

PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY

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

9th May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

Sat 8th May: 4.30pm. St. Anthony's Mass- Cora Gorman

6.30pm. St. Anne's Mass- Tommy & Elizabeth McKearney

Sun 9th May: 11.00am. St. Anne's Mass- St. Anne's Mass- Elizabeth Farrell

Mon 10th May: No Mass

Tues 11th May: 9.15am. St Anne's Mass- Denis Kennedy

Weds 12th May: 9.30am- St. Anne's Confirmation (for Confirmation children and guests only owing to Covid restrictions).

Thurs 13th May: **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

9.15am. St. Anne's Mass- Kevin Woods

Fri 14th May: **FEAST OF ST MATTHIAS**

9.30am- St. Anne's Confirmation (for Confirmation children and guests only owing to Covid restrictions).

Mass will also be said in private during the week for the intentions of:

Mon 10th- Phil and Roy Kendrick.

Next Weekend 16th May: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

Sat 15th May: 4.30pm. St. Anthony's Mass- Kevin Woods

6.30pm. St. Anne's Mass- Eddie Haden

Sun 16th May: 9.00am First Holy Communion (for children and guests only owing to Covid restrictions).

11.00am. St. Anne's Mass- Pat Gallagher

Deaths:

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Mary McGrath, Edna Clinton, Brendan Owens, Harry Byrne, Mary Tustin, Ann Hawkins and the souls of all the recently deceased.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

Please note: In accordance with Government guidance there are restrictions to numbers allowed to attend funerals in church, at the graveside and the crematorium.

TRACK & TRACE. If attending Church, please bring on a slip of paper your name and telephone number. This is for every time you attend. Papers will be destroyed after 21 days. Alternatively, the NHS QR code is available for scanning for all those who have the NHS Track and Trace App.

Many thanks for your continued support in adhering to the Covid regulations and ensuring we all stay as safe as possible.

Sanctuary Lamp: Confirmation Children

Our Lady's Lamp: First Holy Communion Children

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.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL: Please inform the hospital Chaplain (Fr Roger Raven-0121 424 1369) and the parish priest.

Finance: St. Anne's: £320.86
SS. John & Anthony's: No counting this week

Bonus Ball: No. 14. Winner: Barbara Bryan.

St Anne's School: First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Please pray for the children of year 6 who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and the children of year 4 who will be making their First Holy Communion over the coming weeks. We ask God to bless and protect them and their families and shine His guiding light upon them.

Church Envelopes

You may have noticed that this year's special collection envelopes have changed; they are now the same colour as the weekly envelopes. Apart from the difference in name the weekly envelopes have a picture of a crucifix printed on them. The special collection envelopes do not have this but they do have a small circular pattern in the top right hand corner.

ST. ANNE'S - CHURCH COUNTING

Thank you very much to all those who have volunteered to support with the counting. We now have 4 teams of 2 people. If anybody else would like to volunteer please contact Eric Richards, the Gift Aid coordinator on 07752384476 or email ericrichards31@icloud.com -you will be most welcome to join a team.

Reflection

Today's gospel reading records some of Jesus' last words to His closest followers before the crucifixion.

His primary message is 'love one another'. Love is more than a feeling. It is self-giving and active. When Jesus calls us to love one another in the Church, He is giving us a high calling that is not easy. How can we do this? Well, we can't on our own. It is only the love of God working in us that makes it possible for us to truly love.

Jesus said, "Remain in my love." This is the key. We must be full of Jesus' love to have any love to give to others. How do we remain in His love? By keeping His commandments.

We manifest God's love best when we are in right relationship with God. Sin (i.e. breaking the commandments) separates us from God and can prevent, by our own choice, the love of God from effectively working in and through us. But when we obey God's commandments and align our wills with His will, then we can truly love one another.

When we let God's love fill us and spill out into others, then it is amazing what God can do through us. The reality is that it is hard to love as God calls us to, but with God all things are possible.

Jesus died out of perfect love for us and because of His death we can have life in Him that brings life to others. Let us, therefore, receive the love of God and then selflessly share that love with others.