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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	26 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Holy Souls
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Hal Lindop RIP & Geoff Owen RIP
Sun	27 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	First Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish Eileen Turvey RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		
Mon	28 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Advent Feria	David Buckley RIP
Tue	29 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	Advent Feria	Holy Souls
Wed	30 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	St Andrew Feast
Thu	1 st	9:30am	St Patrick's	St Edmund Champion	Feast Patty Tiernan RIP
Fri	2 nd	9:15am	St Anne's	Advent Feria	Holy Souls
Sat	3 rd	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Celine Kilbane RIP People of the Parish
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	
Sun	4 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Second Sunday of Advent	Nonie Doyle RIP Jill Sly RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		

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, Sheila Burton.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Robert Bradley, John Hingerty, Shereen Slingsby, Paige Evans, Douglas Smyth, Gladys Emery, Walter Richardson, Stephen Godwin, Margaret Emery, Lilian Crewe, Ivan Horsnall, Frederick Smith, Clare Brown, Frances Broad, Ann Batkin, Anne Boyd, John Pinder, Joanna Curry, James McConnell. **[St Anne's]** Clarena Williamson, Jack Emery, Freda Emery, Gregory Lakin, Kitty Pownall, Stan Rogers, Richard Thompson, Desmond Connelly, Patrick Healy, Eva Parsons, Susan Sharp, Ivan Horsnall, Peter Smith, Winifred Baynham, Roy Mitchell.

Income 20/11/22	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£82.50	£110.20	£391.45	£584.15	Sat 56 Sun 65
St Patrick's	Offertory	£88.30	£140.90	£149.69		£378.89

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 25th October 2022

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers are 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. Very many thanks.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

**Next Weekend 3rd /4th December The Poor Parishes of the Diocese
Last Weekend's collection for Catholic Youth Service
St Anne's £172.96 St Patrick's £140.54 Thank You.**

Our Deceased: Please pray for the soul of Annie Bowes-Lyon, parishioner of St Patrick's, who died recently. We remember her family also at this time. May Annie 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.

St Anne's: Christmas Cards are now on sale 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 to help here please!**

St Patrick's Emergency: The Lord is looking after us! On behalf of the parish, may I offer our grateful thanks to Alan Perry, Of St Patrick's, who generously gave of his time, on Wednesday, to repair our broken Gas pipe. Just when we thought we would need to be in the school hall once more, Alan stepped in. Many thanks to parishioners for your patience; and, of course, our thanks to the school for their accommodation.
Fr. Bob

St Patrick's: As I have mentioned previously, the following groups are up and running: **Sacristy team, Music/hymns in Mass, Cleaning Team, Counting teams;** later, we hope: **Health and Safety, Gardening and Environment and Catechesis.** Anyone else who would like to be involved in some way, 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**. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 29th November**.

Fr Simon's Induction: Fr Simon has sent the parishioners of Catholic Stafford an invitation to his Formal Induction as Parish Priest of St Thomas More's in Coventry. It will take place in the church at 6:00pm this **Sunday 27th November** within Solemn Sung Vespers. Those who would like to attend will be most welcome. **A coach is booked to leave St Austin's at 4:00pm from Austin Friars. The cost contribution is £14:50 [There are plenty of seats available – just give St Austin's a call or let me know]** Fr. Bob
Stafford Walsingham Association

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 is on Saturday 17th December at 10:00am in St Anne's

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) Preparing for Christmas:

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.

We will also have a list of names of prisoners of conscience for you to send a Christmas card to, so that they know they are not forgotten. See Liz or Chris for more information.

CAFOD have a number of events happening **COP27 related** and more can be seen, including prayers on the website. It's great to see some of the schools have been including work around COP27 and contacting the PM in their 'live simply' plans. The world's poorest communities are often the most vulnerable to climate change and we need to stand in solidarity with them.

Joe McCormick

Call Of Creation

We invite you to a social evening on this Wednesday 30th November at 7pm in St Anne's Church Hall; light refreshments will be served. A short video called the Call of Creation will be shown, with a small display of Tradecraft items for sale and world Gift catalogues and information about Live Simply. Everyone will be very welcome.

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

- **Over Advent 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' Christmas catalogue (at the back of the churches)

Advent/Christmas Giving Tree: We are 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.

Social Evening and Draw.

We are having a Christmas social event this year at St Anne's. We are very grateful for the donations of wonderful prizes for the Grand Draw raffle which will be drawn on the evening. The date is **10th December after evening Mass, from 7:30pm. Much help** in organising the evening would be very gratefully appreciated. Tickets for this Christmas Social will be on sale from this weekend. Price £5 for adults, children free. **Books of tickets for the CHRISTMAS GRAND DRAW are now available for distribution.**

Those who have promised prizes for the Grand Draw, please could the prizes be brought to the presbytery by 3rd December. Also, please could the ticket stubs and money be returned as soon as possible as no Grand Draw tickets will be sold on the evening of the draw. Thank You.

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 23rd.

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 24th November at 7pm in Stafford
Street ST17 4BG.**

- We still need volunteers for the Community Cast.
- There are a growing number of opportunities to pray together...the next is on Thursday 24 November, 7pm at Stafford Baptist Church (The Green)

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. 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.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Throughout this month there has been the opportunity of placing the names of deceased loved ones in envelopes. These have been placed in the basket in front of the altar in both churches, where Masses are said for the Holy Souls during this special month. Offerings may be placed in the envelopes.

Be part of something Amazing this Christmas.

Children Christmas Celebration

[A Catholic Stafford Initiative]

*Early on Christmas Eve this year we plan to have a Christmas Children's Celebration at **St Patricks Church**. This will be a Christmas production of the **Nativity** which will consist of drama lights, videos and, hopefully, representatives of our **4 primary schools of Stafford** forming a Choir as well as backing from our secondary school. This will be a **key event** that will help bring young families that are not necessarily part of weekly members of congregations into the Church and present to them the true **Christmas message**.*

But we need your help to pull this ambitious event off; we need people to help in all sorts of ways from welcoming, to assist moving stuff, decorations, costume making to acting whatever your skill and amount of time you can offer we need your support we are going to have a meeting at **St Patricks Church (servers' vestry) at 7pm of Friday 2nd December. Be part of something Amazing this Christmas.**

God Bless, **Fr Steven Fleming**

[Mathew 28: 19-20]

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Finally, please join those of us at St Anne's Bodmin Avenue at 3pm on Saturday 17th who plan to sing carols outside the shops in December. Let us spread the word and swell our voices and use our newest sound system to help bring the spirit of Christmas to all around.

