

Weekly Newsletter

**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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| Day | Date             | Mass Time                              | Church  | Liturgical Day  | Mass Intention  |
|-----|------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Sat | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 4:00 pm<br>6:00pm                      | St Patrick's<br>St Anne's                               | Vigil<br>Vigil  | Patty&Tim Tiernan RIP<br>Peggy Ogram RIP & Kathleen Longton RIP |
| Sun | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 9:00am<br>10:00am                      | St Patrick's<br>St Anne's                               | <b>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year</b>                         | People of the Parish<br>Jean Thornton RIP & Ted Walsh RIP       |
| Mon | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30am                                 | St Anne's   | Feria   | Private Intention   |
| Tue | 31 <sup>st</sup> | No Mass<br>11:45am<br>7:00pm           | St Patrick's<br>St Anne's<br>St Austin's                | Requiem Mass for Mary Anne Costelloe<br>Vigil<br>All Saints | Feria   |
| Wed | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 9:00am<br>10:00am<br>10:30am<br>6:30pm | St Patrick's<br>St Austin's<br>St Anne's<br>St Anne's   | SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS                                     | All Souls<br>All Souls<br>All Souls                             |
| Thu | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 9.30 am<br>10:00am<br>6:30pm<br>7:00pm | St Patrick's<br>St Austin's<br>St Anne's<br>St Austin's | ALL SOUL'S DAY  | Private Intention<br>Marie Anne Costelloe                       |
| Fri | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 9:15am                                 | St Anne's   | Feria   | Hal Lindop RIP  |
| Sat | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 10:00am<br>4:00pm<br>6:00pm            | St Anne's<br>St Patrick's<br>St Anne's                  | Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession<br>Vigil<br>Vigil        | Mgr. John Heslin RIP<br>Colin Wilkinson RIP                     |
| Sun | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:00am<br>10:00am                      | St Patrick's<br>St Anne's                               | <b>Thirty First Sunday of the Year</b>                      | People of the Parish<br>Gordon Lee RIP                          |

**Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's:** Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham. **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, Joan Collins, Imelda Moore, Pam Knowles.

**Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's ]** Genevieve Hocart-Derry, Teresa Moore, Bernard Evans, Ellen Snape, George Allman, Isabelo Reyes, Anne Begley, May Snape, Elsie Batkin, Gertrude Peake, James Newton, Annie Dibb, Thomas Plant, Irene Lea, James Pratt, Wally Reid, Teresa Miller. **[St Anne's]** Elsie Batkin, Albert Blissett, Tony Joret, Isabella Joel, Dennis Loran, John Thomas, Honor Clarke, Evelyn Finn, Danielle Fleming, Victoria Hudson, Ray Picking, Paddy Pate, Hal Lindop, John Cunningham, Caroline Skidmore.

| Income 22/10/23 | Source    | Gift Aid | Non-Gift Aid | Standing Order | Total   | Attendance    |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|
| St Anne's       | Offertory | £77.50   | £163.01      | £408.25        | £648.76 | Sat 57 Sun 81 |
| St Patrick's    | Offertory | £86.50   | £154.11      | £152.16        | £392.77 | Sat 66 Sun 63 |

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.*

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.

**Second Collection:** Last Weekend's Collection for APF World Mission Sunday.  
St Anne's £282.33 St Patrick's £141.30 Thank You.

**Future Second Collections:** Next Weekend 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> November Johnson Clergy Association CIO  
Weekend 25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> November Catholic Youth Service

**Our Deceased:** Please pray for the souls of **Mary Anne Costelloe**, of **St Anne's parish** and **Jean Thornton**, of **St Austin's** and also **Julie Bates** who have died recently. We remember their families at this time. *May Mary Anne, Jean and Julie rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**ALL SAINTS and ALL SOULS** Please be aware that 1<sup>st</sup> November is All Saints Day and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There are a total of five Masses offered within Catholic Stafford. Also, since the Celebration of Mass on All Souls Day is traditionally popular, there are four Masses offered between our parishes.

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

The Drop in Group have sent; £50 to CAFOD for the Libyan Flood Appeal; £50 for the McMillan Cancer Care Fund and £20 for the Church Maintenance Fund.

Come and join us on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room after the 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 welcome facility. **More volunteers would be most welcome.**

**CLEANERS** St Anne's: Grateful thanks for our volunteers. There is now a list of the teams and a date rota displayed in the church porch. Please let Marie or Fr. Bob know if there are any particular issues with this.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:sg.stpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**St Anne's: CHILDREN'S LITURGY has restarted. It will be held on the first Sunday of each month.**

**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 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**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.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** The Gift Aid Envelopes [for this 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. 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.

**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.

## **LIVING SIMPLY (Update):**

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](mailto: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.

The Bible Timeline® study program takes us on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. (Please bring a Catholic Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church) [The Bible Timeline program takes place on Mondays in St Austin's Meeting Room at 7pm. All welcome].

#### Parish Library St Anne's

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

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

#### PARISH QUIZ

This Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7 pm. (Doors open after Mass) in St Anne's Church Hall.

£5 per person (Children play FREE)

Bring your own snacks/drinks.

Come as a team or join one on the night.

Quiz Master – Thomas Kelly.

**Welcome back Bishop Stephen Wright:** Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in **St Chad's Cathedral** on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 12 Noon**. As very few were able to attend his installation as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle in July it will be an opportunity to gather and celebrate his appointment and pray God's blessing on his new appointment. We hope to have representatives of the schools and Stafford parishes at the Mass. A coach has been ordered to leave from Austin Friars (a road next to St Austin's Church) at **10:00am**. Please sign the list in the church porch if you would like to travel.

The Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum* has been published. The Apostolic Exhortation is available on the website of the Holy See [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) and it can be shared and distributed freely together with the explanatory material which is available via [www.LaudateDeum.org](http://www.LaudateDeum.org).

The Holy Father has asked us to entrust the new Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*, along with the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, of St. Joseph the Protector, of Saint Francis and all the Saints.

#### **THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

*From 2<sup>nd</sup> November and throughout the month there will be the opportunity of placing the names of deceased loved ones in envelopes. These can be placed in the basket in the front of the altar in both churches, where Masses will be said for the Holy Souls during this special month.*



**This Weekend:**

Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

