

PARISH OF ST ANNE AND ST ANTHONY

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18TH SEPTEMBER 2022: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat 17th Sept: 4.30pm: St Anthony's Mass- Maura Cunningham

6.30pm: St Anne's Mass- Marie Conway

Sun 18th Sept: 11.00am: St Anne's Mass- Queen Elizabeth II & the Royal family

Mon 19th Sept: No Mass

Tues 20th Sept: **MEMORIAL OF Ss ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG and COMPANIONS**

9.15am: St Anne's Mass- Kathleen Melia

Weds 21st Sept: **FEAST OF ST MATTHEW**

No Mass

Thurs 22nd Sept: 9.15am: St Anne's Mass- Patrick and Ailbe Creamer

Fri 23rd Sept: **MEMORIAL OF ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA**

No Mass

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

We congratulate and welcome Finley James Francis Barrie and Noah Barazza who was baptised at St. Anne's last weekend, into the Christian family.

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, 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.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II R.I.P.

As the nation prepares for the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Monday, we remember her with love and thanks for the selfless duty she bestowed upon our nation and the commonwealth and pray that she will now enjoy eternal peace and happiness in her new heavenly home.

We also pray for King Charles III: with God's help may he have the health and strength to set an example of selfless duty, in which he has resolved faithfully to follow in his mother's footsteps.

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: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Our Lady's Lamp: Special Intention

Finance: St Anne's: £687.81 (2 weeks)
Ss. John & Anthony's: £156.20

Bonus Ball Winner:

10th Sept: No. 9- Marie Evans

Church Rotas- Week Beginning 18.9.22

St. Anne's:

Cleaning: Phil, Linda and Teresa

Counting: Steve and Izabela

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR MEETING- SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2022

Many thanks to all those who were able to attend the meeting on Tuesday and to those who were unable to attend but have offered their support in organising this year's parish Bazaar.

This will be the first Bazaar in three years and we are confident that with the help of parishioners' and the wider community, it will be a great success.

With only two months to go until the big day, there will be a pre-bazaar raffle, ran over three weekends, commencing next weekend 24th/ 25th September. 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.

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.

Many thanks in advance for everyone's support in making this year's Bazaar a great parish event and a fantastic success.

SEPTEMBER TEA DANCE- CAKE DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE.

This month's tea dance on Wednesday 28th September 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 if you are unable to attend and they will stay fresh, please bring them to Mass on the weekend of the 24th/ 25th September.

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

A man who had lived a life of selfish luxury died and went up to heaven.

An angel was sent to show him to his house. They passed many lovely mansions, and each time the rich man thought: 'This must be mine.' But not so.

They passed through the main street and arrived at the outskirts where the houses were very small. Finally, they came to a miserable hut. 'This is yours,' said the angel. 'This is my house? There must be a mistake,' the rich man exclaimed. 'No,' the angel answered, 'there is no mistake. This was the best we could do with the materials you sent up.'