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Weekly Newsletter

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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Feast of the Holy Family

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	25 th	9:00am 10.00 am	St Patrick's St Anne's	CHRISTMAS DAY Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity	People of the Parish Anne Harvey RIP
Sun	26 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	The McHugh & Middleton Families Paul Toner RIP
Mon	27 th	9:30am	St Anne's	St John, Evangelist	Feast Peggy Ogram RIP
Tue	28 st	9:30am	St Patrick's	The Holy Innocents	Feast Intentions of Martha Porter
Wed	29 th	2:00pm	St Anne's	Funeral Mass for Catherine Miles	
Thu	30 th	9:15am	St Patrick's	Sixth Day of Christmas Octave	Ned & Thelma Taylor RIP
Fri	31 st	9.30 am	St Anne's	Seventh Day of Christmas Octave	Special Intention (MBJ)
Sat	1 st	10:00am 4.00 pm 6.00 pm	St Anne's St Patrick's St Anne's	Mary, The Holy Mother of God	Solemnity People of the Parish Ned & Thelma Taylor RIP John Bamber RIP
Sun	2 nd	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Second Sunday After the Nativity	The McHugh & Middleton Families Anne Harvey RIP

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:** Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahan, Patsy Connelly Smith, Colin Wise, Hal Lindop, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Ian Burnside, Pat McDonnell.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] 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, Phyllis Costello, Bernard McGurk and Edmund Taylor. **[St Anne's.]** Laurence Baker, Robert Glover, Peggy Ogram, John Glover, Margaret Loftus, Deirdre Wilkinson, Louise Harley, Bernard Cunningham and Philip Godridge.

Income 19/12/21	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£91.60	£142.60	£391.45	£625.65	Sat 63 Sun 53
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£177.00	£ 269.20	£149.69	£595.89	Sat 44 Sun 46

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 Winners of draw on 21st December 2021

£100 G Leese - 83, £50 A Eaton - 19, £20 J Appleton - 37, £10 M Hughes - 30, £10 E Arrowsmith - 84, £10 M Massey -154, £10 S Freckleton - 60, £10 P Harland - 96, £10 J Collins -118, £10 K Tivenan -150, £10 J Price - 80, £10 C Salt - 109, £10 F Russell - 23.

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

Those who pay yearly, your monies are due in January 2022.

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. Switching your giving via Standing Order mandate would be a great help also. 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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 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, we priests of Catholic Stafford will hear confessions and this will continue.** Fr. Bob

OUR DECEASED: Please remember in your prayers **Cathie Miles, Michael Glover** and **John Bamber**, who have died; all parishioners of St Anne's. We also pray for their grieving families. *May Cathie, Michael and John rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Gift Aid Envelopes: There are still 2021/22 GA boxes 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

Bible Study continues 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: All are welcome (from around 10:25am) in St Anne's Church Hall.

St Anne's RAFFLE: There will be a raffle for a **Traidcraft Christmas Food Box**. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale after this Sunday's Mass and after the Masses next weekend. Proceeds will go towards Parish Funds. **£1 per ticket.** Thanks

The recent "Bishops' Statement: Honouring Sunday" is published. Given that there remains a degree of caution within society, our bishops are nevertheless fundamentally asking us to consider the central importance of the meaning of Mass and the central place that Sunday -- the Eighth Day / Resurrection Day has in our Catholic Faith. So, although the obligation to attend Sunday Mass may not yet have been re-imposed, we are asked seriously about our priorities for Sunday, this special and unique day for us. Giving serious consideration as to where we place Mass attendance in the hierarchy of other Sunday activities, whether sporting, leisure, entertainment, shopping and so on should impact on the coming synodal experience and our Diocesan Vision: "Behold I am making all things new."

Our Giving/Christmas' trees splendidly  adorn the sanctuaries of both churches.

This year our focus for 'gifts for the tree' is on **HOUSE OF BREAD**. They would be delighted to be our charity this year. The things they suggest for donating include the following: socks both m&f, pants both m&f, men's boxers and briefs in packs if possible, bath towels (as they have a shower fitted), flannels. Toileteries such as . Anything else is welcome but not essential at the moment. If they have extra they share with other charities.

Our Crib Appeal in both parishes is for the **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND**. Our Christian sisters and brothers have suffered significantly during this pandemic prolonged period. They rely so much on pilgrimages.

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". Male and female voices provide such harmony. Do come along to our meeting in church 7pm Tuesday. You will be most welcome.

St Patrick's Music: May I ask for volunteers who attend regular Mass at St Patrick's (Sat or Sun) to operate our phone/Bluetooth system so that our parish may once more sing hymns at Mass. It would be great to have a team taking care of this so that all weeks/times may be covered. I thank the two who have volunteered already, so if others could come forward and begin to form a rota it would be great. I will explain it all. Just phone/email Fr. Bob. With gratitude.

St Anne's School PTFA have put together a **Family Cookbook**, packed full of recipes from parents, family and friends of the school. Every penny will go back into giving the school children those little extras. The cookbooks are £6 or 2 for £10 and can be bought from Baswich Library, the Bod, or the Chippy. You can also call Isobel on 07854 261492 and we can arrange to get a book to you. Thanks for all your support.

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 and very generous gifts. I hardly need to mention how important it has been to have such generous and selfless volunteers for stewarding and cleaning during this ongoing situation once Masses had returned to normal schedule. Didn't we think we would be 'out of the woods' by now? As usual, so many have simply 'got on' with things and this is what helps parishes run so smoothly. Gradually the numbers of parishioners attending our Masses has increased but we eventually look forward to welcoming back those who may have had to shield for many reasons. 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 'life' of the parishes].* **On behalf of Deacon Michael and myself: A Blessed and Happy Christmas and New Year to you all.** **Fr Bob & Deacon Michael.**



FOOTNOTE: I apologise if for any reason I have omitted any significant notices for our bulletin or other errors that may have occurred. Would anyone like to be a 'proof reader'?