. WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 12 July 2026

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Day	Date	Mass Time	Church	Liturgical Day	
Sat	11th	4.00 pm 6.00 pm	**St Patrick's** **St Anne's**	**Vigil**	Pamela Houghton RIP Gratitude-Private Int
Sun	12th	9.00 am 10.00 am	**St Patrick's** **St Anne's**	**Fifteenth Sunday of the Year**	For Deceased of the Parish For Deceased of the Parish
Mon	13th	**9.15 am**	**St Anne's**	Mass in School (Leavers Mass)	Vera Williams RIP
Tue	14th	9.30 am	**St Patrick's**	Feria	Patty & Tim Tiernan RIP
Wed	15th	10.00 am **1:00pm**	**St Anne's** **St Anne's**	Communion Service **St Bonaventure** Mem **Requiem Mass for Irena Szczepankiewicz**	
Thu	16th	9.30 am	**St Patrick's**	Feria	Mgr John Heslin RIP
Fri	17th	9.15 am	**St Anne's**	**Blessed John Sugar & Robert Grissold** Memoria	John Simpson RIP
Sat	18th	10.00 am 4:00 pm 6.00 pm	**St Anne's** **St Patrick's** **St Anne's**	**Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham** **Vigil**	People of the Parish McHugh & Middleton Families James & Gabby Wedding Congrats
Sun	19th	9:00am 10:00am	**St Patrick's** **St Anne's**	**Sixteenth Sunday of The Year**	Elvira Sacdalan De Luna RIP Intentions of Ann Kelly

Prayers for the sick: [**St Patrick's:**] Susan Prince, Gregory McKinlay, Linda Reavy, Rebecca Kilkenny, Graham Burningham, Matty Fury, Mark Douglas, Joan McKinlay. [**St Anne's:**] Thomas McCormick, Patsy Connelly Smith, Andrea Hulse, Winifred Meehan, Georgina Copp, Marie Geal, Molly Hukin, Nick Harrison, Neve Collins.

Prayers for the departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time: [St. Patrick's] Stella Corrin, Herbert Smith, John Davies, David Ernest Bryant, Annie Quinn, Gerard Costello, Angela Collins, Joan Gask, Ronald Clancy, Michael Thurgood, Bill Johnston, Eileen Barclay, Eileen McHugh, Sheila Scifo, Thomas Kimmins, Marjorie Williams. **[St Anne's]** Stanley Elms, Isobel Keegan, Ben Olverson, Hannah Woollaston, Thomas Holmes, Eileen Kelly, Kate Gormley, Daniel Morris, Hilda Hammond, Norbert Sandy, Fr Arthur Warburton.

Income 5/7/26	Source	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Standing Order	Total	Attendance
St Anne's	Offertory	**£173.00**	**£234.99**	**£408.25**	**£816.24**	**Sat 52 Sun 101**
St Patrick's	Offertory	**£46.80**	**£199.00**	**£152.16**	**£397.96**	**Sat 43 Sun 96**

On the archdiocese website there is a standing order and gift aid form for parishioners so they can transform the way they donate. Please direct any such enquiries to: https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/FAQS?category/finance-resources

Parish Tote 150 Club Winners of June Draw
Thank you for your support. A lot of numbers are available at £4 per number per month. Further details from Marie (parish secretary) on 01785 661012.

Gift Aid ***If anyone wishes to make a commitment; whether weekly, fortnightly, monthly or annually, it would make such a difference. You remain in control for as long as you want. Switching your giving via Standing Order mandate would be a great help also.***
Information cards *[gift-aid it]* can be found at the back of the churches for any parishioners who are not in the gift aid scheme. The cards explain how the system works (at no extra expense for the doner) and provide information as to how you can be part of the scheme. It is a simple, free and effective way to help our parishes increase our funds. Do consider this if you are not already gift-aiding. Many Thanks

This Weekend's Second Collection if for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)

Recently Deceased of Catholic Stafford: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Duckworth, Irena Szczepankiewicz and Eileen Awty, who died recently. Let us remember their families at this time. May Maureen, Irena and Eileen rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Drop-in Group Do Come and join us on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room after the St Anne's 10 am Communion Service. All Welcome.

Refreshments after Mass: Join us after the **10:00am** Sunday Morning Mass for tea and coffee in **St Anne's Hall.** Many thanks to those who prepare this valuable facility. **More volunteers always welcome.**

St Anne's Choir
At present we have no formal choir and lack a choir leader and an organist. Music plays an important part in our liturgy and enhances our worship. If you would be able to help with the music in any way please would you contact Fr Bob. [The choir meets in church at 7pm (Tue) on particular dates so keep an eye out for the next one. If anyone would like to pop in we will be going through the hymns for the next few weeks].

Exposition and Holy Hour: There is Exposition and Holy Hour, including opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation, at St Anne's: From 10:00am until 11:00am. This is offered every Saturday, except the third Saturday of the month, upon which the Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham will be celebrated.

**** SAFEGUARDING*** ***The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our St Anne's Parish Safeguarding Representative is Ann Kelly and can be contacted at sg.stanne.stafford@rcaob.org.uk. Our St Patrick's Safeguarding Representative is Geraldine Thickett and can be contacted at sg.stpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@ rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.***

*** Could we remind parishioners that pictures should not be taken using phones in church during services. Also, it is against safeguarding policy for children to be photographed without parental consent. Thank you.**
CHRISTIAN FOOD HELP: Due to the ever-increasing problem of food poverty, nationally and locally within many families, there is a continual need for donations. At the back of each church we have clearly marked boxes for your donations of food items. Please deposit them in the back of each church in the clearly marked boxes. Many Thanks

St Patrick's Eucharistic Ministry. St. Patrick's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ROTA: This covers both Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning. If you are an extraordinary minister and would like to be included in the rota, please contact Angela Russell (07765560153) or Fr Bob..

YOUTH CONNECT: Our regular youth activity now meets monthly at St Anne's; the FIRST Monday of the month [6:00PM TO 8:00PM] (for school years 5 – 9] FREE PIZZA, SPORTS AND GAMES, FRIENDSHIP, BELONG, PRAYER, WORSHIP. So if anyone would like to become involved in any way or wishes to join our Youth Ministry Team please contact Fr. Bob on 01785 661012
[PLEASE SEE POSTER IN THE CHURCH PORCH] [*Please note that letters to parents, together with consent forms are in the parish office – just contact Fr. Bob or the secretary Marie]* (Activity open to those from Year 5 to Year 9) *[Please see the note at the end of the newsletter]

ST ANNE'S PLAYGROUP [for ages 0 – 5 years old].
It is a chance to connect with other parents and bring your little one for nursery rhymes, sensory play, books and more. £2 per child, snack included and tea or coffee for carers.
Volunteers to support us would be most welcome (where the usual application procedures apply). This is a Catholic Stafford initiative so it's for all parishes. Please contact: stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk **01785661012 OR Letalya 07848893395**

New to the Parish? **If you are new to either of the parishes of St Anne or St Patrick you are very welcome. Please let Fr Bob know (on 01785 661012 OR stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk) There are numerous aspects of our parish life that might be of interest to you. We hope that you will feel 'at home' within our parish community.**

St Patrick's (Music & Choir): A group of parishioners have formed a choir and are now providing a wonderful lead and support for our Sunday morning Mass. Please do seriously consider lending your voice and growing the choir. Approach me or Simi and express your interest. It is already transforming our Sunday liturgy. Fr. Bob

This year's Blessing of the Graves will be at 3pm this Sunday 12th July.
We will meet in the Crematorium Chapel first. Graves will also be blessed at Eccleshall Road cemetery and Gnosall cemetery. All three Sunday Masses in Catholic Stafford will be offered for the deceased of our parishes.

WE BELIEVE - Festival of Catholic Life
Friday 24 – Monday 27 July 2026- St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham
We Believe Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us from 24 – 27 July 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful.
Book your tickets at webelievefestival.com (The organisers are offering those from our Diocese a 33% discount on day tickets to this event. Please see the website for more details}

YOUTH CONNECT: "The harvest is plentiful…" From September, Youth Connect hopes to meet twice a month, but we need more DBS-checked adults who can offer only 2 hours a month. Your gifts and talents aren't meant to be hidden — they can help our young leaders run sessions with confidence. If you can volunteer, please speak to Fr Bob.

The Assisted Suicide bill is back after Lauren Edwards MP (Lab) Rochester and Strood decided to use her second place in the Private Members' Bill ballot to re-introduce it from the last Parliamentary Session. A Debate could be as early as 11 September. Let us join in work and prayer to prevent this bill from succeeding.

Awakening Worship Evening – Everyone is warmly welcome.
"Come and experience an evening of worship, prayer and renewal". St Anne's Roman Catholic Church invites all parishioners, families, friends and members of the community to join us for a special Awakening Worship Evening on Saturday 18th July 2026 from 6pm to 8.30pm. It includes our 6pm Vigil Mass. [Take a Flier from the porch]

Safeguarding Update

As a parish, we are incredibly fortunate to have so many generous volunteers who give their time and talents to support the priest in his ministry. All parishes are now required to carry out Safer Recruitment which at its simplest level is a General Volunteer Registration Form. These forms are available at the back of the Church and should be completed by all volunteers, new or old.
Please return the forms as soon as possible to Father Bob or Geraldine [for St Patrick's] or Ann [for St Anne's] (the Parish Safeguarding Representatives). Forms can be left safely in the sacristy in their absence.
If you are new to volunteering at St Patrick's, can you please also take with you a copy of the Level 1 Safeguarding Leaflet. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Father Bob or Geraldine or Ann.