

PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY

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10th January 2021: FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sat 9th Jan: 4.30pm. St. Anthony's Mass- Semens and Queenan Families

6.30pm. St. Anne's Mass- Colette Hickey R.I.P.

Sun 10th Jan: 11.00 am. St. Anne's Mass- Sheila Grocot

Mon 11th Jan: No Mass.

Tues 12th Jan: 9.15am St Anne's Mass- Bernadette Cope and Family

Weds 13th Jan: No Mass

Thurs 14th Jan: 9.15am St Anne's Mass- Ron Bullivant R.I.P.

Fri 15th Jan: No Mass

Next Weekend 17th January: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 16th Jan: 4.30pm. St. Anthony's Mass- Geraldine Fitzgerald and Family

6.30pm. St. Anne's Mass- Bernard Gunn R.I.P.

Sun 17th Jan: 11.00 am. St. Anne's Mass- Florence Rowley and Family

Sanctuary Lamp: Hannah Flanagan

Our Lady's Lamp: Private Intention

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.

MESSAGES OF THANKS

I would like to thank those parishioners who gave me cards and gifts for Christmas. I am very grateful for your kindness and generosity. I have offered Mass for your intentions. With many thanks and blessings for this new year. Fr Kevin Stokes.

Further Thanks

Fr Christi would like to thank everyone for all the Christmas offerings he received and Stuart and Sue extend their sincere thanks to everyone for all their beautiful cards and gifts.

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

Covid 19- Church Regulations

It is essential that we follow church guidance to ensure we are Covid secure. Please adhere to the following requirements at all times:

- Wear a mask
- Sit at least 1 metre apart
- Sanitise hands on entry to, and exit from, church
- No congregating in the church porch
- Follow the signs and listen to the stewards' guidance
- Keep mask on when going to Communion
- Proceed to Communion in single file, remaining 2 metres apart in accordance with markings
- Parishioners sitting on the far sides must not walk through the centre benches or straight to the front for Communion. They should go to the back of church and walk down the centre aisle
- Communion to be received by hand only
- No congregating after Mass inside or outside church
- Use the side doors to exit

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

Complaint

A complaint was made by somebody to Solihull Council about one of the Christmas Eve Masses at St. Anne's in respect of compliance to Covid regulations. The council contacted the parish and discussed the procedures in place. They were reassured that the church is Covid secure and all necessary measures are being taken.

Finance: St. Anne's: £665.65

SS. John & Anthony's; £604.92 (Bonus Ball donation £170.00)

Bonus Ball Winners:

19th December Number 23 Grace Jackson

26th December Number 6 Maureen Ellis

2nd January Number 37 Debbie Nash

GOING INTO HOSPITAL: Please inform the hospital Chaplain and the parish priest

Deaths:

Please pray for the happy repose of the Souls of all the recently departed. May they all enjoy God's Kingdom.

Please note: In accordance with Government guidance there will be restrictions to numbers allowed to attend funerals (in church and at the graveside).

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

Today's Gospel shows us one of the most decisive turning points in the life of Christ- his Baptism by John in the Jordan.

For close on thirty years Jesus had lived at Nazareth, subject of Mary and Joseph.

During most of those years he had lived in the comparatively quiet and secure life of a village carpenter. But all the while he had been hearing an inner voice calling him to something more important. All the time the Father's hand was laid upon him and he was being gently guided towards his real work. He was just waiting for a sign.

Suddenly the sign was there. His cousin John was baptising people in preparation for the coming of someone he said was far greater than himself. Jesus made a fundamental decision. He left his old life behind and opted for a new one- that of teacher, preacher, and healer to his brothers and sisters.

He knew that the hand of the Father was in his choice. That is the meaning of the voice: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." He made a fundamental decision to serve his brothers and sisters, God's children- all of them, but especially the poor. From that moment on his life would never be the same. Nor would he be the same. Suddenly he blossomed (we are using very human terms). He found himself and his real vocation. His love for God and his fellow man, which had been simmering for years, now boiled over. All his hidden qualities of care and love, which had been growing quietly like wheat in a field, now matured and manifested themselves. There was no going back to the old life.