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26TH APRIL 2026: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sat 25 th April	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	Private intention (safe travels)
Sun 26 th April	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	People of the Parish Lily Kelly R.I.P.

Mon 27 th April	No Mass	
Tues 28 th April	9.15am: St Anne's Mass 12noon: St Anne's Requiem Mass	Nikki Stitt R.I.P. Elizabeth (Lily) Kelly R.I.P.
Weds 29 th April Feast of St Catherine of Sienna	9.15am: St Anthony's Mass	Rose and William
Thurs 30 th April	9.15am: St John's Mass	Private Intention (husband's recovery)
Fri 1 st May	6.00pm: Solemn Holy Hour and Benediction 7.00pm: St Anne's Mass	Sinead Williams R.I.P.

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

Confessions	Mass Today in the Sunday Missal
St John: On request St Anthony: Saturdays 4.30pm St Anne: Fridays 7.30pm	Readings and Prayers: Page 285 Preface III: on page 470 Eucharistic Prayer: on page 487

Message From Archbishop Bernard

Dear friends, this weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, when the Church prays especially for vocations to the priesthood. I want to ask you to join me in praying today that all those whom Our Lord is calling will respond with courage and generosity to his invitation to serve their brothers and sisters as priests in our Archdiocese. If you feel that the Good Shepherd might indeed be calling you - and if you are 18 or over - I would ask you to write to me directly at archbishop@rcaob.org.uk. I shall be happy to meet you, with our Vocations Director, Fr Craig Szmidt, and to hear your story as you try to discern what the Lord is asking of you today and in the years ahead. Please pray for me and for all our priests.

With my prayers and kindest wishes. **+Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham**

Message from Fr Sean

Archbishop Bernard Longley's message to us concerning vocations is great to read. I would strongly encourage anyone who is considering a vocation to the priesthood to take up his generous offer. Please also feel free to come and speak to me as well. Please can I encourage all of you to generously support the formation of priests. Prayer cards are available at the back of church, so please take one and pray daily for vocations. I also ask you to give generously to today's second collection for vocations. Just a few years ago it was this fund which allowed me to train to be a priest.

Our new partnership website is now ready: divinemercypartnership.co.uk. At this early stage, it would be very helpful if you could let me know of any mistakes you notice or offer any suggestions for improvement and development. For many people this will be the first impression they have of the Catholic Church/our partnership and creating the right impression here could be very important for some in coming to the Catholic faith. A huge thank you to Tri for the enormous amount of work he has volunteered in creating the new website. And a big thank you as well to Eric, who created and has faithfully administered the existing website for so long.

St Anthony's Church will celebrate its 60th Anniversary on 13th June, and I warmly encourage you to keep this important date free so that together we can give thanks to God and celebrate 60 years of Catholic community at St Anthony's. Please mark it in your diaries, as this will be a particularly significant milestone celebration in light of the decision to sell St Anthony's to the Romanian Orthodox Church. Anna Potter, a parishioner and member of staff at the school, has kindly volunteered to lead a planning group for this important celebration, involving the parish, the partnership, the school, the Romanian Orthodox Church,

and the wider local community. If you would like to be part of this group, please let Anna know, as help will be needed in many areas, including promotion, catering, liturgy, entertainment, and activities.

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.

1) What is Baptism?

(Next class: **Saturday 2nd May 10.30am**)

2) Responsibilities after Baptism.

(Next class: **Saturday 9th May 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. 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: Sick of the Parish

St Annes Our Lady's Lamp: Holy Souls

Church Rota - St Anne's, Week Beginning 26.4.26

Counting: Eric and Lynn

Collections 19.4.26

St Anne's: £359.84 (GAD £63.70)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £81.57 (GAD £50.34)

Ss. John & Anthony's: £241.88 (GAD £52.00)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £71.57 (GAD £66.96)

There will be a second collection this weekend for The Clergy Training Fund.

Thank you for your generosity!

Bonus Ball Winner:

18.4.26: No. 48- Pat McNamara

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.

Elizabeth Kelly – St Anne's Requiem - Tuesday 28th April at 12.00pm.

Kathleen Veronica McGuighan – St Anne's Service – Friday 8th May at 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 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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