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2ND AUGUST 2026: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 1 st Aug	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	People of the Parish
Sun 2 nd Aug	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	Matthew & Ann Griffin Dorothy Goward

Mon 3 rd Aug	No Mass	
Tues 4 th Aug Memorial of St John Mary Vianney	8.45am: Eucharistic Adoration 9.15am: St Anne's Mass 10am: Rosary	Stuart Hill
Weds 5 th AUG	9.15am: St Anthony's Mass	Conversion of sinners
Thurs 6 th Aug Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	9.15am: St John's Mass	Phil McNamara
Fri 7 th Aug	6.00pm: Holy Hour and Benediction 7.00pm: St Anne's Mass	Elicia Westmoreland

9TH AUGUST 2026: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 8 th Aug	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	Holy Souls
Sun 9 th Aug	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	Jimmy Casey People of the Parish

<u>Confessions</u>	<u>Mass Today in the Sunday Missal</u>
St John: Thursday 10am St Anthony: Saturdays 4.30pm St Anne: Fridays 7.30pm	Readings and Prayers: Page 377. Preface II: on page 473 Eucharistic Prayer: on page 498

Message from Fr Sean

During August my Sunday homilies will focus on the future of our Divine Mercy Partnership. Through the Sunday Gospels, we will reflect together on the kind of Partnership Christ is calling us to become. **Our first reflection today** begins with the feeding of the five thousand. Just as Jesus looked upon the hungry crowd with compassion, so he looks upon our own communities today. Across our Partnership there are many people who are hungry for hope, for purpose, for friendship and, above all, for Jesus Christ. There are many who are longing for something more, even if they do not yet realise that what they are truly seeking is Christ. The question the Gospel puts before us is simple: how is Jesus calling us, as his Church, to respond? Over the coming weeks, we will reflect on what Christ is asking of us if we are to become the kind of Partnership that can meet that hunger. These reflections will then lead us into our **Planned Giving and Parish Participation Campaign in September**. Before we ask people to support the mission, it is important that we first have a clear vision of what that mission is. September will then invite each of us to consider how we can play our part—through our prayers, our time, our gifts and, where we are able, our financial support.

Please contact Claz, our parish mission and formation coordinator, if:

- You have a child who is not in one of our Catholic schools needing to be prepared to receive the sacraments (reconciliation, Holy Communion, Confirmation)
- You or someone you know, is interested in becoming a Catholic.
- You would be interested in taking part in the Alpha course. Alpha is a relaxed way to explore the meaning of life and faith from a Christian perspective.

Youth Pilgrimage In September we will be taking our young people on a day pilgrimage to the shrine of Saint John Henry Newman. Please contact Judith for further details.

Altar Server Training: Anyone who regularly attends Sunday Mass and has made their First Holy Communion is welcome to become an altar server. There will be training for new servers in August. Parents of under-18s should join the WhatsApp group “Servers” for details of August training. Adults wishing to serve should join the group themselves.

March for Life UK – Saturday 6th September 2026 Why not join thousands of people from across the country for March for Life UK – a joyful and hope-filled day of celebration, prayer and public witness to the precious gift of every human life? Coaches are going, and some of our own parishioners may also be able to offer lifts. If you are interested in attending, please let Claz know.

Food Bank. Donations for the food bank are very welcome. Items such as toiletries, sanitary products, tinned food (in date), and dried pantry goods can all be donated. A collection box is available in each church. Items will be distributed through Lilies Tea Parlour in Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre. This is a simple and practical way to show mercy to those in need. You might consider adding one extra item to your weekly shop for donation.

Blessings For blessings of houses, cars, or religious artifacts, please do not be afraid to ask Fr Sean.

Baptisms To have a child age 6 or under baptised please speak to Fr Sean After Mass.

Sunday Morning Refreshments at St Annes 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 an opportunity to come together, socialise and get to know other members of the parish. There are also refreshment after mass every Tuesday.

Tea Dance Please come and join us on Wednesday 26th August 2026, 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. The following tea dance will be on 30th September.

Mass Intentions and Votive Lamps Intentions for Masses should be made using the envelopes in church, indicating your intention and enclosing your donation. **I am sorry but it isn't possible to guarantee a particular day or date for a Mass intention. With the vast number of intentions received, there are often duplicated dates requested and especially with Sunday Masses, intentions could take several weeks to be said. Thank you for your understanding regarding this.**

To have a lamp for the Blessed Sacrament (Sanctuary Lamp) or for Our Lady lit for your intention please use the same envelope as those for Mass intentions, indicating that it is for a lamp.

Week Beginning 2.8.26:

St Annes Sanctuary Lamp: Holy Souls

St Annes Our Lady's Lamp: Parishioners

Church Rota - St Anne's, Week Beginning 2.8.26:

Counting: Phil and Linda

Collections 26.7.26

St Anne's: To be included next week

Weekly Standing Order Donations £81.57 (GAD £50.34)

Ss. John & Anthony's: To be included next week

Weekly Standing Order Donations £71.57 (GAD £66.96)

Thank you for your generosity!

Bonus Ball Winners:

25.7.26: 50- Mary Chance

Going into Hospital Please inform the hospital Chaplain (Fr Roger Raven- 0121 424 1369) and Fr Sean. He will happily come and see you beforehand. If you or a relative are in hospital and want to see a priest, ask the ward staff to call the on-call catholic chaplain for you.

Deaths Please pray for the repose of the souls of James Casey, Margaret Wollaston, Dorota Symula, Janet Fitzpatrick, Jane Keating, James Richardson, Raymond Borland, Kathleen McGuighan, Lily Kelly, Mary Doyle, Hazel Allsopp, Marie Arnett, Betty D'Arcy, Sharon England, Phil McNamara, Breda Ensor, Margaret Murphy, Martin Kavanagh, Ellen Merrins, Teresa Sullivan, Patricia Powell, Christine Cox, Brendan O'Beirne and the souls of all the recently deceased. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

Funerals

Cornelius Behan - St Anne's - Wed 19th Aug 11.15am

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 Representative is Martina Dudasova (EMAIL: sg.divinemercypartnership@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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