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3RD MAY 2026: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sat 2 nd May	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	Sharon England R.I.P.
Sun 3 rd May	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	People of the Parish Teresa Reilly

Mon 4 th May	No Mass	
Tues 5 th May	9.15am: St Anne's Mass	Lena & Jim Lynch R.I.P.
Weds 6 th May	9.15am: St Anthony's Mass	Private Intention (life & work challenges).
Thurs 7 th May	9.15am: St John's Mass	Phil McNamera R.I.P.
Fri 8 th May	10.30am Funeral Service 6.00pm: Holy Hour and Benediction 7.00pm: St Anne's Mass	Kathleen McGuighan R.I.P. Mel Martin R.I.P.

10TH MAY 2026: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sat 9 th May	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	Sr Joseph Lalor (90 th Birthday)
Sun 10 th May	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	People of the Parish Tony Elmer

<u>Confessions</u>	<u>Mass Today in the Sunday Missal</u>
St John: On request St Anthony: Saturdays 4.30pm St Anne: Fridays 7.30pm	Readings and Prayers: Page 289 Preface III: on page 470 Eucharistic Prayer: on page 487

Message from Fr Sean

Celebrating 60 years of St Anthony's Church

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the foundation of St Anthony's Church, a significant moment in the life of our parish family and one we want to celebrate properly.

As many of you know, we are preparing for an important new chapter in the life of our Partnership. With the proposed sale of St Anthony's Church to the Romanian Orthodox community, and the consolidation of Catholic worship at St John the Baptist Church, this anniversary carries particular meaning. It gives us an opportunity to thank God for and to celebrate sixty years of faith, worship, sacraments and community life at St Anthony's, and to honour all those whose prayers, sacrifices and love built up this parish community.

I am very pleased to say that Bishop Timothy Menezes has kindly agreed to join us and begin the day by celebrating Holy Mass at 1.00pm. After Mass, there will be food, entertainment and plenty of opportunity to enjoy time together.

We want this to be a celebration that brings people together, including parishioners past and present, the Romanian Orthodox community, parishioners from across the Divine Mercy Partnership, the local community, St Anthony's School, and those who may have moved away from the parish but still carry St Anthony's in their hearts.

There is still time to join the planning group. The group will be meeting after Mass next week, and anyone who would like to help shape this celebration is warmly invited to come along. This is not a fundraiser. It is simply a chance for us to come together, give thanks, and mark this important moment in the life of St Anthony's Church.

Please don't forget to have a look at the new partnership website: divinemercurpartnership.co.uk. If you can, please try accessing the website through a Google search to help Google recognise the new site. Type something like 'Divine Mercy St Anthony/Anne/John' into Google. Any constructive feedback on improving the site would be welcome. Thanks.

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 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 via email.

Class 1) What is Baptism?

(Next class: **Thursday 11th June 5.30pm**)

Class 2) Responsibilities after Baptism.

(Next class: **Thursday 18th June 5.30pm**)

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 27th May 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 24th June.

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.

St Annes Sanctuary Lamp: Parishioners

St Annes Our Lady's Lamp: Pat Cullen

Church Rota - St Anne's, Week Beginning 3.5.26.

Counting: Margaret and Kathy

Collections 26.4.26

St Anne's: £319.54 (GAD £44.00)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £81.57 (GAD £50.34)

The Clergy Training Fund: £147.43

Ss. John & Anthony's: £255.44 (GAD £35.00)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £71.57 (GAD £66.96)

The Clergy Training Fund (St Anthony's): £38.85

There will be a second collection next weekend for The Poor Parishes of the Diocese.

Thank you for your generosity!

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 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, 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.

Funerals

Raymond Borland – St Anne's - Thursday 14th May at 11.00am.

Kathleen McGuighan – St Anne's Service – Friday 8th May at 10.30am.

James Richardson – 19 May – St John's Church 10am requiem. Reception into church 10am on eve before.

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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