

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

# Weekly Newsletter

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## St. Anne's Catholic Church

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**Deacon: Rev. Michael Horsnall**

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### TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

**Forth Sunday in Lent - Lectionary Cycle C, Weekday Mass Cycle 1, Psalter Week 4 [Parish Mass Book P168]**

Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention	
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil Mass	Geoffrey Green RIP	
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 am	St Patrick's	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Latere)	Joe Abayakoon RIP & Patrick Joseph Lennon	
		11:15 am	St Anne's		People of the Parish	
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup>	9:15 am	St Anne's	Lent Feria	Mr & Mrs Connelly	
Tue	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15 am	St Patrick's	Lent Feria	Teresa & Maura O'Malley	
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Lent Feria	
Thu	4 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	St Patrick's	School Mass	Lent Feria	Bob McKinlay RIP
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	St Anne's	School Mass	Lent Feria	Beatrice Short RIP
		7:00 pm	St Anne's	Stations of the Cross		
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession		
		6:00 pm	St Anne's	Vigil Mass	Martin Cook RIP	
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	St Patrick's	Fifth Sunday in Lent	John Rennie RIP	
		11:15 am	St Anne's		Eileen Wright	

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** By Appointment

**Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time:** [St. Patrick's] Catherine Owens, Timothy Vella, Mrs Morgan, Fr Thomas Lockburn, Mary McGrath, James Bratt, Mary Daly, Daniel Sullivan, James Emery, Eileen Murphy, Annie Wilde, Rose Mann, Joseph Parton, Margaret McDonald, Mary Masterson, Jon King, Marie Foster, John Mulholland, Mary Matthew, Michael McLuckie and Kathleen Tiernan. [St. Anne's.] Jack Bilton, Amy Geoghegan, John Helks, Eva Brown, Elizabeth Loran, Sidney Stanyer, Mary Davis, Bertha Arriagade, John Callaghan, Badia Geadam and Muriel Sandy.

**Prayers for the sick:** St Patrick's Phylis Bowers, Kath Read, Susan Prince, Tim Tiernan, June McConnell, Christine Sargeant, Gregory McKinlay, John Reavy, Linda Reavy, Martha Porter and Damian McKinlay. St Anne's Michael Glover, Patricia Walters, David Green, Joan O'Dowd, Kevin Kaine, Thomas McCormick, Mary Terry, Bernard Lundberg, Cath Miles, Walter Rogers, Colin Wilkinson, Richard McMahon, Maria Rogers, Teresa Lloyd and Sean McDonnell. **This list is being 'rebuilt' as signed forms come into the parish office.**

#### CHURCH ROTAS

Church	Church Cleaning	Altar Linen	Flowers	Refreshments	Children's Liturgy
St Anne's	29 <sup>th</sup> March	7 <sup>th</sup> April Patsy Connelly Smith		7 <sup>th</sup> April The Kelly family	
St Patrick's	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April Sumitha, Jenice and family	Joan McKinlay	Carmel P	7 <sup>th</sup> April Sarah & Austin	7 <sup>th</sup> April Geraldine, Margaret & Mary

#### READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

	ST. ANNE'S		ST. PATRICK'S	
<b>Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> April : Readers:</b>	Frank Lain			
<b>Euch. Ministers:</b>	G Owen & C Love			
<b>Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> April : Readers:</b>	Catriona Mawdsley		School	
<b>Euch. Ministers:</b>	P Hulme & T Kelly		Margaret, Mary W & Carmel	

Income	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£196.50	£220.58	£179.65	£596.73	161
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£70.00	£162.21	£136.23	£368.44	133

**ST. ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**There will be a second collection next weekend for Parish Maintenance.**

**Do not forget to alter the clocks this weekend (BST – 1 hour forward)**



**DROP-IN:** Tea, coffee and biscuits are available in St Anne's church hall on Wednesday morning at 10:30 am. Everyone welcome.

**Our Deceased:** Please remember in your prayers Deacon Louis Livesy (of St Austin's parish) who died last Monday in St Joseph's Nursing Home after a long illness. As many of you will be aware, Louis had served St Austin's for over twenty years as deacon. A Mass for the reception of his body will be held at St Austin's on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00 pm and his Requiem will take place in St Austin's at 12 Noon on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. We hold Deacon Louis' family in our prayers also. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

**SAFEGUARDING**

The parish members who need documentation are **adult servers, catechists, Eucharistic Ministers who visit the sick and Children's liturgy leaders.** Some who hold these roles already have clearance others need to be updated. If you need to fill in forms you will be contacted soon. Any concerns over safeguarding can be raised with Fr Bob or the two representatives. Many Thanks  
**Our Representatives:** Geraldine Thickett 01785224309 **St Patrick's.** Ann Kelly 01785603012 **St Anne's.**

**For your Diaries:** **Catholic Stafford Three Parishes Lent Penitential Service:** **St Patrick's April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
**First Holy Communions:** **St Anne's May 11<sup>th</sup>** **St Patrick's May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP.** During Lent our shared Bible Study group will meet every Tuesday from 10.30 – 11.30 am in St Anne's Parish Hall. All welcome to join us. **Lenten Lunches.** On Tuesdays in Lent at 12 noon in St Anne's meeting room Soup, roll, tea and coffee will be available. March 12,19,26 and April 2,9,16.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage 2019:** The Annual Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on the weekend of the **26th to the 28th of July.** Application Forms with details of prices and accommodation etc are now in the porches of St Anne's and St Patrick's. Please contact Helen Perry on 07837519253 for further details.

**STAFFORD RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY** the next meeting will be on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30 pm in St Anne's meeting room. New members welcome. For more information please contact Geoff Ogram 01785 663423.

**Birmingham Lourdes Pilgrimage Needs YOU!** Joining the annual Birmingham pilgrimage to Lourdes as a nurse or carer is an opportunity to do something completely different – and to make a real difference. Whatever your background if you have an open and caring attitude and a sense of humour you will be welcome. This year several of our regular volunteers are unable to join us and we need you in order to continue to take assisted pilgrims to Lourdes. For more information see the poster in the porch, check out our website <https://www.birminghamlourdeshospitalite.com> or speak with Rita Mather 01785 226933

**PARISH TOTE** This week's draw will be at **St Anne's this Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March after the 11.15 am Mass.**

**Catholic Stafford Lent Course:** Our weekly spiritual session based upon the acclaimed film: 'THE WAY' and the accompanying book: 'THE LONG ROAD TO HEAVEN' can help prepare ourselves for our Lent journey. There is opportunity for discussion and feedback. Parishioners from the three Stafford parishes are invited, so the venues are rotated for the **five sessions.** Sessions start at **7:30 pm** and (The remaining venues are: **St Anne's School 2<sup>nd</sup> April and St Austin's School 9<sup>th</sup> April.** Each participant will need to have their own copy of the book.

**THE SOWER: Our diocesan publication (The Sower) has been delivered. Please do take a copy – it is free and extremely well produced and presented. It contains much of interest concerning events within parishes across the diocese.**

In 2015, Pope Francis published his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. He reminds us that the earth ought to be full of life, teeming with every kind of living creature. And yet, he says, we have made it a "pile of filth".

Respond to the *Laudato Si'* encyclical by campaigning for renewable energy, changing your lifestyle and living simply.

[Our Common Home campaign](#)

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**St Anne's HAS NOW RECEIVED OUR Easter Cards** for distribution to local roads. Please help with this if you possible can; there was a wonderful parish effort during Advent in making sure our neighbours knew what services were being offered by local churches. If we can publicise our Easter Services in the same way many will appreciate being able to choose from the many services available. The cards are arranged under 'road names' **[All are laid out in the porch]** Many Thanks

**Today's parable is one of the best known and best loved stories in the Bible. While it is generally called the parable of the prodigal son, the focus is not only on the prodigal son and his repentance but on the father and his mercy. Incidentally, the story could be called the parable of the resentful brother, since it is also about a brother who was very indignant about his younger brother's self-indulgence and angry with his father for showing mercy towards him. Resentment has stolen his joy. We perhaps see ourselves in both the sons; rebellion and irresponsibility and also jealousy and self-righteousness. Maybe this Lent we can learn to give other people, and indeed ourselves, a second chance.**