

Sunday 30th July 2023

Weekly Newsletter

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day		Mass Intention
Sat	29 th	4:00 pm 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil		Betty Mallon RIP Christine & Richard McMahon 60 th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Helena Margaret Grantham
Sun	30 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year		Deceased Parishioners Deceased Parishioners
Mon	31 st	9:30am	St Anne's	St Ignatius of Loyola	Memoria	John & Mrs Winifred Meehan RIP
Tue	1 st	9:30am	St Patrick's	St Alphonsus Liguori	Memoria	Nancy McLean
Wed	2 nd	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Feria	
Thu	3 rd	9.30 am	St Patrick's		Feria	People of the Parish
Fri	4 th	9:15am	St Anne's	St John Mary Vianney	Memorial	Marilyn Meehan RIP
Sat	5 th	10:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	St Anne's St Patrick's St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession Vigil Vigil		Patty&Tim Tiernan RIP Peter & Julia Turner
Sun	6 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord		Jean Rennie RIP Eileen Turner&family

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, Colin Wise, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Pat McDonnell, Georgina Copp, Marie Geal, Molly Hukin, Joan Collins.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Ian Banks, Charles Faulkner, Patrick Bourke, Mary Eccles, Catherine Boulton, Hugh Murphy, Tom Milsom, Johanna O'Toole, James Concar, Frederick Ward, Arthur Oldacre, Doreen Baker, Maire Darley. **[St Anne's]** Peter White, Reg Densem, Emma Lake, Denis Desbraulais, John Galea, Colin Galea, David Horne.

Income 23/07/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£121.50	£193.47	£408.25	£723.22	Sat 51 Sun 129
St Patrick's	Offertory	£88.30	£157.51	£152.16	£397.97	Sat 47 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>

Winners of Parish Tote 150 Club July Draw

£100 C Taylor - 8, £50 A Kelly - 128, £20 J Hunt - 114, £10 P Walters - 15, £10 D Cyples - 116, £10 M Owen - 76, £10 I Hird - 133, £10 G Ogram - 110, £10 K Clews - 10, £10 P Rennie - 3, £10 J Walsh - 20, £10 J Serino - 95.

Thank you for your support. Numbers are still 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.

Advance Notice: Over the weekend of 12th and 13th August there will be a Mission Appeal by THE SPIRITANS (Holy Ghost Fathers) and the second collection will be for this purpose. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Catholic Stafford will be holding our annual 'Blessing of Graves' service on this Sunday 30th July. We will gather in the Crematorium Chapel at Tixall Road for 3:00pm where a short service will be held. We shall then move out into the cemetery where graves will be blessed. It is hoped several priests will be assisting. ***Since we are blessing the graves in the afternoon the three morning Masses in our churches (on Sunday 30th) will be offered for the repose of the souls of all our deceased parishioners.***

Our Deceased: Please pray for the soul of **Philomena Bowers**, of **St Patrick's**, who died last week. We remember also her family at this time. *May Philomena rest in peace and rise in glory.* Philomena's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 8th August at 12Noon in St Patrick's Church, her body being received into church at 6pm on 7th August.

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.**

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.

St Anne's: CHILDREN'S LITURGY will restart the first Sunday of September and the first Sunday of each month after.

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.

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]

APPEAL - ST PATRICK'S CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like to help with the flowers at St Patrick's, we would really welcome extra hands – you don't need to be a florist! Please let Fr Bob have your contact details. Thank you.

+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** Meetings will start again on **Tuesday 5th September**.

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 **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.

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.

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.

SYCAMORE

FOLLOWING ON FROM THE SUCCESS OF PART 1 OF OUR SYCAMORE COURSE WE ARE CONTINUING WITH PART 2

SYCAMORE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS 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.

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) Both the Sycamore course and the Bible Timeline program take place on Mondays in St Austin's Meeting Room and Hall at 7pm. All welcome. *[For more information, go to St Austin's home web page, click on CONNECT and then PARISH COURSES]*

***** Please note that the Bible Timeline course will break for August, so this coming Monday (31st) will be the last until 4th September. [Sycamore, however, continues for another three Mondays until the final session of its current 'Faith Formation' Part Two]

<p>Mathew 28: 19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."</p>

The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford.

Assumption Devotions Sun August 13th at 3 pm

Preacher Mgr Timothy Menezes

- Procession
- Rosary
- Shrine Prayers

Please bring your own chairs

Parish Library

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.