

PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY

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15TH MAY 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Sat 14th May: 4.30pm: St Anthony's Mass- Parishioners

6.30pm: St Anne's Mass- Patsy Stanley

Sun 15th May: 11.00am: St Anne's Mass- Rita McMenamin

Mon 16th May: No Mass

Tues 17th May: 9.15am: St Anne's Mass- Baby Milly Moore

Weds 18th May: No Mass

Thurs 19th May: 9.15am: St Anne's Mass- Thanksgiving

Fri 20th May: No Mass

22ND MAY 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Sat 21st May: 9.00am. First Holy Communion at St. Anne's (for children and guests only, owing to numbers).

4.30pm: St Anthony's Mass- Intentions of donor

6.30pm: St Anne's Mass- Geoff Kennedy

Sun 22nd May: 9.00am. First Holy Communion at St. Anne's (for children and guests only, owing to numbers).

11.00am: St Anne's Mass- Anne Patterson

Confessions

There will be confessions this Saturday as follows:

St Anthony's: 4.00- 4.20pm

St Anne's: Immediately after 6.30pm Mass

Deaths:

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Judi Maxwell, Sheila Mulvey, Kevin McCaughey, Brenda Price, Chris Woolley, Brenda Hewitt, Terence Perry, Norman Wilson, Hughie Gilligan, Margaret Cook, Jakub Wozniak, Teresa Kelly, Andrew Wheeler, Christopher Sheasby and the souls of all the recently deceased. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

Baptismal Talks

Baptismal talks for parents who want their children baptised in the near future will take place at 10.30am on Saturday mornings 4th and 11th June 2022 (both must be attended) in church.

St Anne's School First Holy Communion

Please pray for all the children from St. Anne's School who will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist during the month of May.

We ask God to bless and protect them and their families and shine His guiding light upon them.

Mass Intentions and Votive Lamps

Intentions for Masses and for the Sanctuary and Our Lady's Lamps are available upon request. There are envelopes at church that you can complete for your intentions or you can use one of your own and put the details on the front with any donation you wish to make inside. Thank you.

Sanctuary Lamp: Patrick Keogh

Our Lady's Lamp: Peace in Ukraine

Finance: St Anne's: £266.10

Clergy training fund: £145.71

SS. John & Anthony's: £203.81

Clergy training fund: £59.36

There will a second collection this weekend to support those seeking safety in the Archdiocese from Ukraine.

Thank you for your generosity to all collections.

St. Anthony's Collection Envelopes: There has been a mix up over the box of envelopes number 28. If you have these envelopes, please see Maureen Ellis after Mass. Thank you.

Bonus Ball Winners:

7th May. No. 39 – Shirley Tocker

Church Rotas- Week Beginning 15.5.22

St. Anne's:

Cleaning: Lynne, Kath and Anne

Counting: Margaret, Kathy and Roisin

Cleaners required

We are in need of a few more volunteers to help with the cleaning of church. If you can offer an hour once a month, please see Betty Wells or leave your name and telephone number with Father Christopher or Deacon Stuart. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have made an announcement on the "Sunday Obligation":

"Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed.

"The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

"We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation."

Tea Dance

Please come and join us on Wednesday 25th May from 1.30- 3.30pm in the Parish Centre. The entrance fee is £2, to help those in need in our community, and there will be the usual bingo and raffle.

Future tea dances will be on 29th June, 27th July and 31st August.

ST ANTHONY'S FRONTAGE

The gardens and the drive at St Anthony's are desperately in need of some TLC! The bushes need trimming, the beds need digging over and the lawn needs a weed and feed. The drive needs weed killer and would benefit from power washing. I would love to have a workforce of volunteers who would spend a few hours getting it in shape and who would continue to maintain it.

SO.... Would you be prepared to help?

The church will be open and I will happily provide tea, coffee and biscuits.

The toilet will be open.

Comfortable seating is available for the tea break.

AND ... if we can gather a group of like-minded people together we can have a good laugh too!

If you, and your friends, are interested please see me after Mass.

Thank you, Maureen Ellis

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2022- ST ANNE'S: SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

We are delighted to announce that the Parish Bazaar will return to St. Anne's for Christmas 2022!

We are very grateful to everyone who has worked so hard to make the event such a success over the years and we welcome everyone who has been involved previously to join together again to support in making this year's Bazaar another great success. In addition to previous volunteers, we really need and welcome additional new volunteers to support with the organisation and the running of the stalls for this year. If you can help in anyway, please leave your name and telephone number with Stuart or Sue and they will contact you to arrange a meeting in the near future. Thank you in advance for your support in making this important parish occasion a great and successful event.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

It is easy to love people who are far away. It is not always easy to love those who are close to us.

It is easier to give a few pounds to relief famine in Africa than to relieve the loneliness of someone living next door.

In other words, it is easy to love at a distance, but not so easy to love at close quarters.

But does Christ really expect me to love that woman next door who never stops gossiping, that silly person I have to work beside every day, that unfriendly bus driver who never smiles, that shouting party member or social climber, that bad tempered manager, that neighbour's cheeky children...?

If only they were in China or India, and they needed my help, I would be moved with pity and send them something.

But they are right on my doorstep.

Yes, these are the people Christ asked us to love. We must begin by loving the people near us. That is where our love for each other must start.

But of course it doesn't have to end there.