

Opening of Doors: The Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instils hope.

Pope Francis launches the Jubilee Year of Mercy with the solemn opening of a door in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on 8th December. The door becomes a symbol of opening to the fullness of God's love, and invites us to pass through as a sign that we wish to experience God's mercy and to take it to others. The door represents a new opening for God's mercy to every heart. Each Christian is called to seek and receive God's mercy and convey it to others through whatever door we pass, whatever thresholds we pass, and whoever we meet during this year. The Basilicas in Rome, all Cathedrals in the Catholic world, each designated church and place of pilgrimage in every diocese have an official Door of Mercy. In our diocese the Doors of Mercy will be opened on Sunday 13th December. (CTS Year of Mercy)

Diocesan Jubilee Churches for the Year of Mercy:

Birmingham:

St. Chad's Cathedral
 Erdington Abbey
 St. Mary's Harborne
 Our Lady & St. Anne
 St. Mary & St. Benedict's
 St. Mary's
 St. Peter's
 Holy Cross
 Lyme: Holy Trinity
 Oxford Oratory (St. Aloysius)
 St. Marie's
 St. Austin's
 St. Augustine's
 St. Mary's, The Mount
 St. Peter & St. Paul's
 St. George's

Caversham:

Coventry:

Harvington:

Leamington Spa:

Lichfield:

Newcastle-under-

Oxford:

Rugby:

Stafford:

Solihull:

Walsall:

Wolverhampton:

Worcester:



Places of Pilgrimage

Birmingham Oratory, Hagley Road

Littlemore, Oxford

Maryvale Institute – Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Aston Hall, Aston-by-Stone

St. John the Baptist, Alton, Staffordshire, serving Alton Castle and Soli.

St. Mary's Convent, Handsworth (Sisters of Mercy)

St. Bernard's Convent and "Coolock", Newcastle-under-Lyme (Sisters of Mercy)

St. Anne's Catholic Church, Alcester Street, Birmingham B12 OPB.
 St. Anne's is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered charity no. 234216

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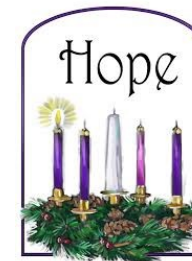
St. Anne's Parish is linked with:
 St. Catherine's Bristol St 0121 622 4049
 SS John & Martin's Balsall Heath 0121 440 3025



First Sunday of Advent

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21st / 22nd November 2015
Year of Luke (C)

Parish Mass Book:
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Mass times and intentions below:

Vigil Mass Saturday:	1st Sunday of Advent 1.00 pm 5pm Slovak Community Mass	Christine Gammelli (anniversary)
SUNDAY	11.30 am 9am Slovak Community Mass	Ron & Rose Masters
Monday	12 noon	Thomas & Margaret Doherty
Tuesday	7.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday	12 noon	McDonnell & Conway Intentions
Thursday	12 noon	Patrick & Katie Flynn R.I.P
Friday	12 noon	John Barrett (anniversary)
Vigil Mass Saturday:	2nd Sunday of Advent 1.00 pm	Delia Hegarty (anniversary)
SUNDAY	11.30 am 3pm Annual Catholic Fellowship Carol Service	Frank Mullen (anniversary)

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St. Anne's Catholic Primary School
Lowe Street,
B12 OER
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Welcome to all our visitors! There is a 'quick' cup of tea/coffee in the TwentyTen Room (next to the sacristy) after Saturday's 1pm Mass; on Sundays after Mass meet and greet one another with a cuppa in the Parish Centre. On Wednesdays after 12 noon Mass the **'Wednesday Club'** meet in the Parish Centre for a meal, a chat, bingo. All welcome.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 11.00 am to 11.45 am
Saturday 11.45 am to 12.45 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):

Wednesday 11.00am to 11.45am
Saturday 11.45 am to 12.45 pm

Miraculous Medal Novena: Wednesday during Mass
Rosary is recited publicly Monday to Saturday before Mass.

Finance:	Offertory	£562.89
	Wednesday	£67.48

Lord, grant eternal rest to those who died recently: Fr. Aengus Donlon, Philip Kirnon, Steve Pittaway, Rachel Doyle: for those whose anniversary occurs about this time, Christine Gammelli, Sarah Keogh, Michael Mulvey, Frs. David Higham, Michael Connolly, Edward Neary, Canons Augustine Emery, Maurice Wolfe; for Religious Priests, Sisters, Brothers who ministered in this area, and for deceased benefactors and parishioners of St Anne's. We pray for the Holy Souls.

Parish Visitations: During November—March the parishes of the Cathedral Deanery are visited by Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop Robert Byrne. On Saturday 5th December and Sunday 6th December Archbishop Bernard will be visiting St. Anne's to meet parishioners and those who worship here, to listen to your ideas for the future, and to visit some of the organisations and groups. On Sunday pupils from St. Anne's Catholic Primary School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during 11.30am Mass. On Sunday afternoon the annual Carol Service and Party with the Catholic Fellowship will take place

Fr. Paul Moss and a House Group from Oscott will be joining us at 1pm Mass on Saturday 5th December. This is part of the seminarians' pastoral placement along with Deacon Dominic. **WELCOME!**

Year of Mercy—Deanery Penance Service

To launch the Year of Mercy under the patronage of Blessed Dominic Barberi and Venerable Catherine McAuley, Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, an Advent Penitential Service will be held at St. Francis' Church, Handsworth B19 1EB on Monday 14th December at 7.30p.m. Following the Penitential Service, there will be the Opening of the Door of St. Mary's Convent of Mercy – designated Place of Pilgrimage in Handsworth. Please make a note of the day and time and encourage others to join you.

See the "Year of Mercy" webpage on the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham website.

A Christmas card can mean so much ...Victims of torture, human rights groups and individuals under threat, and persecuted Christians need our support and our prayers. At Christmas we can all take the opportunity to let them know that they are not forgotten. A list of names and types of card (religious or non-religious) to send is on the shelf by the paper stall.. Card should be sent as soon as possible.

There is a wide range of **Christmas cards and calendars** on sale in the Piety shop,.

Looking for hope in today's world? Keen to support young people in their faith journey? On Wednesday 2nd December 7.30 pm at The Elgar Hall, Birmingham University, Edgbaston, B15 2TT the international performing arts group GEN VERDE presents START NOW, a 2-hour concert of music and song which is an inspiring start to the Year of Mercy for people of all ages. The concert shows how faith lived out. The concert has been welcomed by the Archdiocese of Birmingham and the Nishkam Centre and includes special performances by Catholic, Anglican, Sikh and Muslim pupils of local schools. Further information and tickets can be reserved and collected at the door: contact patricia whitney@gmail.com Tel: 07790 716887 or 0121 406 3650.

Advent day of Prayer at St. Mary's Convent Handsworth on Saturday 12th December from 10am to 3.30p. Contact St. Mary's Convent 0121 554 3271 or sistersofmercy@btconnect.com See poster

JOURNEY in FAITH Group meet on Saturdays 10.30am to 11.30am in the Presbytery Meeting Room, very interesting discussions are held on a variety of topics. All welcome!

Friends of St. Eugene meet on Thursday from 7pm in the meeting room.

St. Paul's Convent Selly Park seek to appoint a Part-time Laundry & General Assistant see noticeboard for details,