



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

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### 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2025: SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

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| Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov | 5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass | People of the Parish |
| Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov | 11.00am: St Anne's Mass   | Rita Hodgetts        |

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| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov<br><b>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED</b> | 12.00: St Anthony's<br>7.00pm: St Anne's Mass                            | Margaret Bealy R.I.P.<br>Paul Green R.I.P. |
| Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov<br><b>MEMORIAL OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO</b>               | 8.00- 9.15am Adoration<br>9.15am: St Anne's Mass                         | Margaret Connolly                          |
| Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                                         | 8.45- 9.15am Church Open for Private Prayer<br>9.15am: St Anthony's Mass | Bridie Hunt                                |
| Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                                        | 8- 9.15am Adoration<br>9.15am: St Anne's Mass                            | Ron Rollason                               |
| Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov                                                          | 6.00pm: Solemn Holy Hour and Benediction<br>7.00pm: St Anne's Mass       | Joe and Sally Farrell                      |

### 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025: FEAST OF THE DEDICATION THE LATERAN BASILICA

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| Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass | People of the Parish        |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 11.00am: St Anne's Mass   | Bridget and Thomas Watchorn |

| <u>Confessions</u>                                                                                          | <u>Mass Today in the Sunday Missal</u>                                                                                       |
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| <b>St Anthony:</b> Saturdays 4.30 – 4.45 pm<br><b>St Anne:</b> Fridays 6.15 – 6.30pm & Sundays 10 – 10.30am | Readings and Prayers: Page 1066.<br>Preface: Sunday Preface II on page 1069.<br>Eucharistic Prayer: Roman Canon on page 487. |

### Message from Fr Sean

There is a second collection today for the **Johnson Association**, which supports the sick and retired priests of our diocese, many of whom have given their whole lives in service to the Church and to their parish communities. This collection helps provide them with the care and support they need in their later years. Please consider giving generously. Donations for the second collection can also be made using the contactless machines by selecting "Second Collection".

Today we celebrate the Feast of **All Saints**, a joyful solemnity when we honour all the saints in heaven, known and unknown, who now share in the glory of God. It is a reminder to each of us that God is calling each and every one of us to be saints too.

Tomorrow, Monday, we keep the **Commemoration of All Souls**. There will be a special Mass at 7.00pm for the souls of the faithful departed. A particular invitation has been extended to the families of those whose funerals have taken place in our parishes over the past twelve months.

We have not been able to find contact details for some families, especially those funerals conducted before I arrived. If you know who the relatives of the following deceased individuals are, I would be most grateful if you could kindly pass the invitation on to them:

**Bernadette Carbery, Kathleen Smith, Mary O'Mahony, Anthony O'Mahoney, Cornelius Flannery, Michael McKinney, Patricia Powell.**

You may have noticed the new CCTV system installed at **St Anne's**. This is a major improvement on what was there before. In time, I hope we will be able to have periods when the church can be left open for private prayer, but it has been important first to ensure the security of the site. We have also recently finished transforming what used to be the office at St Anne's Church into a multi-functional space. It has now been cleared, decorated, and fitted with collapsible furniture and a large screen. This will allow the room to be used flexibly – for example, as an optional room for parents with toddlers during Mass (with the Mass shown live on the screen), as an office, a meeting room, or a catechetical space. A further improvement coming soon at St Anne's will be the installation of two screens in the church. These will be useful for school Masses, hymn lyrics, and any presentations or talks given in the church. I hope you can see these as positive investments in the future.

There are also major works needed at **St Anthony's Church**. Those who attend Mass there will know that the roof is badly leaking, the carpet needs replacing, and there are other significant issues too. However, before making any long-term investments, it will be important—together with St John's Church, which forms part of the parish—to discern the best way forward. Given our limited resources, we will need to make decisions carefully and in a way that reflects a clear, shared vision for the future of the parish.

At present, I am not sure that such a vision, let alone a strategy for achieving it, yet exists. It is therefore vital that we discern this together. I will be organising **meetings for the parishioners of St Anthony's and St John's** in due course so that we can discuss, pray and discern on this vision.

## **November Holy Souls**

**Masses for the Holy Souls** - Please write the names of those you would like Holy Mass to be offered for November Holy Souls Envelope and enclose your offering inside. All the envelopes received will be gathered together, and a number of Masses will be offered for all the Holy Souls collectively - one Mass for every £10 received. This way you will be able to have many Masses offered for your loved one during November and beyond. Donations can be made using contactless machine.

**All Souls' Day Masses** - A Solemn Mass for the Souls of the Faithful Departed will be offered at 7.00 pm. A simple mass will be offered at St Anthony's at midday.

**Blessing of graves** – The blessing of graves at Woodlands begins with a shorts service in the main cemetery car park, followed by the individual blessing of graves by the clergy who are present.

| Blessing of the Graves                 |      |              |
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| Date:                                  | Time | Cemetery     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov                    | 2pm  | Woodlands    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 2pm  | Widney Manor |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov                   | 2pm  | Robin Hood   |

## **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 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Grand Draw Raffle Tickets** - Raffle tickets for the Bazaar Grand Draw are now 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 very much.

**Parish Bazaar Raffle** - A pre-bazaar raffle will run over three weekends, commencing the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 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, a 'goody' hamper and chocolates.

**Donations** - In addition to the raffle, we are also now collecting 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. All donations will be sincerely appreciated.

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

## **Chant Day – 15th November 2025 at St Annes**

I'm delighted that Fr Guy Nichols, an accomplished musician and author of several books on church chant, has kindly agreed to lead a day of chant for our parishes. You don't need to be musical, an experienced singer, or already in a choir to take part. This is a wonderful opportunity to discover how singing chant can deepen prayer, enrich our liturgy, and be a beautiful way of serving God and the Church. If you would like to take part, please join the **choir group** on the parish WhatsApp community. Time: 11am start, finishing with sung mass at St Anthony's Church. Please bring a packed lunch.

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am**)

2) Responsibilities after baptism.

(Next class: **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am**)

## **Tea Dance**

Please come and join us on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 lovely 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 2.11.25:**

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Deceased of the Parish

**Our Lady's Lamp:** All Holy Souls

## **Church Rotas - St Anne's, Week Beginning 2.11.25:**

**Cleaning:** Lynn, Anne and Kathleen **Counting:** Chris

## **Collections- 26.10.25**

**St Anne's:** £351.08 (GAD £48.00)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £81.57 (GAD £50.34)

**Ss. John & Anthony's:** £233.76 (GAD £52.07)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £71.57 (GAD £66.96)

MISSIO at St John's: £59.00

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Johnson Association. Thank you for your kind generosity!

**Bonus Ball Winner:** 25.10.25: No. 55- John Tocker

## **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](mailto:sg.stanne-chelmsleywood.bham@rcaob.org.uk)) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

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