme & C Williams | Grace & Sarah W Carmel, Angela & Geraldine |

| Income 19Jan | Source | Gift Aid | Non-Gift Aid | Standing Order | Total | Attendance |
|-----------------------|--|----------|--------------|----------------|---------|------------|
| St Anne's | Offertory | £338.50 | £224.50 | £179.65 | £742.65 | 162 |
| St. Patrick's | Offertory | £101.50 | £129.61 | £136.23 | £367.34 | 140 |
| Crib Offerings | Thank you for your Crib Offerings of £473.87 for the Friends of the Holy Land. | | | | | |

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Second Collection last weekend for our Parish Maintenance Fund St Anne's £222.35 St Patrick's £134.46.**Thank You.****Our recently Deceased:** Please remember in your prayers Maurice McCarthy, a former parishioner, who died recently. His Requiem will be at St Patrick's on Tuesday 4th February at 10:30am. We pray also for Maurice's family.**DROP-IN:** Our drop in will continue as usual on Wednesday 29th January in St Anne's Parish Hall at 10.30 am. Tea, coffee and biscuits available. All Welcome.**ROSARY No more "Tea"! But: prayer, intentions/intercessions and rosary.**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th January at 10.00 am in St Anne's Parish Hall. All welcome.**Eucharistic ministers (Both parishes):** If there are any Eucharistic ministers who would be willing, **one Sunday per month**, to take communion to the hospital please speak to Deacon Mike, or leave a phone message/text. (07706077124) Many thanks.**SAFEGUARDING Representatives:** Geraldine Thickett 01785224309 **St Patrick's.** Ann Kelly 01785603012 **St Anne's.****BIBLE STUDY GROUP.** The next shared Bible Study group will be on Tuesday 4th February 2020 All are welcome to join us in St Anne's Parish Hall, 10 am – 11 am.We are grateful for welcoming **Fr Joseph, from St Austin's Parish,** to celebrate our weekday Masses on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Many thanks.**STAFFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY** the next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th February at 7.30 pm in St Anne's meeting room. New members welcome. For more information please contact Geoff Ogram 01785 663423.**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages APRIL - OCT 2020:** 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.**MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518 ENGLAND: 0044 20 3239 8662 Website: www.med-irishcentre.com****A St Thomas Aquinas Study Weekend Retreat** will be held at St Dominic's Covent, Stone from **January 31st – February 2nd 2020.** Led by Sr. Mary Magdalene Eitenmiller OP, details are on the noticeboard in the church porches.**St Patrick's toilet facility:**The 'target scale' on the noticeboard indicates how the financing is progressing. **Gift aid envelopes are at the back of church. This project should be completed imminently!****PARISH TOTE 150 CLUB.** Thank you for your support. We are looking for new members. Numbers are available at only £4 per number per month. Further information from Marie on 01785 661012.£100**There will be a Health & Safety Meeting for St Anne's on 3rd February at 6:00pm in the Presbytery.** It is important that we establish schedules and rotas and discuss the way forward for our parish. Many thanks.**St Patrick's** There are still some Grand Draw prizes which have not been collected.**Women's World Day of Prayer:** This year this service will be held at **2pm Friday 6th March at Trinity Church, Mount Street, Stafford.** We will be practising the music for the programme at 10:30 am on Friday 14th February only this year, and all are welcome.
Mrs Linda Penn**BIG SING 2** We are pleased to announce our second Parish Big Sing. This time at St Anne's Church on Sunday 9th February 3.15 pm – 5 pm. Jayne Gould will be taking us through the basics of singing together. Non-Singers are especially welcome and there will of course be tea and cake. Please come along and bring a friend if you can!**WALKING IN THE WAY OF THE PASSION** For the six weeks of **Lent** on Wednesday evenings in St Anne's Church from 7.30 pm - 9 pm. We will be looking at the Easter Story along with listening to a set of talks by bible scholar Fr Jerry McBride. We will be considering the events of Easter while at the same time reflecting on our own faith journey as members of the body of Christ. Weekly from 4th March to April 8th. Come along to one or all of the sessions as you feel able. There will be a break for refreshments during each programme.

The Scriptures this week use the contrast between darkness and light to describe our relationship with God. "The people that walked in darkness" were the people of Israel, who found themselves in exile in Babylon, longing to return to their own land, their homes and their religious practices. The future was dark for them until the prophet Isaiah started to shine the light of hope. And their exile did come to an end; they did return to their own land, their Temple was rebuilt and religious practice was restored, but they were still in the dark. St Matthew, in his Gospel, describes the coming of Jesus in these same prophetic terms, "The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light". But the light that Jesus reveals is not a new political dispensation, it is the light of the world that exposes the true darkness that is sin. When Jesus is the light in our lives we are going to see ourselves and the world we live in very differently.