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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

Mon 24 th Aug Feast of St Bartholomew	9am Adoration 10am Mass	Private Intention
Tues 25 th Aug	9am Adoration 10am Mass	Private Intention
Weds 26 th Aug Feast of Blessed Dominic	9am Adoration 10am Mass	Private Intention
Thurs 27 th Aug Memorial of St Monica	9am Adoration 10am Mass	Private Intention
Fri 28 th Aug Memorial of St Augustine	9am Adoration 10am Mass	Private Intention

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

Confessions

St John: Thursday 10am
St Anthony: Saturdays 4.30pm
St Anne: Fridays 7.30pm

Mass Today in the Sunday Missal

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Message from Fr Sean

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God's love, mercy and forgiveness are freely given, but they are not cheap: they were won for us at the price of his precious blood on the Cross. Following Jesus means allowing him to lead us, even when that involves making some sacrifice for him.

Change of Plan I am going to delay my retreat to later in the year so that I can continue to support my mother as she recovers from an operation. I will be around, but taking a quieter and more prayerful week though. Please feel free to join me in that with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each weekday at 9am, followed by Holy Mass each morning at 10am.

Bollards From Monday there will be a retractable bollard on St Anne's car park to access the main area. This is to:

- Make it safer for school children who are walking across the car park so they don't have to walk amidst moving cars. The current situation feels like an accident waiting to happen.
- Reduce the number of people using it throughout the week so we can extend its working life, as it is getting quite damaged and fixing it will cost a fortune to get fixed. It will be lowered for masses, and three C's club events.

A quiet reminder: please keep silence in church before Mass. This gives everyone the opportunity to pray and prepare themselves quietly for the celebration of Mass.

Please contact Claz using the above email if: **1)** You have a child who needs to prepare for Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation. **2)** 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. **3)** You'd like to take part in Alpha. 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.

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 23.8.26:

St Annes Sanctuary Lamp: Sick of the Parish
St Annes Our Lady's Lamp: Parishioners

Church Rota – St Anne's, Week Beginning 23.8.26:

Counting: Margaret and Kathy

Collections

St Anne's: 16.8.26: Figures to be given next week
Weekly Standing Order Donations £81.57 (GAD £50.34)

Ss. John & Anthony's: 9.8.26: £230.60 (GAD £41.10)
16.8.26: £229.78 (GAD £37.00)

Weekly Standing Order Donations £71.57 (GAD £66.96)

Thank you for your generosity!

Bonus Ball Winners: 15.8.26: 7- Bernie Clifford

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 – Tue 1st Sep 11am
Patricia Shepherd – Woodlands - 10am 2nd Sep
James - Woodlands - 2pm 10th 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.
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