

St. Anne's Catholic ChurchLynton Avenue Weeping Cross Stafford, ST17 0EA. Telephone: 01785 661012 – Website www.st-annes-st.org.uk**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**48 Sandon Road, Stafford ST16 3HF. Telephone 01785 661012 - Website www.stpatricksstafford.co.ukEmail: stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk**Parish Administrator: Father Robert Devaney - Parish Secretary: Marie Badger****Deacon: Rev. Michael Horsnall****The parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Registered Charity No.234216****Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies this week****SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****Parish Mass Book page: 270**

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day		Mass Intention	
Sat	4 th	4.00 pm 6.00 pm	St Patrick's St Anne's	Vigil Vigil	Keith Price RIP John&Mary MurphyRIP		
Sun	5 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Sixth Sunday of Easter		Joe Abayakoon RIP Gordon Lee RIP & Sebastian CarneyRIP	
Mon	6 th	9.30 am	St Anne's		Easter Feria	Maricri Valdez RIP	
Tue	7 th	9.30am	St Patrick's		Easter Feria	Keith Price RIP	
Wed	8 th	10:00am	St Anne's	Communion Service	Easter Feria		
Thu	9 th	9.30am 11:15am 6:30pm	St Patrick's St Anne's St Anne's	Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)	Solemnity	Kevin Meegan RIP Fr. Paul Devaney RIP Richard Grantham &family	
Fri	10 th	9.15 am	St Anne's		Easter Feria	Margaret & Roy Kiberd RIP	
Sat	11 th	10:00am 4.00 pm 6.00pm	St Patrick's St Patrick's St Anne's	Mass of First Holy Communion Vigil Vigil	First Communicants M. E Connelly RIP Patrick Bayliffe RIP &Eileen Meehan RIP		
Sun	12 th	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick's St Anne's	Seventh Sunday of Easter		People of the Parish John Ronan	
Prayers for the sick: St Patrick's: Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Cecylia Kotara, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham, Mary Kilkenny. 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, Joan O'Dowd, Nick Harrison.							
Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's.] Patrick Scanlon, Isabella Palmer, Mary Matthew, Dorothy O'Shea, Ian Milward, Lawrence Dillon, Martin Murphy, Edith Adams, Witold Kurek, Catherine McCabe, John Hannifin, Eileen Edensor, Fr Walter Joret, Lawrence Clifford, William Blackburn, William Paish, John Greer. [St. Anne's.] Edith Hird, Margaret Kiberd, Thomas Callaghan, Monica Scriven, Noel O'Sullivan, Tony Adamson, Fr Walter Joret, Pat Bayliffe, Evelyn Gunderson, Henry James, Annie Kay, Hilda Scandrett, Terry Smith, Mary Terry.							
Income 28/04/24		Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's		Offertory	£110.00	£182.97	£408.25	£701.22	Sat 60 Sun 100
St Patrick's		Offertory	£64.40	£185.40	£152.16	£401.96	Sat 54 Sun 100

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 \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work) / <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>

Parish Tote 150 Club April Draw

£100 I Burnside - 49, £50 J Walsh - 20, £20 S Bayliffe - 21, £10 A Heath - 138, £10 A Kelly - 128, £10 K Bermingham - 24, £10 C Salt - 155, £10 A Rutledge - 135, £10 M Jones - 56, £10 M Newman - 143, £10 A Russell - 52.

Thank you for your support. A lot of 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.

Special second Collection for Emergency Sudan Appeal: St Anne's £301.12 St Patrick's £ 230.16

Many Thanks

Future Second Collections:

w/k 11th /12th May CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

w/k 15th /16th June DAY FOR LIFE

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.

MISSIO (St Patrick's): [MISSION NEEDS YOU] We are in need of a parishioner /s (maybe even a couple, or a small team) who could volunteer to be our parish liaison or local secretary with the charity and to co-ordinate the 'Red Boxes' or donations. This would be a valued assistance in aiding this charity that does so much to help bring the mission of the Church to the world. MISSIO is in fact the Pope's charity for World Mission. Local Secretaries look after the Red Box members in their parish, ensuring that boxes are emptied and organising the distribution of the free quarterly magazine, *Mission Today*. Remember all our volunteers have the support of the Mission team who will support you at every stage and answer all queries. More information at missio.org.uk/volunteer-with-missio If you think you could help and would like to be involved please see Fr. Bob. Many thanks.

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 always welcome.**

St Anne's Choir

At present we have no formal choir and lack a choir leader and an organist. Music plays an important part in our liturgy and enhances our worship. If you would be able to help with the music in any way please would you contact Fr Bob. *[The choir will be meeting in church at 7pm (Tue) on 7th May. If anyone would like to pop in we will be going through the hymns for the next few weeks].*

Parish Library St Anne's The parish library is in the parish meeting room. You may borrow any of the bibles, books, or CTS booklets.

Bible Alive. The latest editions have arrived and are in St Anne's Church porch for those who have ordered them.

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. Many thanks to Mark [of St Anne's] and Margaret [of St Patrick's] for their preparation of the GA boxes. 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.

St Anne's and St Patrick's: In both parishes, **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is up and running every Sunday. This is due to our volunteers/leaders who generously assist our youngsters in their understanding. Please do come forward to help if you would like to become involved. All necessary safeguarding procedures are taken care of. Many thanks. [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. 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.

+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. **Our next meeting: Tuesday 7th May.** 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. [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

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.

St Patrick's May Flowers for Our Lady's Altar

May is the month dedicated to Our Lady and we would like to invite parishioners to bring flowers throughout May to go onto Our Lady's Altar. You can bring them before the weekend Masses. If you use your own vase, please put a label on it so that we can return it to you. Thank you.

[St Anne's & St Patrick's: During May we shall recite a decade of the rosary following weekday Mass].

Save the date, You are warmly invited to a Cursillo Encounter day at St Anne's Parish Hall on Saturday July 6th. A day of fun, fellowship and formation. More details to follow. If you can't wait until July there will be an Encounter afternoon at Cooloch Newcastle-under-Lyme, Sunday May 12th with Afternoon Tea. Further details see the poster in the porch.

Still curious about Jesus?

St Anne's is hosting an ALPHA COURSE

It is held on Mondays at 7 pm. in the Church Hall.

If you would like to come along, bring a friend, or help out, please let us know.

ALPHA is a 12 week course similar in format to the groups we have been having at St Austins over the past few months. The Alpha course is ideal to bring non-Christian or lapsed church going friends along with you to take part in. Alpha is a series of interactive video/discussion sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. We would love you to come along either as a helper with hospitality/group support/set up or just to join in and hopefully invite a friend. More info on our St Anne's Website. Fr Stephen, Deacon Mike or Fr Bob will be happy to talk with you about the course.

- Our ALPHA course sessions so far are going down very well and are much appreciated by those who come. You are all most welcome to come and join us, even if you have missed previous weeks. It is a great atmosphere and we look forward to seeing you.

A BLESSED EASTERTIDE:

Alleluia



International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

Sunday 5 May

The International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians offers an opportunity for Eastern and Western Christians to come together to pray for peace in the world – especially in the Middle East. Please join us on this occasion in praying for an end to war and the re-establishment of unity and peace, and to give thanks for the steadfast witness of Eastern Christians in holding fast to their faith, traditions and biblical homelands, even though many suffer the effects of war and discrimination, especially those in Ukraine and the Holy Land who are dispossessed and displaced.

MEN'S ROSARY IN THE CITY

Saturday 25th May – Victoria Square, Birmingham. Join Archbishop Bernard Longley this May to publicly witness to our faith, pray for our nation and to inspire men to live out their vocation as defenders of the faith and protectors of women and children. For more information contact Ben: 07885505116

Sacrament of Confirmation: This year as part of our three parishes working together, [as Catholic Stafford] we are bringing the pupils of our four primary schools together for one celebration of Confirmation. We will rotate the celebration in each church every year. This Year it will take place at St. Patrick's Church at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 13th June.

New Auxiliary Bishops: We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Canon Richard Walker and Monsignor Timothy Menezes who have been appointed Auxiliary Bishops by Pope Francis. Canon Richard is at present the Vicar General of the Archdiocese and Monsignor Timothy is the Administrator and Dean of St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham. We wish them every blessing in their new appointments and offer them our prayerful support.

Ascension Thursday: This coming Thursday is Ascension Thursday [Holy Day of Obligation] and Masses are shown as in the weekly schedule . Please also note that Masses will be held at St Austin's at these times: Wednesday Vigil Mass 7pm, Thursday 10am and 7pm.