

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 27th October 2024

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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ST. ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL				ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL		
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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day		Mass Intention
Sat	26 th	4.00 pm 6.00 pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil		Kathleen Nugent RIP Peggy Ogram RIP
Sun	27 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Thirtieth Sunday of Year		People of the Parish Alfred & Kay Turner RIP
Mon	28 th	9.30am	St Anne's	Ss Simon & Jude	Feast	
Tue	29 th	9:30am	St Patrick's		Feria	Private Intention
Wed	30 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Feria	
Thu	31 st	9:30am 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Austin's	Vigil for Solemnity of All Saints	Feria	Celebrant's Intention
Fri	1st	9:30 am 11:00am 12 Noon 6:30pm 7:00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's St Austin's St Anne's St Austin's	All Saints	Solemnity	People of the Parish Ted Walsh RIP Private Intention
Sat	2 nd	9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 4.00 pm 6.00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's St Austin's St Patrick's St Anne's	All Souls Mass All Souls Mass All Souls Mass Vigil	Commemoration	Holy Souls Holy Souls Julie Bates RIP Colin Wilkinson RIP
Sun	3 rd	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Thirty-First Sunday of Year		Hal Lindop RIP Gordon Lee RIP

Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham, Mary Kilkenny, Cheryl Price. **St Anne's:** Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahan, Patsy Connelly Smith, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Marie Geal, Molly Hukin, Joan O'Dowd, Nick Harrison, Annette Plant, Neve Collins.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Katrina Hughes, Donald Caddick, Rev Bernard Kelly, Edward Biglane, John Emery, Kathleen Crowley, Genevieve Hocart-Derry, Teresa Moore, Bernard Evans, Ellen Snape, George Allman, Isabelo Reyes, Anne Begley, May Snape, Anthony Gackowski, Elsie Batkin, Gertrude Peake, James Newton, Annie Dibb, Thomas Plant, Irene Lea, James Pratt. **[St. Anne's.]** Ann Begley, Joyce Horne, Johann Sima, Jean Thornton, Elsie Batkin, Albert Blissett, Tony Joret, Isabella Joel, Dennis Loran, John Thomas, Honor Clarke, Evelyn Finn, Danielle Fleming, Victoria Hudson, Ray Picking.

Income 20/10/24	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£301.00	£93.02	£408.25	£802.27	Sat 40 Sun 70
St Patrick's	Offertory	£43.30	£176.17	£152.16	£371.63	Sat 77 Sun 79

+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: [Donate | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](#) / <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>

Parish Tote 150 Club

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers 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 [*gift-aid 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. Many Thanks

Last weekend's Second Collection for APF World Mission Sunday
St Anne's £188.40 St Patrick's £103.00 Thank You.

Future Second Collections **Next Weekend 2nd/3rd November: The Johnson Association**
Weekend 23rd /24th November: Catholic Youth Service

The Drop in Group **Do Come and join us on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room after the St Anne's 10 am Communion Service. All Welcome.**

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 valuable facility. **More volunteers always welcome.**

St Anne's Choir

At present we have no formal choir and lack a choir leader and an organist. Music plays an important part in our liturgy and enhances our worship. If you would be able to help with the music in any way please would you contact Fr Bob. *[The choir meets in church at 7pm (Tue) on particular dates so keep an eye out for the next one. If anyone would like to pop in we will be going through the hymns for the next few weeks].*

Parish Library St Anne's The parish library is in the parish meeting room. You may borrow any of the bibles, books, or CTS booklets.

Bible Alive. The latest editions have arrived and are in St Anne's Church porch for those who have ordered them.

<p><u>GIFT AID ENVELOPES</u> 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. Many thanks to Mark [of St Anne's] and Margaret [of St Patrick's] for their preparation of the GA boxes. 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 for your support.</p>
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MISSIO: The Autumn edition of 'Mission Today' is found at the back of church. Please help yourself to a copy.

+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 5th November.** Pope Francis has declared this coming year to be a Year of Prayer and so all are very welcome to join in!!

St Anne's and St Patrick's: In both parishes, CHILDREN'S LITURGY is up and running every Sunday. This is due to our volunteers/leaders who generously assist our youngsters in their understanding. Please do come forward to help if you would like to become involved. All necessary safeguarding procedures are taken care of. **Many thanks.** [Those interested in helping please see Fr. Bob]

*** SAFEGUARDING** *The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our St Anne's Parish Safeguarding Representative is Ann Kelly and can be contacted at sg.stanne.stafford@rcaob.org.uk. Our St Patrick's Safeguarding Representative is Geraldine Thickett and can be contacted at sg.stpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.*

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.

St Patrick's Eucharistic Minister Rota: St. Patrick's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: this covers 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.
[The new rota for 2024 is now complete]

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

We are developing 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**

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.

YOUTH CONNECT

We are now holding a regular youth activity at St Anne's; Mondays [6:30PM TO 8:30PM] (for school years 6 – 13)]FREE PIZZA, SPORTS AND GAMES, FRIENDSHIP, BELONG, PRAYER, WORSHIP. So if anyone would like to become involved in any way or wishes to join our Youth Ministry Team please contact Fr. Stephen on 07458629296 [PLEASE SEE POSTER IN THE CHURCH PORCH] *[Please note that letters to parents, together with consent forms are in the parish office – just contact Fr. Bob or the secretary Marie in order to take one]*

New Missal! Hodder & Stroughton are publishing a brand-new edition of the Sunday Missal for use with the new ESV-CE lectionary from Advent this year. It is available from all good bookshops and online, priced at just £18.99, and available in an attractive blue or red binding. An easy-to-follow Order of Mass, introductions to all the seasons and readings as well as extra devotional material – a true spiritual companion.

(It is always useful to have a personal missal to prepare for the great feasts of Christmas and Easter)

CATHOLIC STAFFORD 3 PARISH QUIZ:

Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish Quiz. £196.18 was raised.

GRAND DRAW AND SOCIAL EVENING

To be held on Saturday 30th November. The Grand Draw tickets are now available at £1 per book. Please would you return the completed stubs and money to the presbytery by Friday 29th November. Thank you for your donations of prizes for the Grand Draw, please could they also be delivered to the presbytery by Friday 29th November. The draw will take place on the morning of Saturday 30th November and announced at the Pre-Christmas Celebration in the Church Hall after the 6 pm Mass. Thank you for your support.

Cursillo Weekend: Thursday 7th November 5.00 pm – Sunday 10th November 6.00 pm.

Shallowford House, Stone, ST15 0NZ

Cursillo is a Catholic Movement with Papal approval, dedicated to spreading the Word of God and helping Catholics to form a closer relationship with Christ. The 3-day weekend provides adult faith formation within the experience of a loving Christian community together with the celebration of the Sacraments. The cost of the 3 days is £285. There is financial support available. No one should be excluded because of the cost.

Contacts: [07947271037](tel:07947271037)/www.cursillouk.org/national@cursillouk.org

News from the Bishops' Conference

We are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide.

In early September 2024, when parliament returned and a Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – started its passage through the House of Lords, our Lead Bishop for Life Issues, Bishop John Sherrington, called for Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action.

That call is renewed now as on Wednesday, 16 October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater.

This is another attempt to legalise assisted suicide and we need you to contact your MP to voice your opposition.

Act now! Contact your MP

The charity 'Right to Life' has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law.

[Click here to contact your MP](#) via the 'Right to Life' website.

All Hallows Party 31st October 2024 (4pm – 6pm)
ST AUSTIN'S CHURCH STAFFORD Fun for all the Family Games and Prizes
FOLLOWED BY VIGIL FAMILY MASS 6pm
All families are welcome
[Please refer to details on the notice in porch]

On Friday this week we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. Please note in our Mass schedule that there are FIVE MASSES DURING THE DAY, remembering of course that it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held in all three of our parishes. NOVEMBER, THE MONTH OF THE DEAD During our month of November we dedicate our prayers for those, especially of our families, who have died. You will find envelopes at the back of church, into which you can include names of those you wished to be remembered at the altar. Just bring the envelope to the sanctuary and place it in the basket which will be put in front of the altar at every Mass.

