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26TH JULY 2026: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 25 th July	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	People of the Parish
Sun 26 th July	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	Anthony Ogilvie Stuart Hill

Mon 27 th July	No Mass	
Tues 28 th July	8.45am: Eucharistic Adoration 9.15am: St Anne's Mass 10am: Rosary	Cora McNally
Weds 29 th July Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus	9.15am: St Anthony's Mass	Sandra Jones
Thurs 30 th July	9.15am: St John's Mass	Jimmy Casey R.I.P.
Fri 31 st July Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola	10.30am: St John the Baptist Requiem Mass 6.00pm: Holy Hour and Benediction 7.00pm: St Anne's Mass	James Casey R.I.P. Tony, Louise and Anne Marie Dawson

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	Michael Sheehan Dorothy Goward

Confessions	Mass Today in the Sunday Missal
St John: Thursday 10am St Anthony: Saturdays 4.30pm St Anne: Fridays 7.30pm	Readings and Prayers: Page 379. Preface II: on page 473 Eucharistic Prayer: on page 498

Message from Fr Sean

This Weekend's Homily: This weekend I will be explaining some important changes to the way we prepare families for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. As there is a lot to take in, I will post the full homily on the parish website. Simply select **Our Partnership** and then **Blogs** from the menu.

Silence During Mass: Last weekend Fr Benedict said he really enjoyed visiting the parish, but he told me that he was distracted by people talking during the Gospel and then continuing to talk during the homily in one of the masses. I was embarrassed to hear this. Please remember that church is a sacred place, particularly while Mass is being celebrated. Whispering can almost always be heard, even when we think it cannot, and its very distracting to peoples prayers and the priest as he is offering mass and preaching.

Silence before mass: From now on please could I ask everyone to keep silence before Mass so that others can pray. Quiet conversations can wait until afterwards. As you know, I am always very understanding of babies and young children-but adults ...

Rachel's Vineyard: Last weekend I had the privilege of serving as priest chaplain on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat. It was a wonderful experience of God's love and mercy. If you have been affected by abortion in any way, I warmly encourage you to contact this remarkable ministry of healing and hope. You can also always speak to me in confidence.

Family Walk – Saturday 1 August: Our Youth Ministry Team is organising a family walk for all ages. We will meet at **12.30pm** for a **5km** walk around Meriden Park, Babbs Mill and Kingfisher Country Park, with regular breaks. Please bring a packed lunch, comfortable shoes and plenty of water.

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. 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. Fr Sean is hoping to go, so why not come along and be part of this inspiring day? 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 29th July 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 26th August.

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 26.7.26:

St Annes Sanctuary Lamp: Holy Souls

St Annes Our Lady's Lamp: Parishioners

Church Rota - St Anne's, Week Beginning 26.7.26:

Counting: Margaret and Kathy

Collections 19.7.26

St Anne's: £320.80 (GAD £44.00)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £81.57 (GAD £50.34)

Ss. John & Anthony's: £250.25 (GAD £72.00)

The Apostleship of the Sea (St John's): £21.50

Weekly Standing Order Donations £71.57 (GAD £66.96)

Thank you for your generosity!

Bonus Ball Winners:

18.7.26: 10- Carolann King

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 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

James Casey Requiem Mass @ St John the Baptist 31st July, 10.30am

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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