

PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY

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2ND OCTOBER 2022: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat 1st Oct: 4.30pm: St Anthony's Mass- Paul Orton

6.30pm: St Anne's Mass- Claire Hanrahan

Sun 2nd Oct: 11.00am: St Anne's Mass- Jackie Harrison

Mon 3rd Oct: No Mass

Tues 4th Oct: **MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

10.30am: St Anthony's- Requiem Mass for Dorothy Colston
R.I.P.

4.00pm: St Anne's- Reception into church of Patrick Joseph
Sherlock R.I.P.

Weds 5th Oct: 12.30pm: St Anne's- Requiem Mass for Patrick Joseph
Sherlock R.I.P.

Thurs 6th Oct: 9.15am: St Anne's Mass- Thyra Thomas

Fri 7th Oct: **MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**
No Mass

9TH OCTOBER 2022: 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat 8th Oct: 4.30pm: St Anthony's Mass- Nell Dunn McGrath

6.30pm: St Anne's Mass- Bervit Keane

Sun 9th Oct: 11.00am: St Anne's Mass- John Ireson

Confessions

There will be confessions each Saturday as follows:

St Anthony's: 4.00-4.20pm

St Anne's: Immediately after 6.30pm Mass

Deaths: Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Jackie O'Neill, Patrick Joseph Sherlock, Henry Rea, Fr Paul Devaney, Dorothy Colston, Christine Geoghegan, Edwina Wells- Richardson, Chris Kelly, Paul Orton,

Dean Wilkins, Martin and Gwen Murray, Janet Newman, Paddy Cleary, Stephen Richardson, Thomas Murphy, Brenda Hewitt, and the souls of all the recently deceased. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

Baptismal Talks

Baptismal talks for parents who want their children baptised in the near future will take place at 10.30am on Saturday mornings 1st and 8th October 2022 (both must be attended) in church.

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.

Sanctuary Lamp: Parishioners

Our Lady's Lamp: Catholic Schools

Finance: St Anne's: £582.59 (2weeks)
Catholic Communications: £117.24
Father Hudson's Society: £139.15
Ss. John & Anthony's: £157.57
Father Hudson's Society: £78.16

There will be second collection net weekend for CAFOD Harvest Fast.
Thank you for your generosity to all collections.

Bonus Ball Winner:

24th Sept: No. 51- Sr Maureen

Church Rotas- Week Beginning 2.10.22

St. Anne's:

Cleaning: Lynne, Anne and Kath

Counting: Margaret and Kathy

BAZAAR GRAND DRAW RAFFLE TICKETS

The raffle tickets for the Bazaar Grand Draw have now arrived and are available at the back of church. Please take as many books as you can sell and if possible ask friends and family to sell some as well. Thank you.

BAZAAR LETTER REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

There is a letter at the back of church requesting support from local businesses in terms of gift/ prize contributions for the Parish Bazaar. We need as many parishioners as possible please to help with this by taking some letters to shops/ businesses you may know well, or even not so well but who you think could be a good help. Many thanks for all your help and support.

PRE-BAZAAR RAFFLE

The pre-bazaar raffle will continue after Mass this weekend and next. Funds raised from the raffle will be used to buy prizes and gifts for the tombola and Father Christmas, so please support as best as you can; tickets will be £1 per strip. The prizes have grown and will now be a chocolate hamper, a bottle of whisky and a box of shortbread! Many thanks for your continued support.

NEW ITEMS FOR BAZAAR PRIZES

In addition to the raffle we are also now collecting NEW items that could be used for prizes. If you are able to support, please bring your donations to church and leave them in the Sacristy at your earliest convenience. All donations will be really appreciated.

TEA DANCE

Many thanks to everybody who supported September's Tea Dance. £103.00 was raised for Macmillan and this was matched from tea dance funds, making a total of £206.00 to be donated to this great cause.

The next tea dance will be on Wednesday 26th October. Entrance fee is £2 and there will be the usual bingo and raffle.

Future tea dances will be on 30th November and our Christmas tea dance will be on Wednesday 14th December.

FROM THE BISHOPS STATEMENT ON SUNDAY OBLIGATION

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity- 'The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.' It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This

hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as 'the Sunday Obligation'.

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until recently, we have shared with you our judgement that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that the situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregation who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Walter Ciszek SJ spent 15 years in forced labour camps in Siberia. Through all those years he belonged to the lowest brigade doing the dirtiest work: digging foundations by hand, carving out with pick and shuffle long sewer trenches through the frozen ground, loading and unloading with bare hands the heavy construction materials, crawling in damp, dark mines, where death was always only one careless step away.

What kept him going?

He says: 'Men died in the camp, especially when they gave up hope. But I trusted in God, and so I never felt abandoned or without hope. I owe my survival to my faith in God.'

Of all the things we can give another person the greatest is trust.

Lord,

Increase our faith in you,
so that we may trust you more fully
in all the happenings of our lives,
great and small, bitter and sweet.