

PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY

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

4th April: EASTER SUNDAY (Year B)

Sat 3rd April: **8.00pm. St. Anne's Easter Vigil Mass** (First Mass of Easter)- Kevin Woods.

Sun 4th April: 11.00am. St. Anne's Mass- Katie, James and Jay Tumelty.

Mon 5th Apr: No Mass

Tues 6th Apr: 9.15am. St Anne's Mass- Martin Kelly

Weds 7th Apr: No Mass

Thurs 8th Apr: 9.15am. St. Anne's Mass- Mary O'Mahony

Fri 9th Apr: No Mass

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

Mon 5th- Bernadette Cope, Weds 7th- Linda Smith, Friday 9th- Parishioners.

Next Weekend 11th April: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY (Year B)

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

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

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

Deaths:

Please pray for the happy repose of 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: Jeannie Keohane

Our Lady's Lamp: Stuart Hill

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

Bonus Ball: No. 29. Winner: Terry Lavell.

EASTER MASSES: Owing to ongoing Covid 19 church restrictions, all Easter services are limited to 70 people attending. Therefore, entrance to the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday morning Mass has to be by ticket only, and these have now all being allocated. We appreciate your support in not attending if you do not have a ticket as entry cannot be allowed without one.

Lily's Tea Parlour

Thank you very much for all the food donations to date. Please continue to donate by placing in-date food and toiletries in the box situated in the church porch.

HOWEVER PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ANY CLOTHING OR BRIC-A-BRAC.

Lily's is open Monday to Saturday 12 pm to 2 pm for donations and for anyone needing a gifted food parcel. Solihull Round Table are on standby to deliver food parcels to those vulnerable and in isolation. Lily's freephone number is 0800 710 1167. Thank you very much for your support.

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.

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.

Reflection

The story of the life of Jesus, the Son of God, does not end with his passion and death; if it did then Jesus would have been simply another good man, a prophet perhaps, but nothing else. As Paul reflects with the Philippians (2:6-11), God raised Jesus to new life, glorifying him and God at the same time. Thus Jesus become the Christ, the anointed one, the instrument of our salvation.

Easter Sunday brings to a glorious conclusion the season of Lent, Holy week and the Easter Triduum. Christ has indeed risen, as can be witnessed by the empty tomb and by the experience of the apostles who ate and drank with him after the resurrection. In the gospel reading, John insists that the empty tomb is not a hallucination. He carefully observes the setting, noting that the linen cloths that had held the lifeless body of Jesus, were on the ground, they were no longer necessary. Moreover, the cloth that had covered Jesus' face was neatly rolled up and placed in a separate place. This was not a hurried job, the body of Jesus had certainly not been stolen. This is the work of God!

Paul reminds us that through our Baptism, we too already share in the new life of Jesus because we have been baptised in Christ. To be baptised is to be totally immersed. We have been totally immersed into Christ's death and resurrection and given a new life in him. We now have to wait for the time when we too will enjoy the same glory into which Jesus has gained new life.

Easter Blessings

Father Christi and Deacon Stuart assure all parishioners of their prayers for a blessed and joyous Easter-tide.

We know that the past year has been very hard for everyone, and you are all especially remembered during this Easter Season.

We pray for all those who have been impacted physically, mentally or spiritually by the COVID pandemic over the past year; for fortitude and courage for those on the front line, working with the sick and dying, and for wisdom and inspiration for those making vital decisions about our lives.

May the Risen Christ keep you all safe and bring His Light to you all and may all the faithful departed be rewarded with eternal life in God's Heavenly Kingdom.