

## **PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY**

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

### **11<sup>th</sup> April: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)**

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> April: 4.30pm. St. Anthony's Mass- Mary Jones

6.30pm. St. Anne's Mass- Patrick Keogh

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> April: 11.00am. St. Anne's Mass- Dianne Rodgers

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Apr: No Mass

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Apr: 9.15am. St Anne's Mass- Holy Souls

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Apr: No Mass

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Apr: 9.15am. St. Anne's Mass- Stuart Hill

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Apr: No Mass

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

Mon 12<sup>th</sup>- Paul McNamara, Weds 14<sup>th</sup>- Novena Mass, Friday 16<sup>th</sup>- Parishioners.

### **Next Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> April: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)**

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> April: 4.30pm. St. Anthony's Mass- Trish O'Connell

6.30pm. St. Anne's Mass- Marie Conway

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> April: 11.00am. St. Anne's Mass- Jack and Bridie Powell

### **Deaths:**

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Jeffrey Bell, John Lutwyche and 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: Geoff Marshman

Our Lady's Lamp: Hannah Jones

### **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: £1112.53  
SS. John & Anthony's: No counting this week

**Bonus Ball:** No. 5. Winner: Jim McCorry.

**Easter Offerings:** Father Christopher thanks everybody for their very kind and generous Easter thoughts and offerings and prays that the Risen Christ will keep you all safe and bring His Light to you all.

### **Reflection**

Defending the Christians before the Emperor Hadrian, Aristides, a non-Christian, made the following statements:

*"Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows. They save orphans from those who would hurt them. If a man has something, he gives freely to the man who has nothing."*

*"If they see a stranger, Christians take him into their homes and treat him as a brother. Not that they consider themselves brothers in the usual sense, but brothers instead through the spirit, in God."*

*"And if they hear that one of them is in jail, or persecuted for professing the name of the Redeemer, they all give him what he needs. If it is possible, they bail him out."*

*"If one of them is poor and there isn't enough food to go around, they fast several days to give him the food he needs. We are dealing with a new kind of person. There is something divine in them."*

### ST ANNES - GIFT AID STANDING ORDERS

The Gift Aid envelopes for the next financial year are now available for collection in the church foyer. The Gift aid envelopes are clearly marked with the donor's name and number. There are also a number of boxes marked 'Non Gad', for those Parishioners who are not part of the scheme but prefer to use an envelope. Please ensure that you take the correct box.

Have you considered that rather than continuing to use the envelopes you could set up a STANDING ORDER? This is a simple process and does not affect either your security or privacy. This would mean that the church would receive a regular weekly or monthly donation and it would also reduce the amount of cash to be counted and transported to the bank.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE'S GENEROUS WEEKLY OFFERINGS AND IF POSSIBLE, WE WOULD REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE UP THE OPTION OF PAYING BY STANDING ORDER. THIS WEEK THE BANK WOULDN'T TAKE ANY COINS AS THEIR COUNTING MACHINE WAS BROKEN SO A RETURN JOURNEY TO ACOCKS GREEN WILL HAVE TO BE MADE (THIS HAS HAPPENED ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS TOO). THERE IS ALSO A HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERN WHEN ONE PERSON IS BANKING THE MONEY AND CARRYING SO MUCH CASH. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ERIC TO SET UP A STANDING ORDER- IT REALLY IS VERY SIMPLE TO DO AND ONCE SET UP YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT FINDING CASH FOR YOUR ENVELOPES EVERY WEEK. MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE IF YOU CAN SUPPORT BY USING THIS METHOD OF PLANNED GIVING.

### ST. ANNE'S - CHURCH COUNTING

We are in desperate need of volunteers to form Church Counting teams. We should have 4 teams each made up of 2/3 people. For the last few years we have had only 3 teams totaling 7 people. These people have a combined age in excess of 500 and have all done the job for about the last 20 years. It is really time for the next generation to come forward.

It is not a difficult job; if we have 4 teams it would only take about 90 minutes of your time each month. Counting is normally done after 11 am Mass on Sundays but this is not set in stone. We can agree other times to suit the needs of the teams.

Because of Covid restrictions all the counting for the last year has been completed by Stuart and Sue (who are not even part of a counting team)- I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them.

If you wish to switch to a Standing Order or join a counting team please contact Eric Richards, the Gift Aid coordinator on 07752384476 or email [ericrichards31@icloud.com](mailto:ericrichards31@icloud.com).