

PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY

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

20th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent: YEAR B

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

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

Sun 20th Dec: 11.00 am. St. Anne's Mass- Jan and John Ireson

Mon 21st Dec: No Mass.

Tues 22nd Dec: 9.15am St Anne's Mass- Dan and Joan Doyle

Weds 23rd Dec: 9.15am St Anne's Mass- Mary Quinn R.I.P.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER- CHRISTMAS EVE:

St. Anthony's: 4.30pm- People of the Parish

St. Anne's: 6.30pm- People of the Parish

St. Anne's: 9.00pm- Katie Tumelty

FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER- CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Anne's: 9am- Private Intention

St. Anne's: 11 am- Ena O'Sullivan R.I.P.

Saturday 26th Dec: **FEAST OF ST STEPHEN.**

11.00am St. Anne's Mass- Mary Rea.

Next Weekend 27th December: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sat 26th Dec: 4.30pm. St. Anthony's Mass- Holy Souls

6.30pm. St. Anne's Mass- James Tumelty

Sun 27th Dec: 11.00 am. St. Anne's Mass- Kathleen Jepson

Mon 28th Dec: **FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS.** No Mass.

Tues 29th Dec: **FEAST OF ST THOMAS BECKETT.**

9.15am St Anne's Mass- Canon Gerald Breen (1st anniversary).

Weds 30th Dec: No Mass

Thurs 31st Dec: No Mass

Fri 1st Jan 2021: **SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD.**

11.00am. St Anne's Mass- Stuart and Sue Hill.

Weekend 3rd January 2021: Second Sunday of Christmas

Sat 2nd Jan: 4.30pm. St. Anthony's Mass- Private Intention

6.30pm. St. Anne's Mass- Jay Tumelty

Sun 3rd Jan: 11.00 am. St. Anne's Mass- Leah Sheldon R.I.P.

Mon 4th Jan: No Mass.

Tues 5th Jan: 9.15am St Anne's Mass- Anne and Edmund Smitheram

Weds 6th Jan: **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.**

10.00am St. Anne's Mass- Dinah Gardiner and family.

Thurs 7th Jan: No Mass

Fri 8th Jan: No Mass

Sanctuary and Our Lady's Lamps

19th Dec: Sanctuary Lamp- People of the Parish

19th Dec: Our Lady's Lamp- People of the Parish

26th Dec: Sanctuary Lamp- Key Workers

26th Dec: Our Lady's Lamp- NHS Workers

2nd Jan: Sanctuary Lamp- Father Christopher

2nd Jan: Our Lady's Lamp- Monica Tyrell and Family

Ticket Availability for Christmas Masses:

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL THE TICKETS FOR THE 4.30PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT ST ANTHONY'S AND THE 6.30PM MASS AT ST. ANNE'S HAVE ALL BEEN TAKEN.

There are still tickets available for the 9.00pm Mass at St. Anne's on Christmas Eve and the 9.00am and 11.00am on Christmas morning. If you would like tickets please ask at any Mass or give Father a call.

CRIB DONATIONS

Crib donations this year will be given to 'The Little Sisters of the Poor' in Birmingham.

Message of Thanks

Sisters Teresa and Maureen wish to thank parishioners for their Christmas greetings and wish you, each and all, the blessings of God's coming down to us at Christmas. Holy Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

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

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

Finance: St. Anne's: £1026.65

Second Collections: Poor Parishes £126.99, Catholic Youth Services £47.50.

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

Bonus Ball: Winner this week No. 59: Sandra Kimberley.

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

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).

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

Reflection

The First Crib

The appearance of the crib in our churches is a sure sign that Christmas is at the doorstep. St Francis of Assisi assembled the first crib in a cave on an Italian hillside in 1223. His aim was to make the Christmas story come alive for the shepherds and farmers of the locality. On Christmas Eve the friars and the people assembled with candles and torches to illuminate the night. Then Francis arrived and was very happy when he saw the preparations they had made.

The crib was put in place. The hay was brought in. the ox and the donkey were led forward. The woods rang with their prayers. The rocks echoed with their hymns.

Francis spoke to them about God's Son coming among us to help us to realise our splendid dignity as sons and daughters of the same Father.

At the end of the vigil they all returned to their homes, full of peace and joy, feeling very close to God and to one another.

St. Anne's School Nursery:

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL NURSERY-Applications are now open for Nursery places at St Anne's School for entry in September 2021. The nursery is a wonderful provision for children to join in the September after their 3rd birthday (2021 entry would be for children born Sept 2017 – August 2018). Nursery is Monday to Friday 8.45 – 11.45.

We also offer additional care from 8 – 6pm each day for nursery children including 30 hours a week funded provision. [St. Anne's has a fantastic reputation in the community.](#)

Applications are made directly to the school. Application forms and more information can be found on the school website or alternatively contact the school office 0121 779 8060 for further information.

Reception Places for 2021

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 start full-time school in September 2021. This first year is called 'Reception'. Please ensure you apply on-line via your local council before the closing date which is Friday 15th January 2021. Offer date is 16th April 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.

Father Christopher, Father Kevin and Deacon Stuart wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and many blessings for the New Year.

