

PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY

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

13th December: Third Sunday of Advent: YEAR B

Sat 12th Dec: 4.30pm. St. Anthony's Mass- Jim Bryan

6.30pm. St. Anne's Mass- Father Stan R.I.P.

Sun 13th Dec: 11.00 am. St. Anne's Mass- Father Christopher

Mon. 14th Dec: No Mass- **Memorial of St John of the Cross**

Tues. 15th Dec: 9.15am Mass- Charles Swift

Weds. 16th Dec: No Mass

Thurs. 17th Dec: 9.15am Mass- Private Intention

Fri. 18th Dec: No Mass

Next Weekend 20th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat 19th Dec: 4.30pm. St. Anthony's Mass- Bernadette Hope

6.30pm. St. Anne's Mass- Private intention

Sun 20th Dec: 11.00 am. St. Anne's Mass- Private intention

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

Sanctuary Lamp: Archbishop Bernard

Our Lady's Lamp: Private intention

Finance: St. Anne's; No counting at present

SS. John & Anthony's; No counting at present

Bonus Ball: Winner this week No. 18: P J O'Brian.

There will be a £50 pay out each week during December for the bonus ball winner.

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.

Christmas Masses

We are delighted that, under the new government guidance to be implemented from 2nd December, church services are allowed to resume. However Mass numbers will still have to be restricted, and therefore it will be necessary for admittance to Christmas Masses to be by ticket only. If you wish to attend a Christmas Mass please see Stuart, Sue or Bernadette after any parish Mass. There will be five Christmas Masses to accommodate as many parishioners as possible but please get your tickets as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL THE TICKETS FOR THE 6.30PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE HAVE NOW BEEN TAKEN.

Christmas Mass times are:

THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER- CHRISTMAS EVE:

St. Anthony's: 4.30pm

St. Anne's (Children's Mass): 6.30pm

St. Anne's: 9.00pm

FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER- CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Anne's: 9am

St. Anne's: 11 am

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 only 30 people are allowed to attend funerals (in church and at the graveside).

Reflection

For many people in the world today Christ has become a very dim and distant figure. The words of today's gospel are literally true: "There stands one among you whom you know not". Christ has come into our world. And what's more, he remains with us as he promised. But he still needs witnesses, people who can effectively make him present to other people. No witness reaches our contemporaries more persuasively than the witness of those who do what Jesus did and who live as he lived.

If Christ is the light of my life then naturally I will let that light shine, simply by the way I live. But how can I witness to the light if I live by values that do not even remotely resemble those of the Gospel? Without the witness of Christians the face of Christ, already blurred, will continue to fade from our world. He will continue to stand among us, unknown and unrecognized. And hearts will remain broken, and people will remain imprisoned in darkness, and the good news will not be preached to the poor.

There will be no Baptismal meeting in January. Therefore, the next Baptismal preparation will be: 10.30am Saturday 6th February 2021.

St. Anthony's School Nursery:

Applying for a Nursery school place for September 2021: If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you can apply for 30 hours free Nursery education in a Solihull school starting in September 2021.

The application process has now changed and individual schools are running their own Nursery application process.

Information regarding applications can be found on our website at www.st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk/Parents/Admissions/alternatively they can be obtained from the School Office on 0121 770 3168 or office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk.

Applications can be submitted by email or in person by completing the relevant forms prior to the deadline.

Please ensure that you apply before the closing date which is 18th December 2020. Offer day is 31st January 2021

St. Anne's School Nursery:

Applying for a Nursery school place for September 2021: If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you can apply for 30 hours free Nursery education in a Solihull school starting in September 2021. These applications are now made directly to schools and not via Admissions. St. Anne's application forms are now available. To request one, please send your child's name, date of birth and your name to: parentmail@st-annes.solihull.sch.uk and we will email you an application form.

Kindly note the closing date for receipt of Nursery 2021 applications is Friday 18th December 2020. All applications and Catholic Baptism certificates must be received in the school office by Friday 18th December 2020. You will be advised of the outcome of your application by email on Friday 29th January 2021.

If you need to arrange a Baptism please contact the Parish ASAP. Due to current restrictions, only one baptism can take place each week and many dates have already been taken. Thank you.