

PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY

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

21st March: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)

Sat 20th Mar: 4.30pm. St. Anthony's Mass- Lilian Mulraine & all the faithful departed of Nunhead Parish

6.30pm. St. Anne's Mass- Patricia Kelly R.I.P.

Sun 21st Mar: 11.00am. St. Anne's Mass- Martin Kelly

Mon 22nd Mar: No Mass.

Tues 23rd Mar: 9.15am. St Anne's Mass- Alice Hogan and family R.I.P.

Weds 24th Mar: No Mass

Thurs 25th Mar: **SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

9.15am. St Anne's Mass- Patrick Murphy R.I.P. (Anniversary)

Fri 26th Mar: No Mass

Next Weekend 21st March: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Year B)

Sat 27th Mar: 4.30pm. St. Anthony's Mass- Ellen (Nelly) O'Donovan R.I.P. (4th Anniversary)

6.30pm. St. Anne's Mass- Mary Mahoney R.I.P.

Sun 28th Mar: 11.00am. St. Anne's Mass- Mary Pawsey R.I.P.

Father Christopher

We welcome back Father Christopher and wish him good health and happiness as he returns to his ministry at St. Anne's.

A message from Father Kevin

Fr Kevin writes " I would like to thank you for your kindness and support during my time at St Anne's and St Anthony's parish. I am also grateful for the cards and gifts given to me. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions. I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter".

Deaths:

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Maureen O'Gorman who passed away on the 25th Feb 2021. Maureen was a parishioner of St Anne and St Patrick's Parish for over 40 years and Mr O'Gorman was caretaker of St Patrick's school for 40 years. Mr and Mrs O'Gorman spent several years preparing St Patrick's school hall every weekend for Mass prior to the church of St Anne being built. May her soul 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: Private intention

Our Lady's Lamp: Thanksgiving for favours received.

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: £721.46 CAFOD: £84.50
SS. John & Anthony's: £299.32 + £170.00 donation from Bonus Ball.

Bonus Ball: No. 20. Winner: Marion Woods.

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS: Please note new email address as printed on the top of the newsletter.

Message from Archbishop Bernard:

The Prime Minister has asked for a National Day of Reflection on the first anniversary of the first lockdown this coming Tuesday, 23rd March. The President and Vice President of the Bishops' Conference have developed this theme, asking all Catholics to hold this day not only as one of Reflection but of Prayer, with an encouragement for all our people to pay a visit to churches and pray for the many needs, hopes and sorrows that have emerged over the last year.

You will receive a copy of the statement from the presidency of the Bishop's Conference with this week's bulletin.

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.

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.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy;

hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;

to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us;

and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Reflection

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by the heavenly Father. That grain must die if it is to produce a harvest. This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in very ordinary ways.

Every act of kindness involves dying to meanness. Every act of love involves dying to selfishness. Every act of humility involves dying to pride. Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice. Every act of forgiveness involves dying to bitterness.

When a person's life is producing a rich harvest of such acts, it means that the grain of wheat has well and truly died. The false self is dying, and the true self, made in God's image, is slowly being born.

It is the true self alone that will inherit eternal life for there is no place for what is false in the presence of God. It would melt like snow before the Sun.