



## St. Anne's Catholic Church

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## St. Patrick's Catholic Church

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### Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm 6:00pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil	Ned & Thelma Taylor RIP & Joye Simpson RIP Peggy Ogram RIP
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Mary Tangney RIP Sr. Assumpta (50 <sup>th</sup> Ann. of Profession)
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am 11:00am 12:00 Noon	St Anne's St Patrick's St Austin's	Mary the Holy Mother of God Solemnity	Patricia Ward RIP Patty & Tim Tiernan RIP
Tue	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	St Patrick's	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Memoria	Celebrant's Intention
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am	St Anne's	Christmas Feria	Irene Cummins & Peter Cummins(Ann.)
Thu	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	St Patrick's	Christmas Feria	Fr John Lungley RIP
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St Anne's	Christmas Feria	Maria Dempsey RIP
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	St Anne's St Patrick's St Anne's	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession Vigil Vigil	People of the Parish Seamus Kennelly RIP
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	The Epiphany of the Lord	Private Intention Jane Parkes 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, Imelda Moore.

**Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's.]** Cynthia Scott, Phyllis Costello, Bernard McGurk, Edmund Taylor, Louise Byrne, Katarzyna Grabarek, Julie Hainey, Elsie Milsom, Michael Riley, Patrick Hodgkinson, Molly Devine, Elizabeth Galvin, James McEwan, Margaret Regan, Peter Ryan, Florence Scott-Mullen, Rose Tyler, Alice Cull, Francis Fox, George Goulding, Frederick Millward, Edmund Taylor. **[St Anne's]** Bernard Cunningham, Philip Godridge, John Connelly, Kenneth Hammond, Frederick Plant, Keith Ross, Donald Simmill, Agnes Joret, John Owen, Steven Knowles.

Income 24/12/23	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	£	£	£408.25	£	Sat 68 Sun 78
St Patrick's	Offertory	£	£	£152.16	£	Sat 49 Sun 55

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: [Donate | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) ([birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk)) / <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>

## **Parish Tote 150 Club December Winners**

£100 N Shammas - 134, £50 D Cyples - 116, £20 J Pettit - 43, £10 A Smith - 94, £10 L Garnet - 120, £10 C Taylor - 46, £10 C Taylor - 2, £10 L Cyples - 44, £10 B Alex - 92, £10 J Walsh - 20, £10 K Webb - 93.

Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers are available at £4 per number per month. Further details from Marie (parish secretary) on 01785 661012. Those who pay yearly and six monthly your monies are due in January.

**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.

**Future Second Collections:** 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> January Parish Maintenance  
10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February the LIFE Charity

**Our Deceased:** Please pray for the souls of **Pam Knowles** of St Anne's Parish, **Stella Horsnall** (Deacon Michael's mother) and **Fr Christopher Greaney** (a priest of the diocese), who have died recently. We remember their families at this time.

May **Pam, Stella and Christopher** rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

## **The Drop in Group**

Do Come and join us on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room after the St Anne's 10 am Communion Service. All Welcome.

## **Bible Alive**

The cost will be £2.97 per quarter. The money can be put in the envelopes marked Bible Alive and pushed through the presbytery letter box.

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 valuable facility. **More volunteers would be most welcome.**

**St Anne's: CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is up and running and held on every Sunday. This is due to the number of kind parishioners who have volunteered to help put on this much appreciated facility. It means we can form teams and a rota. Please do come forward to help if you would like to become involved. Ann Kelly is kindly looking after the necessary safeguarding procedures. Many thanks.

**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]

**\* 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.

**+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 in January 2024. Pope Francis has declared this coming year to be a Year of Prayer and so all are very welcome to join in!!

**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.

**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.  
[The new rota for 2024 is now complete]

**LIVING SIMPLY:** 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.

### **Parish Library St Anne's**

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

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

### **"CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal**

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](https://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers."

## ADVENT / CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

### *St Anne's & St Patrick's*

We are inviting parishioners to bring in gifts around the tree for two charities: **'The Women's Refuge' and 'House of Bread'**

**The Refuge** would be grateful for donations such as: Washing powder, cleaning materials and Tesco and Asda supermarket vouchers to buy food.

**House of Bread** would welcome donations of Ladies underwear, men's pants, men's and women's socks, men's and women's deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razor blades, shaving cream and flannels.

They have plenty of towels but anything that people give would be greatly appreciated.

**Please note:** Since two charities are involved in the Giving Tree, could you please indicate **CLEARLY** on you gift which charity it is destined for.

**The gifts will be delivered mid-January so don't need to be wrapped for Christmas but maybe in gift bags instead.**

**This year's Crib Donations will be destined for Friends of the Holy Land.**

***[Next weekend (the Solemnity of the Epiphany) will be our last chance to bring in gifts and donations to FHL before the tree and crib are removed].*** **Many Thanks.**

**CATHOLIC STAFFORD:** *As we enter the final week of Christmastide, when the Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated next Sunday, I, together with Fr Michael, Fr Steven and Deacon Michael would express our grateful thanks to the parishioners of St Patrick's, St Anne's and St Austin's. Assisting in preparing our churches for the Christmas liturgy has been invaluable. Importantly, your help, understanding and patience has been welcome, as we continue to collaborate in ministering to the Catholics of Stafford. This is especially evident as we often need to arrange to cover for priests in neighbouring deanery parishes at short notice. However, as we go forward in 2024 and become more aware of the unique value of our faith and how we may pass it on to others, immersing ourselves into the coming Year of Prayer will be essential.*

*Once again, on behalf of Fr Michael, Fr Steven, Deacon Michael and myself, may you and your families be truly blessed this Christmastide and New Year.*

