

PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY

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

14th March: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)

Sat 13th Mar: 4.30pm. St. Anthony's Mass- Pauline Flynn R.I.P.

6.30pm. St. Anne's Mass- Welfare of Janet Conway

Sun 14th Mar: 11.00am. St. Anne's Mass- Fr Christopher Fitzpatrick

Mon 15th Mar: No Mass.

Tues 16th Mar: 9.15am. St Anne's Mass- Katie Tumelty R.I.P.

Weds 17th Mar: **FEAST OF ST PATRICK**

9.15am. St Anne's Mass- Holy Souls

Thurs 18th Mar: **COMMEMORATION OF ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM**

9.15am. St Anne's Mass- Deceased family of Issac Smith

Fri 19th Mar: **SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH**

No Mass

Next Weekend 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- Patrick Murphy R.I.P. (Anniversary)

PARISH UPDATE

Fr Kevin will be leaving St Anne's after the 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 16th March. Fr Christopher will celebrate Mass for St. Patrick on Wednesday 17th March at 9.15am and will be resident in the parish.

Deaths:

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Linda Smith. Linda's funeral service will take place on Monday 29th March at 10.00am at St Anne's, followed by burial at Robin Hood Cemetery at 12.15pm. 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: Thanksgiving for the priesthood

Our Lady's Lamp: Mary O'Mahony

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

THANK YOU: A massive thank you to Finley from St. Anne's school, for his wonderful generosity in donating £255.00 to Church from fund raising he has done during Lent. Thank you very much also to all the people who supported Finley's fundraising by participating in the raffles that he organised, with the support of his parents.

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

Bonus Ball:

No 15. Winner: Bernie Clifford

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

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To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email.

Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news

ST ANNES - GIFT AID DIRECT DEBITS

The Gift Aid envelopes for the next financial year will be available for collection shortly.

Have you considered that rather than continuing to use the envelopes you could set up a Direct Debit? 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 Direct Debit 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

In Christ there is no trace of darkness. He is always in the light and his light shows up the darkness in us.

His truth shows up our lies. His integrity shows up our falseness. His generosity shows up our selfishness. His peace shows up our conflicts. His openness to others shows how closed we are. Therefore, we should not be surprised if we sometimes feel uncomfortable in his presence.

We do not always follow his light. We follow other lights- mere flares in the night or candles in the wind. When these lights go out the darkness is greater than if they had never shone.

Christ, radiant light of the world, Messenger of the Father's love, guide our steps in the way of truth. Lead us through the gloom of this world until the Father's eternal light shines upon us.