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20TH SEPTEMBER 2026: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 19 th Sept	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	Recovery of Henry Chika Orji
Sun 20 th Sept	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	Bridget Hill Ellen Delaney

Mon 21 st Sept Feast of St Matthew	No Mass	
Tues 22 nd Sept	9.15am: St Anne's Mass 9.45: Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary	Sue and Stuart Hill
Weds 23 rd Sept Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina	9.15am: St Anthony's Mass	Elicia Westmoreland
Thurs 24 th Sept Feast of Our Lady Of Washington	9.15am: St John's Mass	Conversion of sinners
Fri 25 th Sept	2.00pm— St Anne's Requiem Mass 6.00pm: Holy Hour and Benediction 7.00pm: St Anne's Mass	Paul Gormally R.I.P. Margaret McAuliffe

27TH SEPTEMBER 2026: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 26 th Sept	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	People of the Parish
Sun 27 th Sept	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	Nicholas Hoey Christa Barnes

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 403 Preface II: on page 473 Eucharistic Prayer: on page 498



Fr Christopher Fitzpatrick R.I.P.

It has been a sad week for our parish following the death of our former Parish Priest, Fr Christopher Fitzpatrick, who died after a short illness on Tuesday 15th September in County Kerry, surrounded by his family, while visiting his beloved homeland of Ireland. Over the past few days many parishioners have come to St Anne's to pray, light candles and leave messages in the Book of Remembrance. On Friday evening we celebrated Holy Mass for the repose of Fr Christopher's soul. The large congregation was a fitting tribute to the affection in which he was held. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 26th September at 12 noon in St Finian's Catholic Church, Waterville, County Kerry, with Bishop Timothy Menezes presiding. The Funeral Mass will be livestreamed via

dromodparish.ie There will also be a Memorial Mass, according to his wishes, at St Chad's Cathedral during October. Once the date is confirmed, I will let you know as I'm sure many of you will want to attend. It would be fitting for us to have a lasting memorial for Fr Christi, something we can begin to think about.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Confirmation Parents Meeting Any parent with a child they would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation, it is important to attend the meeting at St Annes Church on Tues 22nd September at 4pm.

Planned Giving Campaign During September When returning your centre page pull out, please could you include your phone number on the form. Today we will hear about the planned giving of time and prayer in the service of the mission of the church. Please remember that from today the offertory basket will not be passed around during mass. If you will make your offering using cash, please use the giving envelopes on the pew and deposit them after Mass. If you were not present last week please pick up one of the planned giving booklets too.

Baby Loss Mass- 7pm, Friday 2nd October, St Anne's Church. Mass on Friday 2nd October will be offered for everyone who has suffered or being affected by miscarriage, stillborn or loss of a baby.

Christmas bazaar meeting: St Anne's church, 7.00pm, Tuesday 22nd September 2026. It is that time of year again when the planning and organisation of this year's Parish Bazaar begins. Anybody who would like to be involved is very welcome. Perhaps you could contribute by running a stall, activity or game? Please attend the meeting above. The more support received, the more successful the event will be. This year's Bazaar will take place on **Saturday 28th November from 11am- 3pm.** Please put it in your diary and make sure you support this annual partnership Christmas celebration.

St Anne's MacMillan Coffee Morning: Sunday 27th September: This year's MacMillan Coffee morning will take place in the Lounge Bar after the 11am Mass on Sunday 27th September. All are welcome and encouraged to attend for a chat and a cake, whilst raising money for a very important cause. Cake donations will be greatly appreciated and if you are able to donate please bring them along on the day. Many thanks and we look forward to as many parishioners joining us as can make it.

Are you a knitter? This Christmas we are hoping to do a 'living nativity' where children in the local community can come and speak to the characters from the nativity story and learn the true meaning of Christmas. As part of this initiative we would want to give each child a gift to take home: a knitted little figure of the baby Jesus. We will need several hundred figures making. If you are a knitter and willing to help, please let us know

CATHOLIC DIARIES 2027 If anyone would like to purchase a 2027 Catholic Diary, please leave your name at the Piety Store by Sunday 27th September as the order for them will be made on the 28th September.

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 30th September 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 28th October.

Mass Intentions 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.

Votive Lamps 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 20.9.26:

St Annes Sanctuary Lamp: Father Christopher Fitzpatrick R.I.P.

St Annes Our Lady's Lamp: Anne Prendergast

Church Rota

St Anne's, Week Beginning 13.9.26: Counting: Margaret and Kathy

Collections

St Anne's: 13.9.26: To be advised next week.

Weekly Standing Order Donations £81.57 (GAD £50.34)

Ss. John & Anthony's: 13.9.26: £169.52 (GAD £11.01)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £71.57 (GAD £66.96)

Thank you for your generosity!

Bonus Ball Winners: 12.9.26: 26- Jackie Kelly

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 Paul Gormally, Ellen Delaney, Cornelius Behan, James Casey, 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

Paul Gormally – St Anne's Requiem – 2pm 25th September

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. These parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No 234216.