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16TH AUGUST 2026: SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sat 15 th Aug	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	Adeline McCormack
Sun 16 th Aug	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	Fr John O'Brien Tom McEvoy R.I.P.

Mon 17 th Aug	No Mass	
Tues 18 th Aug	8.45am: Eucharistic Adoration 9.15am: St Anne's Mass 10am: Rosary	Phil Hudson
Weds 19 th Aug	11.15am St Anne's Requiem Mass	Cornelius Behan R.I.P.
Thurs 20 th Aug Memorial of St Bernard	9.15am: St John's Mass	Billy Lawlor
Fri 21 st Aug Memorial of St Pius X	6.00pm: Holy Hour and Benediction 7.00pm: St Anne's Mass	Geoffrey Marshman

23RD AUGUST 2026: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 22 nd Aug	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	Vincent Brennan
Sun 23 rd Aug	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	Tony McGinley People of the Parish

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 1054/ 1057 Preface II: on page 473 Eucharistic Prayer: on page 498

Message from Fr Sean

This Sunday we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. Her Assumption reminds us of the extraordinary promise Christ makes to each of us: that death is not the end, and that we are made for eternal life with God. In Mary we see already fulfilled what we hope for ourselves. She also shows us the fulfilment of placing our whole life at the service of God, trusting him with our future and saying, as she did, "Let it be done to me according to your word."

Please contact Claz using the above email if:

- You have a child who needs to prepare for Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation.
- You are interested in becoming a Catholic, or know somebody who might be. There is no commitment involved in simply getting in touch and finding out more.
- Alpha begins in September and everyone is welcome! Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and meet others in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Youth Pilgrimage — In September we will be taking our young people on a day pilgrimage to the shrine of Saint John Henry Newman at the Birmingham Oratory. Please contact Judith for further details.

Time Away - I will be on my retreat next week so I will not be around Monday-Friday. Claz and Martina will also be taking time of on holiday over the next couple of weeks, so please be patient if you trying to get in touch.

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. 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 26th August 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 30th September.

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 16.8.26:

St Annes Sanctuary Lamp: Sick of the Parish

St Annes Our Lady's Lamp: Parishioners

Church Rota – St Anne's, Week Beginning 16.8.26:

Counting: Eric and Lynn

Collections 9.8.26

St Anne's: £242.33 (GAD £32.00)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £81.57 (GAD £50.34)

Ss. John & Anthony's: Figures to be given next week.

Weekly Standing Order Donations £71.57 (GAD £66.96)

Thank you for your generosity!

Bonus Ball Winners: 8.8.26: 43- Debbie Nash

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 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

Cornelius Behan - St Anne's - Wed 19th Aug 11.15am

Ellen Delaney – St Anne's – Tue 1st Sep 11am

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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