

## **PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY**

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

### **29<sup>th</sup> November: First Sunday of Advent**

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Nov: No Mass

Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Nov: No Mass

Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov: No Mass

Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: 9.00-10.00am church open for private prayer

Weds. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec: No Mass

Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: 9.15am Communion Service

Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: No Mass

### **Next Weekend 6<sup>th</sup> December: Second Sunday of Advent**

(Sat) 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: 4.30pm. St. Anthony's Mass- Claire Hanrahan

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

(Sun) 6<sup>th</sup> Dec: 11.00 am. St. Anne's Mass- Joseph and Elizabeth Hand and Family

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

**Sanctuary Lamp: Delia Lyons**

**Our Lady's Lamp: Eve O'Connor**

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

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

Bonus Ball, this week No. 47 Pat McNamara

**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.**

**Baptism Preparation: 10.30am Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020 in St. Anne's Church.**

## **Christmas Masses**

We are delighted that, under the new government guidance to be implemented from 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 or Sue 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.

Christmas Mass times are:

### **THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER- CHRISTMAS EVE:**

St. Anthony's: 4.30pm

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

St. Anne's: 9.00pm

### **FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER- CHRISTMAS DAY**

St. Anne's 9am

St. Anne's 11 am

### **Deaths:**

*Please pray for the happy repose of the Soul of Teresa Mary Ball and 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).**

### **St. Anne's School Nursery:**

**Applying for a Nursery school place for September 2021:** If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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.soliull.sch.uk](mailto:parentmail@st-annes.soliull.sch.uk) and we will email you an application form.

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

## **Reflection**

### **ADVENT: A TIME OF HOPE**

It is said that while there is life there is hope. This has even a deeper meaning in reverse: while there is hope there is life. Hope comes first, life follows on. Hope gives power to life, for hope is strength. The amount of energy in the world is equal to the amount of hope in it.

Hope sheds light into millions of despairing hearts. It is the miracle medicine of the mind. It inspires the will to live. It is the doctor's most powerful ally. It is a shield against defeat and failure. It never sounds the retreat. It revives ideals and renews dreams. As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible.

Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ. Lord, in the final analysis, you are our only hope.