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30TH AUGUST 2026: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 29 th Aug	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	Adeline McCormack & Marie Hinchy
Sun 30 th Aug	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	Thomas McGinley & Arthur McCabe Ellen Frances Delaney

Mon 31 st Aug	No Mass	
Tues 1 st Sept	8.45am: Eucharistic Adoration 9.15am: St Anne's Mass 11am: St Anne's Requiem Mass	Father Kuruvilla Ellen Delaney R.I.P.
Weds 2 nd Sept	9.15am: St Anthony's Mass	Zbigniew Chrobot
Thurs 3 rd Sept Feast of St Gregory the Great	9.15am: St John's Mass	Bob Dipple
Fri 4 th Sept	6.00pm: Holy Hour and Benediction 7.00pm: St Anne's Mass	Keith Southern

30TH AUGUST 2026: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 5 th Sept	5.00pm: St Anthony's Mass	Paul Worth
Sun 6 th Sept	9.00am: St John the Baptist 11.00am: St Anne's Mass	Bridget Hill Rosie Dawson

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

Message from Fr Sean

A gentle reminder to keep talking to a minimum before mass. It is good when people come early to pray and prepare themselves to meet the Lord, and a quiet, prayerful atmosphere helps us to do so. Thank you.

I hope everyone has enjoyed a restful and happy summer, especially those who have been able to get away for a break. As schools return, let us keep them in our prayers, asking God to bless them with a happy, safe and fruitful year ahead.

As we come to the end of August, we also come to the last of these homilies in August where I have been looking at vision. I'm conscious that the time since my arrival has been one of significant change: welcoming St John the Baptist into the Divine Mercy Partnership, beginning life together under a new parish priest, and completing the discernment process which, sadly, led to the decision to sell St Anthony's Church to the Romanian Orthodox community. Amidst a sense of things changing it is important to have a sense of where things might be going. Therefore, throughout August, the Sunday homilies have focused on the **vision** of the future that God is calling us towards, and the strategy by which we hope to reach it. If you've missed any of these homilies, you can find them on the website on the blog page.

The vision I have tried to share begins by respecting and valuing each of the worshipping communities within the Partnership, whilst also growing together with a stronger common identity as the Divine Mercy Partnership, particularly as we are united in a shared mission. That word mission is crucial. God is calling us to become a missionary and growing Catholic community, helping to **transform lives across North Solihull through the merciful love of Jesus Christ**. This is not simply a slogan, it is a vision that with God's grace really can become a reality.

We hope to achieve this through, amongst other things, initiatives such as Alpha, renewed family sacramental formation that places Sunday Mass and the practice of the faith at its heart, outreach to those who are searching for Christ, and beautiful & reverent worship that draws people more deeply into the mystery of God.

Please Turn Over

During September we move to the nextstage, our Planned Giving Campaign. Every mission needs people who take ownership of it. Despite its name, planned giving is not about asking people to give more money. Rather, it is about every parishioner becoming a stakeholder in the mission of the Divine Mercy Partnership: through prayer, through volunteering their gifts and talents, and through thoughtful, planned financial giving. The mission of the Church is not something that happens around us. It is something that happens through us, together. I will be preaching very short homilies throughout September, and there will then be a short talk after the masses on the different aspects of planned giving.

The Sick & Housebound – Please pray for those who are sick and housebound. We cannot print their names in the bulletin due to GDPR rules, but do pray for them. If you or someone you know is sick or housebound, please let us know if you would like either a priest visit or Holy Communion brought by a minister.

March for Life UK – Next week! Saturday 6th September 2026. 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 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 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 30.8.26:

St Annes Sanctuary Lamp: Staff and families of parish schools, as they begin the new academic year.

St Annes Our Lady's Lamp: Staff and families of parish schools, as they begin the new academic year.

Church Rota – St Anne's, Week Beginning 30.8.26:

Counting: Phil and Linda

Collections

St Anne's: 16.8.26: £236.98 (GAD £39.00)

23.8.26: £327.69 (GAD £63.50)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £81.57 (GAD £50.34)

Ss. John & Anthony's: 23.8.26: £209.50 (GAD £21.00)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £71.57 (GAD £66.96)

Thank you for your generosity!

Bonus Ball Winners: 22.8.26: 3- Stuart Hill

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 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

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

Patricia Shepherd – Woodlands – Wed 2nd Sep 10am

James "Eddy" Doyle – Woodlands – Thur 10th Sep 2pm

Paul Gormally – St Anne's Requiem – 11.30am Friday 25th Sep (Reception into Church 5pm on 24th)

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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