

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention	
Sat	25 th	4.00 pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	People of the Parish	
		6.00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Jane Parkes & Family	
Sun	26 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Bernard Lunberg RIP	
		10:00am	St Anne's		Ann Gormley RIP	
Mon	27 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Lent Feria	Michael Collins RIP Ann Geoff Green RIP	
Tue	28 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	Lent Feria	Wellbeing of Margaret Douglas	
Wed	29 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Lent Feria	
Thu	30 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	Lent Feria	Wellbeing of Margaret Douglas	
Fri	31 st	9:15am	St Anne's	Lent Feria	Mr & Mrs Allen	
		6:30pm	SA & SP	Stations of the Cross		
Sat	1 st	10:00am	St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession		
		4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Patty & Tim Tiernan RIP	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	David Penman RIP	
Sun	2 nd	9:00am	St Patrick's	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Kevin Walsh RIP	
		10:00am	St Anne's		People of the Parish	
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, 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] Helena Gage, Reginald Concar, Harold Wilkes, Violet McCarthy, Joanne O'Brien, Mary McKiernan, Frederick Cull, Catherine Owens, Timothy Vella, Mrs Morgan, Fr Thomas Cockburn, Mary McGrath, James Bratt, Mary Daly, Daniel Sullivan. [St Anne's] Geoff Green, Michael Collins, Robert Hunt, Annie Shelly, Sarah McHugh, Betty Cunningham, Jack Bilton, Amy Geoghegan, John Helks, Eva Brown, Bernard Hayward.						
Income 19/3/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£121.50	£135.15	£391.45	£648.10	Sat 54 Sun 78
St Patrick's	Offertory	£66.30	£195.79	£149.69	£411.78	Sat 48 Sun 88

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>

Winners of Parish Tote 150 Club February Draw.

Thank you for your support. Numbers are 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. Very many thanks.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

There will be a special second collection to alleviate our parish energy costs, this weekend, 25th/26th March. The present bills that our parishes face until Spring 'fully blossoms' are, as you can imagine, awesome but essentially unavoidable. Many thanks for your understanding, help and support. Fr. Bob

Our Lenten Journey:

Every Friday during Lent the Stations of the Cross will be offered at the three parishes.

LENTEN Penitential Service: Our Penitential/Reconciliation Service will be held on Tuesday 4th April at 7pm at St Anne's Church. We will have a short service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for individual confessions. Several priests will be available.

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

St Anne's Readers. The Rota for Palm Sunday and the Triduum is on the notice board in the church porch.

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.**

CALL FOR CLEANERS St Anne's: In order to keep our parish church as neat and clean and as tidy as possible we need to form a parish team/s. If anyone can spare some time on a rota basis then we can make up a list of regular cleaning groups. The more of you who can offer your services, the less frequently your 'slot' will come round. Please give this some consideration; you will be providing a valuable service. You can choose the day/time; just email the office or call Fr. Bob or Marie (661012) Many thanks.

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 will be on **Tuesday 4th April**.

Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham:

Our Next Mass is on **22nd April** at **10:00am** in **St Anne's** (Due to previous Saturday falling within the Easter Octave).

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

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.

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 creating a “wildflower area” in St Anne’s garden to help support biodiversity by allowing bees, butterflies and other species to thrive. [This should be more evident through the Spring weeks].

FAIR TRADE GOODS Fairtrade is about better prices, safe working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers. You can buy Fairtrade products at <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/> 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. Many Thanks

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. Full training would be given. Thank you.

ST PATRICK’S BIG CLEAN Volunteers needed for our Spring ‘Big Clean’ next Saturday on 1st April. Please come during the morning of this Saturday before our Easter celebrations. It will be a chance for us to clean and prepare the church for the central celebration of Holy Week, the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday. Refreshments and some serious ‘bonhomie’ included. [Come when you can between 9am and 1pm]

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.

CAFOD have offered us an opportunity to reflect on how to make Lent a time of prayerful reflection. You can sign up here <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-prayers>

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Jewish Roots of Lent and Holy week (Presented by Fr. Steven)

Come and journey through the weeks of lent on Tuesday evening at 8pm by watching a short presentation on the Jewish roots of Lent and Holy Week, followed by discussion on Zoom if you go to St Austins website (saintaustins.org.uk) on Tuesday and Click on the link to the course. There it will full instruction please have a free zoom account to take full part in the course.

THREE PARISHES MEETING: In response to Archbishop Bernard’s Pastoral Letter last weekend and its consequences, it has been decided to hold a meeting of our three Stafford parishes after Easter. The organisation of this meeting will enable our thoughts and feedback to input into the serious issues raised in the letter. Please be aware that our contribution and involvement, in the manner in which our parishes go forward, is not an option. We meet on Friday 21st April in St Anne’s Hall at 7:30pm. PLEASE NOTE THIS IN YOUR DIARIES. Many Thanks.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord was celebrated on this Saturday and our thoughts turn to March 25 of last year, when, in union with all the Bishops of the world, the Church and humanity were consecrated, especially Russia and the Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us never tire of entrusting the cause of peace to the Queen of Peace. One year on from Pope Francis’ request, we renew the act of consecration to Our Lady every March 25, so that she, who is a Mother, may keep us all in unity and peace.

END NOTE: This year we will hold the Holy Week Triduum in each church separately. This is a wonderful opportunity for the parishes of St Anne and St Patrick to become totally involved; within the liturgy, the readings, the choir/singing and operating a reliable musical accompaniment etc. I do ask all of you who can offer your assistance to do so and make our celebration worthy. ---- The sheets are ready! *Just take a look on the table at the back of the church* and see what you can help with. It would be a wonderful opportunity to bolster and rebuild our choirs!

UPCOMING MASSES AND LITURGICAL SERVICES

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: (Times are identical in all three of our parishes)

6th APRIL	HOLY THURSDAY (MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER) <i>Followed by watching at the Altar of Repose</i>	7:30pm
7th APRIL	CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES' STATIONS OF THE CROSS <i>[At St Austin's only]*</i> OFFICE OF READINGS <i>[At St Austin's only]*</i> GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY STATIONS OF THE CROSS	9:00am 10:00am 3:00pm 7:00pm
8th APRIL	OFFICE OF READINGS <i>[At St Austin's only]*</i> EASTER VIGIL	10:00am 8:30pm



FORWARD DON'T FORGET TO PUT OUR TIME PIECES
FORWARD 1 HOUR THIS WEEKEND