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5TH JULY 2026: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat 4 th July	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	Debbie Nash
Sun 5 th July	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	People of the Parish Tony, Louise & Anne-Marie Dawson

Mon 6 th July	No Mass	
Tues 7 th July	8.45am: Eucharistic Adoration 9.15am: St Anne's Mass 10am: Rosary	Sue and Stuart Hill
Weds 8 th July	9.15am: St Anthony's Mass	Ted Browne
Thurs 9 th July	9.15am: St John's Mass	Phil McNamera
Fri 10 th July	6.00pm: Holy Hour and Benediction 7.00pm: St Anne's Mass	Intentions of Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary

12TH JULY 2026: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat 11 th July	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	Joan Brennan
Sun 12 th July	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	People of the Parish Alison Byworth

<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 361. Preface III: on page 1048 Eucharistic Prayer: on page 487

Message from Fr Sean

Over the coming months, we will be doing important work together for the future. This begins with developing a clearer vision and a strategy. Our priorities already include reaching out to outsiders, fostering greater community across our existing communities, supporting those exploring faith, and providing strong formation for children and families preparing for the sacraments. The appointment of Claz as our Mission and Formation Coordinator is part of this. During August, I will begin sharing more about *vision* in my Sunday homilies. This will lead into a September focus on *strategy* through a Planned Giving Campaign. The campaign has been requested by the Archdiocese of every parish, but for us it is about much more than responding to a diocesan initiative. It is an opportunity for each of us to consider the contribution we can make through prayer, service and financial support, so that this vision can become a reality. For now, this is simply an early heads-up.

Fr Stephen Fleming – Prayers for Fr Steven who is moving on after a few month with us as priest in residence. Many parishioners will remember him from when he served in the parish during Fr Christy's illness.

Diocesan ordinations to the sacred priesthood this week: Jonathan Henry (4th July), Jithin Tito (6th July) and Tenny Anthony (10th July). Please pray for them!

Police Safety Workshop – 5 July: After the 9.00am Mass at St John the Baptist, the local police will deliver a safety workshop with advice on staying safe at home and when out. Free safety alarms and home-security devices will be available. We hope to arrange similar workshops at our churches, but please come to this one if you want to be certain of attending.

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 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: **Saturday 4th July 9am**)

Class 2) Responsibilities after Baptism.

(Next class: **Saturday 11th July 9am**)

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. 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 5.7.26:

St Annes Sanctuary Lamp: Holy Souls

St Annes Our Lady's Lamp: Parishioners

Church Rota - St Anne's, Week Beginning 5.7.26:

Counting: Phil and Linda

Collections 28.6.25

St Anne's: £345.49 (GAD 55.00)

Peter's Pence: £49.30

Weekly Standing Order Donations £81.57 (GAD £50.34)

Ss. John & Anthony's: £187.40 (GAD £39.00)

Peter's Pence: £80.07

Weekly Standing Order Donations £71.57 (GAD £66.96)

There will be a second collection next weekend for **The Apostleship of the Sea**. Thank you for your generosity!

Bonus Ball Winners:

27.6.26: 24- Joan Brennan

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 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

Janet Christine Fitzpatrick

St Anthony's Requiem July 07th 11.15am

Margaret Wollaston

St Anne Requiem July 22nd 10am

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.

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