

PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY

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These parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No 234216

5TH DECEMBER: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat 4th Dec: 4.30pm. St Anthony's Mass- Theresa Heerey

6.30pm. St Anne's Mass- Hughie Duffy

Sun 5th Dec: 11.00am. St Anne's Mass- Rose and James Gosson

Mon 6th Dec: No Mass

Tues 7th Dec: **Memorial of St Ambrose**

9.15am St Anne's Mass- Special Intention

Weds 8th Dec: **The Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of The Most Blessed Virgin Mary**- No Mass

Thurs 9th Dec: 9.15am St Anne's Mass- Byrne Family

Fri 10th Dec: No Mass

12TH DECEMBER: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat 11th Nov: 4.30pm. St Anthony's Mass- Michael Hemmings

6.30pm. St Anne's Mass- Daniel Coyle

Sun 12th Nov: 11.00am. St Anne's Mass- Helen Treanor

BAPTISMS

We congratulate and welcome Tallulah Katie Nixon-Mullen and Florence Anais Collins, who were baptised at St. Anne's last weekend, into the Christian family.

Deaths:

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Darren Kelly, Matthew Porter, Catherine Francis, Noreen Jones, Andrew Wheeler, Maureen Grace Brady, Daniel Coyle, Christopher Sheasby, Michael Hemmings, Gerry Skillen, Patrick McGuigan, Janet Conway 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 December (both must be attended) in church.

HOLY HOUR AT ST. ANTHONY'S will take place on Wednesday 8th December, The Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, from 2.30 to 3.30pm.

CHRISTMAS DRAW RAFFLE TICKETS

This is the final week for buying and selling raffle tickets for the parish Christmas Raffle 2021. Please return any ticket stubs and payments by Saturday 11th December so they can be folded, ready to be drawn on Sunday 12th December- there are still books available for anybody who is able to buy or sell any more. Thank you very much to everyone who has being able to support the raffle in any way.

Advent Walk With Me Booklets and Calendars are available at the back of church. A donation of £1.00 is encouraged.

Advent Edition of The Sower Magazine is available at the back of Church- please help yourself to a copy.

Church Rotas- Week Beginning 5.12.21:

St. Anne's:

Counters: Chris and Marta

Cleaners: Lily, Linda and Betty

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

Sanctuary Lamp: Monica Tyrrell

Our Lady's Lamp: Parishioners

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: £305.69
SS. John & Anthony's: no counting this week.
There will be a second collection this weekend for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.

Bonus Ball Winner: No.9 – Marie Evans.

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.

Tea Dance

The Christmas Tea Dance will take place on Wednesday 15th December. We look forward to seeing all those who can me

HEADTEACHER VACANCIES

There are currently Headteacher vacancies in two of the schools in Our Lady and All Saints MAC: St. Wilfred's, Castle Bromwich and Our Lady's, Tile Cross. The vacancies are from April 2022 and all information can be found at: [Current Vacancies | Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC \(olaas.co.uk\)](http://olaas.co.uk).

Message from Bishop Challoner Training School Alliance

Bishop Challoner TSA is working in partnership with CEFEL and the Catholic Education Service to deliver National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) for teachers.

We are also offering a new NPQ in Leading Behaviour and Culture. NPQs are currently fully funded for all state maintained schools.

Apply here:

<https://www.cefel.org.uk/npq/>

Applications close on 17th January 2022 for programmes starting February 2022.

Communion Reflection

By now winter has stripped the trees of their leaves. How poor and bare they look. All their flaws are plain to be seen.

Yet it is only when a tree has thus been stripped that we can see and appreciate its true shape. Nothing can hide in it. The sunlight pours through it. And how lovely it is to be able to look through its skeletal branches to the blue sky beyond.

It is the same with ourselves. When we have been stripped of all inessentials, of all the flimsy things we used to hide our nakedness, then all our warts and wounds appear. At the same time, it is only when all that is unimportant has been taken away that our true worth is revealed.

Christ comes to strip us of all that is useless, to expose our wounds so that he can heal them, and to reveal to us our true dignity as sons and daughters of the Father.

Thus God's light can pour into the world, and we are able to look through it to the world beyond-the world of the eternal.