

**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**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	Mass Intention
Sat	27 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm 6.00 pm	St Patrick’s St Anne’s	Vigil Vigil	Claire Dinan RIP People of the Parish
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick’s St Anne’s	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Laurine AbayakoonRIP Alex&Marriamma RIP Private Intention
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	St Anne’s	St Catherine of Siena	Feast Private Intention
Tue	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Patrick’s		Easter Feria Alex&Marriamma RIP
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am	St Anne’s	Communion Service	Easter Feria
Thu	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	St Patrick’s	St Athanasius	Memoria Georgina MeeganRIP
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15 am	St Anne’s	Ss Philip & James	Feast Jo Wright (birthday)
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 4.00 pm 6.00pm	St Anne’s St Patrick’s St Anne’s	Exposition, Holy Hour & Confession Vigil Vigil	Keith Price RIP John & Mary Murphy RIP
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am	St Patrick’s St Anne’s	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Joe Abayakoon RIP Gordon Lee RIP & Sebastian CarneyRIP

**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.]** Louise Adams, Eva Devlin, Honora Eley, May Carroll, Mary Hardy, Jason Payne, Anthony Finn, Vincent Brigham, Ronald Skelton, Michael Bell, Laurine Abayakoon, John Pettit, Mary Hardy, Bridget Duffy, Harry Rothwell. **[St. Anne’s.]** Andrew Martin, Gabriel Geadah, Joan Batkin, John Wilson, Barbara Curran, Laurine Abayakoon, Ada George, Beryl Scott, Roy Burton, Jean Higgins, Mary Murphy, Madeline Sweet, Gordon Truckel, Mary Wharton.

Income 21/04/24	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne’s	Offertory	£75.00	£172.16	£408.25	£655.41	Sat 52 Sun 87
St Patrick’s	Offertory	£62.30	£186.26	£152.16	£400.72	Sat 58 Sun 96

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

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.

***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.

Second Collection for Clergy Training Fund: St Anne's £254.69 St Patrick's £145.80 Many Thanks

Future Second Collections: w/k 11<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> May CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

**\* URGENT: CAFOD Sudan Crisis appeal 2024. Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at [cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal). Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and help to get medicines, as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Many thanks for your generosity and your prayers.**

*(There are baskets at the back of church for your donations)*

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 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](http://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.

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: 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 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

**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.

#### **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 the month of May we shall a decade of the rosary following each weekday Mass].**

#### **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 are 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*

