



St Anne's, St John's and St Anthony's Catholic Churches

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23RD NOVEMBER 2025: SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C)

Sat 22 nd Nov	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	Late Family of Iolanda
Sun 23 rd Nov	11.00am: St Anne's Mass	John and Colette Kelleher

Mon 24 th Nov Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac	No Mass	
Tues 25 th Nov	8.00- 9.15am Adoration 9.15am: St Anne's Mass	Rosie Dawson
Weds 26 th Nov	8.45- 9.15am Church Open for Private Prayer 9.15am: St Anthony's Mass	Anna Hayes
Thurs 27 th Nov	8- 9.15am Adoration 9.15am: St Anne's Mass	Linda and Phil Hudson
Fri 28 th Nov	6.00pm: Solemn Holy Hour and Benediction 7.00pm: St Anne's Mass	People of the Parish

30TH NOVEMBER 2025: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat 29 th Nov	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	Stephen Conway
Sun 30 th Nov	11.00am: St Anne's Mass	Edward (Terry) Vincent

Confessions	Mass Today in the Sunday Missal
St Anthony: Saturdays 4.30 – 4.45 pm St Anne: Fridays 7.30pm	Readings and Prayers: Page 999 Preface: Sunday Preface II on page 473. Eucharistic Prayer: Roman Canon on page 487.

Message from Fr Sean

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of Christ the King, reminding us that all authority finds its true meaning in Christ's reign of love. In England, this feast is also observed as National Youth Sunday, a special day to pray for and encourage the young people of our parish and across the Church, that they may grow in faith, hope, and courage as witnesses to Christ in the world. During my time as parish priest, engagement, outreach and evangelisation towards young people will be a priority. The second collection today is for the diocesan youth service.

I am pleased to welcome Mr Saqib Bhatti MP to our parish Mass on Sunday 7th December at 11.00am. This is not a party-political occasion; he comes as our elected representative in Parliament. His constituency overlaps with parts of our parish — Chelmsley Wood and Kingshurst — and it is good that he joins us, so that we may share with him our faith and values as Catholics. Mr Bhatti was invited to my induction as parish priest, but was unable to attend on that occasion. He expressed his wish to come at another time, and we are glad that he will now be with us. After Mass, Mr Bhatti will be available in the parish club to meet and speak with parishioners.

Finally, let us remember that next week we begin the holy season of Advent — a time of prayerful preparation for the coming of Christ. As Advent approaches, I encourage everyone to make time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is an absolutely vital part of our spiritual life as Catholics. **A special Advent Penance Service will be held at Our Lady's, Kitts Green, on Thursday 11th December at 7pm**, with several priests from the local area available for confessions. Confessions will be available after every Friday evening mass during advent for as long as required.

The Christmas Bazaar is now close at hand. Please support it in any way you can. Details on the reverse.

November Holy Souls

Blessing of graves – The blessing of graves at Robin Hood is detailed below:

Blessing of the Graves		
Date:	Time	Cemetery
30 th Nov	2pm	Robin Hood

St Anthony and St John Discernment meeting.

Looking ahead, 2026 will mark the 60th anniversary of St Anthony's Church. This is a joyful moment for our parish family, and we will celebrate it together. It also invites us to reflect honestly on the challenges we face: declining attendance over many years, an ageing congregation, and a church building that requires a significant investment very soon. Primarily, there is a pressing need for a new roof. Although numbers have risen recently, primarily due to reductions in masses in nearby parishes, the underlying challenges are still the same. It is important we have a shared vision for the future before making any substantial decisions. To begin shaping a shared vision for the future, there will be parish meetings at St Anthony's Church, open to parishioners from both St John's and St Anthony's. **The first meeting will be on Thursday 15th January at 7pm.** These gatherings will help us discern a common vision for the future together, and how we can best use our resources towards that end.

Sick and Housebound.

If you are Sick and Housebound, or if you know someone who is, please make contact via email. We're currently trying to establish arrangements so that everyone will regularly be able to receive the holy communion home visits.

Christmas Bazaar 29th November 2025

Grand Draw Raffle Tickets – With less than a week to go until the St Anne's Christmas Bazaar, there are still raffle tickets available for the Grand Draw at the back of church. Please take as many books as you can buy or sell, and return the counterfoils and payments before the bazaar takes place next Saturday. Thank you very much and good luck!

DONATIONS: REALLY NEEDED PLEASE. In addition to the raffle, we still also need NEW items that could be used for bazaar prizes. If you are able to support, please bring your donations to church and leave them in the Sacristy at your earliest convenience. We still need lots of donations and would really appreciate any support you can give with these.

Also, any freshly made or bought cakes that can be delivered at such a time that they will be fresh for sale on Saturday, would be greatly appreciated.

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

Baptisms

To have a child age 6 or under baptised it is necessary for the **Catholic** parent to first attend two classes. Both classes will be held monthly. After attending both classes you will be able to

apply for baptism. Please let Fr Sean know of your intention to attend.

1) What is Baptism?

(Next class: **Saturday 6th December 10.30am**)

2) Responsibilities after baptism.

(Next class: **Saturday 13th December 10.30am**)

Tea Dance

Please come and join us on Wednesday 26th November 2025, 1.00 - 3.00pm in the Parish Centre. The entrance fee is £2, to help those in need in our community, and there will be the usual bingo and raffle.

Sunday Morning Refreshments

Parishioners, families and friends are warmly invited to join in the parish centre every Sunday morning after 11.00am Mass, where tea, coffee and biscuits are served. This is a opportunity to come together, socialise and get to know other members of the parish.

Mass Intentions and Votive Lamps

Intentions for Masses should be made using the envelopes in church, indicating your intention and enclosing your donation. To have a lamp for the Blessed Sacrament (Sanctuary Lamp) or for Our Lady lit for your intention please use the same envelope indicating that it is for a lamp.

Week Beginning 23.11.25:

Sanctuary Lamp: Deceased of the Parish

Our Lady's Lamp: All Holy Souls

Church Rotas - St Anne's, Week Beginning 23.11.25:

Cleaning: Lynn, Anne and Kathleen **Counting:** Phil and Linda

Collections- 16.11.25

St Anne's: £261.08 (GAD £69.20)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £81.57 (GAD £50.34)

Ss. John & Anthony's: £346.36 (GAD £117.00)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £71.57 (GAD £66.96)

Holy Souls Donations: £576.00 in total (£155 online)

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Catholic Youth Service.

Thank you for your kind generosity!

Bonus Ball Winner: 15.11.25: No. 25- Bertha Semens

Going into Hospital

Please inform the hospital Chaplain (Fr Roger Raven- 0121 424 1369) and the Parish Priest.

Deaths:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Teresa Sullivan, Patricia Powell, Christine Cox, Brendan O'Beirne, Thomas McGinley, Ernest Price, Karen Hill, Sean Keegan, Barrington Brown, Sister Therese, Marcia Irons, Lena Lynch, Michael McKinney, Jack Byrne, and the souls of all the recently deceased. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

Local Cluster Churches Sunday Mass Times			
MASS TIME	CHURCH	MASS TIME	CHURCH
5pm (Sat)	St Anthony's church, Kingshurst	10.45am (Sun)	Sacred Heart and St Teresa's church, Coleshill
5.30pm (Sat)	Sacred Heart and St Teresa's church, Coleshill	11am (Sun)	Mother of God & Guardian Angels church, Shard End
9am (Sun)	St John the Baptist church, Smiths Wood	11am (Sun)	St Anne's church, Chelmsley Wood
9.30am (Sun)	Our Lady Help of Christians church, Tile Cross	5pm (Sun)	Our Lady Help of Christians church, Tile Cross

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Philip Hudson & Linda Hudson (EMAIL: sg.stanne-chelmsleywood.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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