

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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St. Patrick's Catholic Church

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day		Mass Intention	
Sat	28 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil		People of the Parish & health of Monica Massey	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil		Eileen Turvey RIP	
Sun	29 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	The Fourth Sunday of the Year		Fred Russell RIP	
		10:00am	St Anne's			Madge & Joe Fox RIP	
Mon	30 th	9:30am	St Anne's	Feria		Percy Grero RIP	
Tue	31 st	9:30am	St Patrick's	St John Bosco		Memoria Allan Clewes RIP	
Wed	1 st	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service		Feria	
Thu	2 nd	9:30am	St Patrick's	The Presentation of the Lord		Feast Well-Being of Monica Massey	
Fri	3 rd	9:15am	St Anne's	Feria		Paul Grantham	
Sat	4 th	4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil		People of the Parish	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil		Ray Davies RIP	
Sun	5 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	The Fifth Sunday of the Year		Patty & Tim Tiernan RIP	
		10:00am	St Anne's			Percy Grero RIP	
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.							
Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] 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, Selivia Webb, Sylvia Fitzkakerley, Winifred Baxter, Phyllis Cliff. Lily Bronn, James Carr, Vincenzo Narcisi. [St Anne's] Fr Kevin Good, Percy Grero, Brian Ross, James Moran, Bob Broome, Phyllis McCosh, Joseph Nicholson, William Ruscoe, Bernadette Strange, Marie Palmer, Stan Rusinowski.							
Income22/1/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance	
St Anne's	Offertory	£86.50	£91.69	£391.45	£569.64	Sat 41	Sun 65
St Patrick's	Offertory	£83.30	£119.20	£149.69	£352.19	Sat 37	Sun 69

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

Thank you for your support. Numbers are 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: 4th/5th February SURVIVE-MIVA (Missionary Vehicle Association) 18th/19th February LIFE charity

Next weekend's Second Collection is a special one-off collection for the charity 'Survive-Miva'. [This is a Catholic Lay Association, founded in the Archdiocese of Liverpool in 1974, providing funding for essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access]

Drop in at St Anne's on Wednesday mornings: All are welcome (from around 10:25am) in the Church Hall.

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 would be most welcome.**

St Patrick's: Anyone who would like to be involved in some way in the following: **Sacristy team, Music/hymns in Mass, Cleaning Team, Counting teams, Health and Safety, Gardening and Environment and Catechesis**, 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]**

+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 7th February.**

Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham: this is every third Saturday of the month. 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 18th February at 10:00am in St Anne's

Exposition and Holy Hour: Starting from Saturday 25th February, there will be Exposition and Holy Hour, including opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation, at St Anne's: From 10:00am until 11:00am. This will be offered every Saturday, except the **third** Saturday of each month, on which the Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham will be celebrated.

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.

CATHOLIC STAFFORD

You are invited to a St Patrick's Day Celebration in St Anne's Church hall on Friday 17 March 12 – 2.30 pm.

There will be a Fish and Chips Lunch for £5. Parishioners from all three parishes will be welcome, especially those who are housebound. If you need help with transport and to order your fish and chips contact Liz on 07305 936716 by Tuesday 14th March.

LIVING SIMPLY (Update):

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

- 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. [This should be more evident through the Spring weeks].

FAIR TRADE GOODS Fairtrade is about better prices, safe working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers. You can buy Fairtrade products at <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/blog/ethical-christmas-gifts-for-2022/> 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

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 this 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
All of this can be



Love Stafford

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.

Supporting the Stafford Passion Play (A message from John Marshall)

Thank you for all the ways you and your congregation are supporting Easter's Passion Play.

Love Stafford is grateful for all the donations that have been received, but we need to raise at least another £10,000. Would you please help us by making the attached form available in your churches?

Your encouragement is really appreciated.

JOHN

Love Stafford is the working name of the registered charity Churches Together in Stafford and District, charity number 1200830

John Marshall

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[The forms can be found in the porches of each church]

Here you will find an announcement video for the Stafford Passion Play:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-uGHANYQ5g>

New Year's Resolution – Volunteer for CAFOD

A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

- In the parish - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.
- In local schools across Stafford where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Joanne O'Meara: birmingham@cafod.org.uk

With kind regards, *Joanne*

Joanne O'Meara

Community Participation Coordinator – CAFOD (Working part-time: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

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SYCAMORE

What do you believe?

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion.

In addition to the essential questions about life, SYCAMORE explains simply the central beliefs and practices of Catholic Christianity. Understand the seven sacraments, the moral and social teaching of the Church, the Christian vocations, the Virgin Mary and the saints, life after death, and the hope of heaven.

We meet every Monday Evening at 7pm in St Austin's Parish Meeting Room. Session 3: 'A God who speaks'

Everyone is welcome.

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michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk.

There are two employment vacancies for the 'House of Bread'; one is for Café manager and the other for Driver, team leader. please see the church noticeboards

Welcome back Fr. Simon from Catholic Stafford: We look forward to welcoming Fr. Simon returning to St Austin's on Friday 10th February to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with us at 7.00 p.m. We will also present him with our gift from the three parishes. After Mass there will be a Reception in St. Austin's School Hall.[For catering purpose, please could you add your name to the list at the back of each church, to give us an idea of numbers].

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