

PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY

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25TH SEPTEMBER 2022: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat 24th Sept: 4.30pm: St Anthony's Mass- Tommy Keane

6.30pm: St Anne's Mass- John Donnelly

Sun 25th Sept: 11.00am: St Anne's Mass- Christine Geoghegan

Mon 26th Sept: No Mass

Tues 27th Sept: **MEMORIAL OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

9.15am: St Anne's Mass- Bernadette Cope

Weds 28th Sept: No Mass

Thurs 29th Sept: **FEAST OF Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL and RAPHAEL**

9.15am: St Anne's Mass- Michael O'Sullivan

Fri 30th Sept: **MEMORIAL OF ST JEROME**

No Mass

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

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 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, Sheila Mulvey, Brenda Hewitt, Terence Perry,

Teresa Kelly, 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: People of Pakistan

Our Lady's Lamp: People of Ukraine

Finance: St Anne's: No counting this week.

Ss. John & Anthony's: £137.27

Bonus Ball donation: £170.00

Thank you for your generosity to all collections.

Bonus Ball Winner:

17th Sept: No. 15- Bernie Clifford

Church Rotas- Week Beginning 25.9.22

St. Anne's:

Cleaning: Volunteers please

Counting: Eric and Lynne

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

There will be a pre-bazaar raffle, commencing this weekend after Mass and running for three weekends in total. 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 and the prizes will be a bottle of whisky and chocolates. 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.

SEPTEMBER TEA DANCE: THIS WEDNESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER - CAKE DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE.

Wednesday's tea dance will be in aid of Macmillan nurses. Cake donations to be sold at the dance will be greatly appreciated as will your attendance to support this great cause.

Please bring your cakes on the day, or to Mass this weekend if you are unable to attend and they will stay fresh.

The amount collected from the sale of cakes will be matched by tea dance funds, thereby doubling the donation. Many thanks as always for all your kindness and support.

The tea dance entrance fee is £2 and there will be the usual bingo and raffle. Future tea dances will be on 26th October, 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

It's not easy to convert the rich.

It's like this:

The more people have, the more they have to lose.

The more they have to lose, the more fearful they become.

The more fearful they become, the more defensive they get.

The more defensive they get, the more they cut themselves off.

The more they cut themselves off, the more closed they get.

The result is that they end up with a withered heart.

And it's impossible to breathe life into a withered heart.

To close one's heart is to begin to die.

To open one's heart is to begin to live.

At the end of the day it's not what we carry in our purses or bank accounts that matters. It's what we carry in our hearts. That is where the rich man was found wanting.

Poverty of heart is the worst form of poverty.