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29TH MARCH 2026: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sat 28 th March	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	Private Intention
Sun 29 th March	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass (Mass will begin outside, followed by procession with palms)	Phil McNamara Mary Doyle

HOLY WEEK

Mon 30 th March	No Mass	
Tues 31 st March	9.15am: St Anne's Mass	JOSTT (Special Intention)
Weds 1 st April	No Mass	
Thurs 2 nd April	10.30am: St Anne's - Requiem Mass 7.00pm: St Anne's - Mass of The Lord's Supper with Washing of Feet Watching until Midnight	Mary (May) Doyle R.I.P. Hazel Allsopp
Fri 3 rd April GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm: St Anne's - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7.00pm: St Anthony's Stations of the Cross	

5TH APRIL 2026: EASTER SUNDAY- SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sat 4 th April	11am – Blessing of Food (Święconka). 8.00pm: St Anne's Easter Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sun 5 th April	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	Annie and Robert McEvoy Sharon England

Confessions

St John: On request

St Anthony: Saturday 4.30pm

St Anne: Good Friday – After 3PM liturgy

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Message from Fr Sean

Congratulations to Martina Dudasova, who has been appointed as the new Secretary and Health & Safety Representative for the Divine Mercy Partnership. She will take up her role after Easter. Congratulations also to Claz Gomez, who will begin as our Partnership Mission and Formation Coordinator in two months' time. Please keep them both in your prayers as they prepare to serve the parish.

Holy Week is now upon us. This is the most important week of the entire year for us as Christians, and also the week with the most beautiful liturgies. I would strongly encourage you to take part as much as possible and I hope and pray that you all have a truly blessed week.

- **The Sacred Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter)** is not simply a re-enactment of past events, but one single, continuous liturgy in which we ourselves participate in the saving mysteries of Christ.
- **It begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday evening.** This is followed by watching before the Blessed Sacrament, available until midnight.
- **On Good Friday, we gather at 3pm for the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord,** one of the most moving services of the year. Confessions will be available straight afterwards; this is the last opportunity before Easter.
- **On Holy Saturday morning,** we will have the traditional (in Eastern Europe) Blessing of Easter Food (**Święconka**).

- **Then, on Saturday evening, we celebrate the Easter Vigil**, the most joyful liturgy of the year, where we will also celebrate baptisms, confirmations, and First Holy Communions for some of our young parishioners. Please note that there will not be a Mass at St Anthony's Church this Saturday evening.
- **Mass times on Easter Sunday morning are the same as a normal Sunday.**

Please pick up a free copy of the Divine Mercy Novena: nine days of prayer, beginning on Good Friday and continuing until Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus said to St Faustina: "By this novena I will grant every possible grace to souls."

On Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter), I will bless images of the Divine Mercy after the Sunday Masses. These are available in the piety stalls as pictures, candles, and statues. Jesus said to St Faustina: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

Also on Divine Mercy Sunday, there will be a 3pm half-hour service (the Hour of Mercy) with Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity to venerate the image of Divine Mercy. This will be followed by a partnership celebration at 3.30pm in the parish room next door. Please make every effort to come. Refreshments will be available.

Easter offering envelopes are now available and will be collected on Easter Sunday. You can also make your offering via the card machines at the back of church (preferred), or by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity, as this offering is one of the main sources of income for your priest.

Easter Flowers. We have had a beautiful display of flowers commissioned for St Anne's Church for the Easter Vigil. If you would like to contribute towards these, you can do so using the card machines at the back of church (selecting "flowers") or by placing a donation in a clearly marked envelope. If you would like to contribute Easter flowers for St Anthony's or St John's, please arrive early to Mass with vases of spring flowers so that we can create a beautiful display.

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 it is necessary for the **Catholic** parent to first attend two classes. Only one parent needs to attend, the other can babysit - please do not bring children. 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 11th April 10.30am**)

2) Responsibilities after baptism.

(Next class: **Saturday 18th April 10.30am**)

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 an opportunity to come together, socialise and get to know other members of the parish.

Tea Dance Please come and join us on Wednesday 29th April 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 27th May.

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.

Church Rota - St Anne's, Week Beginning 29.3.26

Counting: Eric and Lynn

Collections 22.3.26

St Anne's: £322.71 (GAD £44.00)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £81.57 (GAD £50.34)

Ss. John & Anthony's: Offertory: £301.79 (GAD: £51.90)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £71.57 (GAD £66.96)

Thank you for your generosity!

Bonus Ball Winner:

21.3.26: No. 46- Teresa Davies

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.

Deaths Please pray for the repose of the souls of 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, 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 Representative is Grace Jackson (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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