

PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY

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19TH DECEMBER: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat 18th Nov: 4.30pm. St Anthony's Mass- Sr Elise

6.30pm. St Anne's Mass- Joseph Farrell

Sun 19th Nov: 11.00am. St Anne's Mass- Eddie Holding

Mon 20th Dec: No Mass

Tues 21st Dec: 9.15am St Anne's Mass- Intention of Donor

Weds 22nd Dec: No Mass

5.00pm- Reception of Catherine Tierney R.I.P. into St Anne's

Thurs 23rd Dec: 9.15am St Anne's Mass- Stephen & James Conway

10.30am St Anne's- Requiem Mass for Catherine Tierney R.I.P.

25TH DECEMBER: SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Fri 24th Dec: 4.30pm. St Anthony's Mass- Patrick Keogh

6.30pm. St Anne's Mass- Catherine Nihill

Sat 25th Dec: 9.00am. St Anne's Mass-Katie Tumelty

11.00am. St Anne's Mass-Special Intention

26TH DECEMBER: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sun 26th Dec: 11.00am. St Anne's Mass- Pat & Alan O'Leary

Deaths:

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Kathleen Lamb, Catherine Tierney, Philip Donovan, Darren Kelly, Matthew Porter, Catherine Francis, Noreen Jones, Andrew Wheeler, Maureen Grace Brady, Daniel Coyle, 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.

MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE MASKS:

Following the statement by the Prime Minister on Wednesday 9th December, there has been a Government directive that further restrictions to mitigate against viral transmission, especially in the light of the new Omicron variant, will be imposed. Therefore, from Friday 10th December the wearing of face coverings is now mandatory in places of worship. We ask that parishioners all adhere to this unless they are exempt. Thank you for your support in keeping us all as safe as possible.

Baptismal Talks

Baptismal talks for parents who want their children baptised in the near future will take place at 10.30am on Saturday mornings 8th and 15th January 2022 (both must be attended) in church.

CHRISTMAS DRAW RAFFLE TICKETS

Please find a result sheet in the church porch.

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you very much to everyone who has been able to support the Christmas draw in any way.

A fantastic total of £1161.00 has been raised: a great contribution to the church heating project!

Church Rotas- Week Beginning 19.12.21

St. Anne's:

Counters: Eric and Lynne

Cleaners: Izabela, Derek and Leo

Thank you very much to all parish volunteers who give of their time so kindly.

Sanctuary Lamp: Patrick Keogh

Our Lady's Lamp: Kathleen Donnelly

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.

Finance: St. Anne's: No counting this week
SS. John & Anthony's: No counting this week

Christmas Offerings are for our Parish Priest.

Bonus Ball Winner: No. 38– Rita McNamara.

Lily's Tea Parlour

Lily's Tea Parlour would really appreciate donations of new toys that will be distributed to help families this Christmas. If you are able to help and donate any new toys, please leave them in the labelled box provided in the Church porch.

Lily's are very grateful for the continued support of parishioners.

Communion Reflection

It has been claimed that, except for some sincerely religious people, Christmas has become an occasion of dusty sentimentality, something pretty but not quite authentic. There is more than a little truth in this.

There are people who all year long scarcely give the teachings of Christ a thought, much less live by them, who on Christmas Eve wallow in cheap and sentimental piety.

We have to be careful not to fall into the same trap. Mary, who is at the centre of today's Gospel, will help us. She is a great example.

No sooner had she said her 'yes' to God than she arose and went with haste to help her cousin Elizabeth. Her religion was not a matter of mere sentimentality. It was the expression of a genuine feeling, a feeling that she converted into deeds.

By all means let us light the Christmas candles for our children and sing the carols. But let us not be content with mere sentimentality. Let us demand more of ourselves. If it is true that only love can redeem us, then let our love be true, and don't let us confine it to one day in the year.

***Wishing you and your families a
very happy and peaceful
Christmas and many blessings
for the new year***