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Weekly Newsletter

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TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

First Sunday of Advent

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	27 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	John Williams RIP & K J Mathew
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	Geoff Owen RIP (Ann.)
Sun	28 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	First Sunday of Advent	Allan Clews RIP & P M Thomas
		10:00am	St Anne's		The Bartolo Family RIP & Patrick James McKenna RIP
Mon	29 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Advent Feria	Fr. Barrie Holmes RIP
Tue	30 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	St Andrew	Feast Celebrant's Intention
Wed	1 st	10:00am 7:30pm	St Anne's St Anne's	Communion Service St Edmund Campion	Feast Belong & Believe: Our Advent DVD course (in the hall)
Thu	2 nd	9:15am	St Patrick's	Advent Feria	Private Intention
Fri	3 rd	9:15am	St Anne's	St Francis Xavier	Memoria Anne Harvey RIP
Sat	4 th	10:00am	St Patrick's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession	
		4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil	Tony Ruttledge RIP (Ann.)
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil	People of the Parish
Sun	5 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Second Sunday of Advent	Special Intention James Gormley RIP
		10:00am	St Anne's		

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM By Appointment

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: Michael Glover, Patricia Walters, Thomas McCormick, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, Cath Miles, Walter Rogers, Richard McMahon, 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.] 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 and Frederick Eley. [St Anne's.] 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 and Anne McPaul.

Income 14/11/21	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£178.00	£128.01	£283.84	£589.85	Sat 58 Sun 61
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£98.75	£50.50	£146.23	£295.48	Sat 38 Sun 56

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

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

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. 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

The Year of St Joseph. This year we honour St Joseph (as this is the Year of St Joseph, initiated by Pope Francis). In St Anne's and St Patrick's churches the statue of St Joseph is prominent and we will endeavour to say the short prayer before each Mass.

St Anne's and St Patrick's Church maintenance: Much appreciation to those who have already given so generously. Upcoming tasks coming soon include remedial H&S work required for making St Patrick's old boiler house safe. **Important and involved remedial work is also needed on St Patrick's upper front roof.** Please accept my grateful thanks for any donations. F.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, I have been hearing confessions and this will continue.** Fr. Bob

Guidance: Steps are gradually being reintroduced; the first being the distribution of Holy Communion during the traditional part of the Mass. The vast majority feel comfortable with these arrangements. As we obtain further guidance, then we can continue to take a more relaxed approach.

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

November Month of Remembering our Dead)

At the back of St Anne's and St Patrick's churches you will find brown envelopes into which you may place the names of those you wish to be remembered during the month of November. If you wish to make a donation then these may also be placed inside. These envelopes can then be put in the basket, which will be placed in front of the altar before each Mass.

Bible Study takes place 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.

STOP PRESS: Please make sure you take a copy of the recent "Bishops' Statement: Honouring Sunday". 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."

Katharine House Cycle Ride: Sponsorships this year raised a total of £3064.00, of which £2099.00 was Gift Aided. The total amount, including the Gift Aid claim for 2021, will be £3588.75. Our grateful thanks to all those who supported this event.

Blessed William Howard PTFA will be holding a Christmas Shopping Event on this Friday 3rd December 6pm - 9pm. All are welcome. Entrance is 50p per adult and children are free. If you would like to have a stall at this event, please contact the PTFA at ptfa@bwh.staffs.sch.uk for further details.

Blessed William Howard School are looking for retired teachers/tutors/instructors or people who have the skills to teach one or more students on a 1:1 basis to GCSE level. This is an exciting paid opportunity for those who have some free time to help us as school to start to recover. We need to support in the following areas: Maths, English, Science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology), RE, French, Spanish. You do not need to be a graduate or hold QTS, but would need relevant understanding, skills and knowledge (maybe from your employment/technical qualifications). Fully paid online training is available and we have the flexibility to work around your current commitments to secure the best for our students. This role would suit someone who is retired or works part time who could offer their talents to support our students. All 1:1 tutoring is paid at £25 per hour which covers planning time too. Application forms, available at <https://www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk/Jobs/> need to be returned by 26th November 2021 to Kerry Collins at kec@bwh.staffs.sch.uk

