

### **St. Anne's Catholic Church**

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### **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**

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**The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Registered Charity No.234216**

## **TIMES OF HOLY MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK**

**Third Sunday of Easter - Lectionary Cycle B, Weekday Mass Cycle 2, Psalter Week 3**

*[Parish Mass Book P.262]*

Day	Date	Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Mass St Anne's	Vigil Mass	Gwenda Fenton RIP
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Mass St Patrick's	Third Sunday of Easter	Patrick & Mary Daly
		11:15 am	Mass St Anne's		Hird & Carmedy Families
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	Mass St Anne's	Easter Feria	Fr. David Condron RIP
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	Mass St Patrick's	Easter Feria	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Easter Feria
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	Mass St Patrick's	Easter Feria	Dan Ryan RIP
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	Mass St Anne's	Easter Feria	Annie McNichol RIP
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am	St Patrick's	Exposition Holy Hour & Confession Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
		6:00 pm	Mass St Anne's		
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 am	Mass St Patrick's	Fourth Sunday of Easter	James McConnell
		11:15 am	Mass St Anne's		Madge & Joe Fox RIP
<b>SACRAMENT OF PENANCE</b> [St. Anne's] Saturday at 5:30 pm [St Patrick's] Sunday at 9:00 am					
<b>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</b> By Appointment					
<p><b>Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time:</b> <i>[St. Patrick's]</i> George Batkin, Lawrence Coghlan, Felicity Adamson, The Hillsborough Football Disaster victims, Bridie Mansell, Kathleen Harahan, Thomas Burke, Martin Regan, Edward Humphries, Albert Lees, John Wagstaff, Bill Threw, Marjorie Hinton, Jonathan Cummins, Lily Foster, John Ryan and Thomas Briody. <i>[St. Anne's]</i> Patrick Kennelly, Violet Chant, Ethel Fenton, Hubert Flecher, Kevin O'Sullivan, Bryan Barretto, Albert Bognor, Helen Hammond, Andrew Martyn, Phoebe Taylor and James Byrne.</p>					
<p><b>Prayers for the parishioners who are ill or housebound at this time:</b> <i>[St. Patrick's]</i> Martha Porter, Derek Cleverley, Joan Roe, June McConnell, Graham Burningham, Mgr John Heslin, Teresa Lennon, Phil Bowers, Kath Read, Pauline Pullen, Brenda Targett, Graham Turner, Tim Tiernan, Alex Hughes, Gregory McKinlay, Jayne &amp; Ralph Lennon, Tony Lord, Donald Williamson, Christine Bradley, Alice McMillan, Antonia Hewitt, Winifred &amp; Brenda Crockett, Alex Hudson, Gladys Malkin, Christine Sargeant, Susan Prince and Mary Kilkenny. <i>[St. Anne's]</i>, Richard McMahan, Walter Rogers, Patricia Walters, Linda Burgess, Molly Hukin, Tony Hukin, Cathy Miles, Colin Wise, Bernard Lundberg, Christiana Saberton, Patsy Connelly-Smith, David Bamber, Michael Glover, Baby Thomas McCormick, Colin Wilkinson, Christopher Bowen, Henri Szmalec, Honor Shammass, Jessica Nixon, Christopher Browne, Pat McDonnell, Nick Harrison, Eileen Aherne, Mary Helks, Chris Williams and Kevin O'Mahony.</p>					
Church	Church Cleaning	Altar Linen	Flowers	Refreshments	Children's Liturgy
St Anne's	13 <sup>th</sup> April Georgina Copp & Angela Heath	22 <sup>nd</sup> April Mary Picking		22 <sup>nd</sup> April Berthe Geadah & Ann	22 <sup>nd</sup> April
St Patrick's	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April Sumitha, Jenice & family	Joan McKinlay	Carmel P & Mary O	22 <sup>nd</sup> April Lyn & Dave	22 <sup>nd</sup> April Geraldine, Margaret & Mary

**ST. ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

	ST. ANNE'S	ST. PATRICK'S
<b>Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> April : Readers:</b>	Frank Lain	
<b>Euch. Ministers:</b>	T Whitehall & C Whitehall	
<b>Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> April : Readers:</b>	Joan Collins	Stephanie K & Claire
<b>Euch. Ministers:</b>	B Turvey & T Kelly	Margaret, Richard & Angela

Income	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St. Anne's	Offertory	£602.50	£202.48	£179.65	£984.63	176
St. Patrick's	Offertory	£146.00	£136.67	£136.23	£418.90	151

**THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** is for the Clergy Training Fund

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

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP.** Our shared Bible Study group will meet fortnightly, our next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April from 10:00 - 11:00 am in St. Anne's Parish Hall. All welcome to join us.

**TOTE 150 CLUB WINNERS 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018** £100 Fr D Standen – 86, £50 M Owen – 122, £20 P Turner – 75, £10 P Bowers – 79, £10 G Burningham – 99, £10 J Serino – 95, £10 C Kotara – 123, £10 J Walsh – 20, £10 G Ogram – 110, £10 J Porter – 9, £10 M Ross – 146, £10 P Boucher – 41, £10 B Alex – 92, £10 K Ronan – 59, £10 C McHugh – 28, £10 A Gibson – 119.

Thank you for your support. Numbers available, only £4 per number per month.

**FUND RAISING** The fund raising committee has organized two events in May which hopefully will result in the bulk of our fund raising efforts. We will need the support of all parishioners from both parishes. 1) A Fashion Show to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May at St Anne's. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses, the more tickets we sell the more profits we make. 2) A Sponsored walk on 20<sup>th</sup> May, sponsorship forms will be at the back of the church. If you cannot go on the sponsored walk, there will be a form in the back of the church for you to donate to the event. Please support these fund raising events as all money made will go towards the list of repairs in the quinquennial inspection report.

**GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT – 2018 CONCERT TOUR. Here at St. Anne's Church on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm. 'One Life Music' celebrates with joy, the spirit filled festival of Pentecost with this weekend concert. This wonderful band and local school choir will be giving thanks for the Holy Spirit's gifts. Put it in your diaries; an enjoyable, uplifting evening is promised. Tickets: £7 Adults / £5 (under 16's) Please see notice board for details.**

**FUNERAL PLANNING** The diocese has forwarded to parishes useful information in the form of a clear and well-presented leaflet/instruction document. These are in the porch of each church and contain an enlightening introduction by Archbishop Bernard. They provide guidance on all sorts of procedures surrounding death and enable us to plan ahead and ensure that close family are made aware of the wishes of their loved ones.

**GIFT AID:** Now we are entering the next financial year, the new envelopes, for the coming financial year, are in the porches of both churches ready for collection. They are named and numbered so please only take the ones you have been allocated. If circumstances have changed (re: tax status etc.) or there are changes of address or contact details, please let Mark Hawley or Margaret Jones (St. Patrick's) know (or you can phone the parish office). Also, further to Mark's Gift Aid Appeal last weekend, if any parishioners would like to join and require forms please approach Mark or Fr. Bob. Very many thanks for your invaluable support.

**Fr. Bob:** As we hear more about the appearances of Jesus after His resurrection in Luke's Gospel, we learn a bit more about what it means to be witnesses. Being a witness can be very dangerous and at times it takes courage to stand up and bear witness to things we believe to be true. When Jesus told His disciples: "You are witnesses to this", they may not have been entirely delighted to be chosen for that role. To be precise, the disciples were witnesses to the resurrection of Christ, and, importantly, we know that in New Testament Greek the word for "witness" is the same as that for "martyr" and we understand what being a martyr can mean for us. We are called to be witnesses to Christ. Will we also be called to be martyrs? Well, martyrdom can take a variety of forms and we may very well have to face opposition, ridicule, contempt, discrimination. Not being eyewitnesses to the resurrection as the apostles were, we can only bear witness that we accept what has come down to us from the apostles and what we have experienced in our lives. That is Christ's calling to each of us.