

Eastertide

Weekly Newsletter

CHRIST HAS RISEN



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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day		Mass Intention	
Sat	29 th	4:00 pm	St Patrick's	Vigil		Keith Price RIP	
		6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil		Peggy Ogram RIP	
Sun	30 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Fourth Sunday of Easter		Alex & Marriamma RIP	
		10:00am	St Anne's			Henrietta Williams	
Mon	1 st	9:30am	St Anne's	St Joseph the Worker	Memoria	Fr Kieran Kirby RIP	
Tue	2 nd	9:30am	St Patrick's	St Athanasius	Memoria	David Charakupa RIP	
Wed	3 rd	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service Ss Philip & James		Memoria	
Thu	4 th	9:30am	St Patrick's	The English Martyrs	Feast	Mgr. John Heslin RIP	
Fri	5 th	9:15am	St Anne's		Easter Feria	Celebrant's Intention	
		6:30pm	St Anne's	Vigil of Coronation – Intentions of the King		The wellbeing of our Royal Family	
Sat	6 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession			
		4:00pm	St Patrick's	Vigil		Patty & Tim Tiernan RIP	
		6:00pm	St Anne's	Vigil		Gabriel Geadah RIP	
Sun	7 th	9:00am	St Patrick's	Fifth Sunday of Easter		Martin & Noel Murphy RIP	
		10:00am	St Anne's			Gordon Lee 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, 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] Michael Bell, John Pettit, Mary Hardy, Patrick Lee, Bridget Duffy, Harry Rothwell, Patrick Scanlon, Isabella Palmer, Mary Matthew, Dorothy O'Shea, Ian Millward. [St Anne's] Joan Batkin, John Wilson, Barbara Curran, Ada George, Beryl Scott, Roy Burton, Jean Higgins, Mary Murphy, Madeline Sweet, Gordon Truckel, Mary Wharton, Edith Hird, Margaret Kiberd, Thomas Callaghan, Monica Scriven.							
Income 23/04/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance	
St Anne's	Offertory	£96.00	£127.48	£391.45	£614.93	Sat 62	Sun 75
St Patrick's	Offertory	£107.30	£141.59	£149.69	£398.58	Sat 45	Sun 75

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 April Draw.

£100 C Price - 13, £50 A Whyte - 103, £20 J Appleton - 37, £10 I Hird - 5, £10 L Garnett - 120, £10 B Jefferson - 67, £10 B Walton - 148, £10 B Farley - 131, £10 B Alex - 92, £10 A Ruttledge - 135, £10 J Walsh - 20, £10 C Porter - 98.

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers are available at only £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: The second collection this weekend 29th/30th April is for Clergy Training Fund.

OUR DECEASED: Please pray for **Veronica Machaj**, parishioner of **St Austin's**, who died recently. We remember also her family at this time. ***May Veronica 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.

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.**

The Coronation of King Charles III: Next Friday in **St. Anne's** at 6:30pm there will be a special Mass (The Vigil of the Coronation) for the Intentions of the King and the wellbeing of the Royal Family. Please take a prayer card, prepared by the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales; found at the back of church.

CALL FOR CLEANERS **St Anne's:** In order to keep our parish church as neat and clean and as tidy as possible we need to form a parish team/s. If anyone can spare some time on a rota basis then we can make up a list of regular cleaning groups. The more of you who can offer your services, the less frequently your 'slot' will come round. Please give this some consideration; it is a valuable service. You can choose the day/time; just email the office or call **Fr. Bob** or **Marie (661012)**. The form on the table in the porch allows you to add your name and a contact number. **My grateful thanks to those who have added their names already.**

St Anne's:(SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY) The children's liturgy greatly appreciated. If we were to make this a regular Sunday facility then there would need to be a group of parents willing to offer their service and to form a team. Full support would be given and maybe a rota could be formed. Please contact me or add your name to the form at the back of Church if you are interested. It would be a valued service. **Many Thanks Fr. Bob**

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 2nd May**.

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 Saturday upon which the Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham will be celebrated.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES The New Gift Aid Envelopes [for this new 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.

Grateful thanks: Thanks to all who came to the Three Parishes Meeting at St. Anne's Hall, last Friday week. It was our first meeting in response to Archbishop Bernard's Lenten Pastoral Letter to reflect on the Diocesan Vision and plan for the future of the Archdiocese. We listened to a recording of the Pastoral Letter. We then viewed slides of the following: Location of the Parishes of the Deanery, the age profile of the clergy, the weekend Mass provision of the Deanery, the Churches, Schools and Chaplaincy Missions of Catholic Stafford. We reflected and shared ideas on Evangelisation, Formation, Liturgy & Worship and Social Outreach. Some of those slides are posted on the board in the porch. Further meetings will follow. Watch this space!!!

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 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 / Summer 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/> 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. Many Thanks

Cursillo Weekend This is the upcoming Cursillo weekend:

Shallowford House, Stone [May 11th -- 14th]

The short course links well with the diocesan vision and the whole concept of synodality.

Cursillo is an encounter with Christ, self and others. It is for everyone, offering renewal and a deepening of Christian commitment and faith within our own lives. (please see the notice and flyers in the porch)

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.

A BLESSED EASTERTIDE *This period draws us fully into the mystery of our redemption and the re-creation of our broken image into one that images our loving creator. Let us continue to pray that, individually and communally, we are open to the Spirit of love and endless possibility. We live in exciting times.*

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.

Christ sacrifice
life He is REDEEMER
rejoice joy
Jesus hope crucifixion SAVIOR
amazing grace
LOVE mercy
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