

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 28th January 2024

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

FOURTH 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 | 27 th | 4:00pm | St Patrick's | Vigil | Tony Ruttledge (Birthday Ann.) | |
| | | 6:00pm | St Anne's | Vigil | Seamus Kennelly RIP | |
| Sun | 28 th | 9:00am 10:00am | St Patrick's St Anne's | Fourth Sunday of the Year | James O'Connor RIP Moya Wells RIP | |
| Mon | 29 th | 9:30am | St Anne's | | Feria Theresa McLaughlin & Jack Boyle RIP | |
| Tue | 30 th | 9.30am | St Patrick's | | Feria Private Intention | |
| Wed | 31 st | 10:00am | St Anne's | Communion Service | St John Bosco Memoria | |
| Thu | 1 st | 9.30 am | St Patrick's | | Feria Patty & Tim Tiernan RIP | |
| Fri | 2 nd | 9:15am | St Anne's | The Presentation of the Lord | Feast Teresa Elliott (Ann) | |
| Sat | 3 rd | 10.00am 4:00pm 6:00pm | St Anne's St Patrick's St Anne's | Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession Vigil Vigil | People of the Parish Tess Donaghue RIP | |
| Sun | 4 th | 9:00am 10:00am | St Patrick's St Anne's | Fifth Sunday of the Year | Max Fawcett RIP Intentions of the Shammas Family | |
| Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham, Mary Kilkenny. St Anne's: Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, Patsy Connelly Smith, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Marie Geal, Molly Hukin, Imelda Moore. | | | | | | |
| Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's.] Terry Costello, Mary Bromley, Michael Caple, Eddie Hunt, Terence Keane, Tony Percy, Johannah Plant, Peter Sanza, William Adams, Brigid Bradshaw, Cyril Evans, Eileen Gibson, Amy Hipwell, Cecilia Cooper, Timothy Lumb, Trevor Evans, Selivia Webb, Sylvia Fitzakerley Winifred Baxter, Phyllis Cliff. [St. Anne's.] Peter Gibson, Charles Shackle, Catherine Whiteside, Fr Kevin Good, Percy Grero, Brian Ross, James Moran, Catherine Bates, Bob Broome, Phyllis McCosh, Hannah Hodiern, Joseph Nicholson, William Ruscoe, Bernadette Strange, Marie Palmer, Stan Rusinowski. | | | | | | |
| Income 21/01/24 | Source | Gift Aid | Non-Gift Aid | Standing Order | Total | Attendance |
| St Anne's | Offertory | £74.50 | £222.17 | £408.25 | £704.92 | Sat 62 Sun 130 |
| St Patrick's | Offertory | £67.40 | £217.32 | £152.16 | £436.88 | Sat 62 Sun 65 |

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](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) (birminghamdiocese.org.uk) / <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>

Parish Tote 150 Club

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers are available at £4 per number per month. Further details from Marie (parish secretary) on 01785 661012. Those who pay yearly and six monthly your monies are due in January.

***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. Very Many Thanks.

This week's Second Collection: 27th /28th January [Lepra appeal weekend]

Future Second Collections: 10th/11th February the LIFE Charity

24th/25th February CAFOD Lent Fast

[The collection this weekend the 27th'28th January is in aid of LEpra. It is in support of Lepra who are having an Appeal for World Leprosy Day on their Centenary]. More information can be found at: ['With your help, we can beat leprosy - YouTube'](#) and their website: <http://www.lepra.org.uk/>

Our Deceased: Please pray for the souls of our recently deceased: **Tony Payne** and **Peggy Payne** St Austin's, **Bart Tivenan**, formerly of St Patrick's, **Fr Christopher Greaney** (priest of the diocese) and **Fr 'Sandy' Brown** (priest of the diocese). We remember their families at this time.

May **Tony, Peggy, Bart, Christopher and Sandy** rest in peace and rise in glory.

St Anne's Readers: The rota for January is on the notice board in the church porch.

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.

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

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 would be most welcome.**

St Anne's: CHILDREN'S LITURGY is up and running and held on every Sunday. This is due to the number of kind parishioners who have volunteered to help put on this much appreciated facility. It means we can form teams and a rota. Please do come forward to help if you would like to become involved. Ann Kelly is kindly looking after the necessary safeguarding procedures. 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]

*** 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.

+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 30th January. Pope Francis has declared this coming year to be a Year of Prayer and so all are very welcome to join in!!

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.

**(Please note that there will be NO Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham this coming Saturday 20th because of a funeral service at St Patrick's)*

St Patrick's Eucharistic Minister Rota: St. Patrick's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: we have re-established 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. [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

Our local co-ordinators, Adam and Clare (St Austin's), send their thanks.

Take a look at our latest graph showing the numbers of meals provided (at the back of church)

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.

Parish Library St Anne's

Thank you to everyone who has donated bibles and books (and a bookcase).

The parish library is in the parish meeting room. You may borrow any of the bibles, books, or CTS booklets.

"CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers."

CATHOLIC STAFFORD: *Your help, understanding and patience has been welcome, as we continue to collaborate in ministering to the Catholics of Stafford. This is especially evident as we often need to arrange to cover for priests in neighbouring deanery parishes at short notice. However, as we go forward in 2024 and become more aware of the unique value of our faith and how we may pass it on to others, immersing ourselves into the coming Year of Prayer will be essential. Further detail will be made available as to how we might use this year in relation to our prayer life; both communally and individually.*

CATHOLIC STAFFORD St Patrick's Day Celebration



Friday 15th March 11.30 am – 2.45 pm in St Anne's Church Hall.

Fish and chips lunch £6.

Children from St Anne's school are coming to sing for us and there will be a raffle/quiz.

Please ring Liz on 07305936716 to reserve your place.

THE BIG LENT WALK

"Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose, over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty.

CAFOD and SCIAF are teaming up to bring the Big Lent Walk to Great Britain! Read more about us and our decision to join forces. HERE Thousands of walkers from England, Wales, Scotland and beyond, will be tying up their purple laces and walking an incredible 200km this Lent to fight global poverty. So, sign up to do the Big Lent Walk yourself, or join in with your school or parish Then put your best foot forward with the biggest group of Big Lent Walkers yet."

(For more information go to: [The Big Lent Walk 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk))