

## First week of Advent (A)

### St Anne's Church Mass Times for the coming week

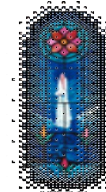
<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> 1:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	11:30am  6pm <b>Funeral into church</b>	Harold Devine (anniversary)  Catherine (Kay) O'Neill R.I.P
Monday	12noon <b>Funeral Mass</b>	Catherine (Kay) O'Neill R.I.P.
Wednesday	12noon	Nora Day
<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 1:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	11.30am	Alessandro Lombardi

### English Martyrs' Church Mass Times for the coming week

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	6:00pm	Julia & Sean Finnegan (50th Wedding Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45am	Frank Hamilton R.I.P
Thursday	9.15am	Deceased of Manning, Abraham and Peake families
Friday	9:15am	Michael Doolan (anniversary)
<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	<b>2nd of Advent</b> 6:00pm	Luke Higgins (anniversary) James & Annie Martin
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45am	Gerry Corrigan (anniversary)



## St. Anne's & English Martyrs' Parish Newsletter



Both parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered charity no. 234216

First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

**26th/27th November 2016**

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### *Parish Mass Book:*

Introduction: Penitential Act, from Page 7

*Creed Page 11/12*

*Prayers and Readings: Pages 82-84*

*Preface: Page 65/66*

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*'Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.  
Be a living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your  
face, kindness in your eyes; kindness in your smile  
(St. Teresa of Calcutta)*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions**

**St. Anne's:**

Wednesday: 11am to 11.45 am

Saturday 11.45 am to 12.45 pm

**English Martyrs'**

Saturday: 5 pm to 5.45 pm

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** at St. Anne's on Wednesdays during 12 noon Mass.

**Rosary:** before weekday Mass

**Monday Club** in English Martyrs' Meeting Room from 11am

**Wednesday Club** at St. Anne's Parish Centre after 12noon Mass

**Communitas Group** every Thursday at 9.30 am at Meeting Room, English Martyrs' Church. .... Please join them for some very good company.

**English Martyrs' Church Cleaning:** Team 3

<b>Finances:</b> English Martyrs' Offertory	£551.41	Youth Service	£251.33
St. Anne's: Offertory	£511.63	Youth Service	£152.55
	Wednesday £47.01		Many Thanks.

Second Collection next Sunday for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese

**English Martyrs' Tote:** Winning Numbers: **11: 15: 20: 23:** No Hit .

£100+ Six winners £17 each— Betty (R. Carbery) Mary (M. McDermott) Dorothy (M. McDermott) . McD (M. McDermott); .B. Anderson (B. Anderson) M. Nicholl (B. Nicholl)

What newspapers do you have during the week? Is there a Catholic Paper or Magazine among them? Catholic papers, **Advent 'Walk with Me' Booklets** and Calendars are available today. Take one or two for a neighbour and friend....

**Catholic Fellowship Carol Service** on Sunday 4th December at 3.30pm in St. Annes' Church, followed by a Party in the Parish Centre. This is a gathering of adults and young people with Special needs, their families and friends.

**Schools:** Advent Mass at St. Bernard's on Wednesday 9.15am, followed by First Confessions.

Advent Mass for English Martyrs' School on Thursday at 9.15am.

Christmas Production by St. Anne's School on Monday 12th

December in St. Anne's Church at 6pm.... ALL WELCOME

**Lord, grant eternal rest to those who died recently:** Catherine O'Neill, Helen Wallace, Patsy Hickey. Rita Somerville ; Bridie Farrell; Michael Keady (Funeral Mass at Holy Souls, Acocks Green on Monday 28th November at 11am); Eamon McGrath, (funeral on Tuesday 6th December at English Martyrs at 11.30am); and for those whose anniversary occur about now, May they rest in peace.

**Blessing of Graves** 27th November Wythall at 2pm

**Vocations to the Permanent Diaconate:** The Archbishop wishes to give greater publicity to the Permanent Diaconate and has produced a leaflet summarising the main features of this ordained Ministry. The leaflet gives information regarding the procedure for prospective candidates, who believe they may have a calling, to apply for formation in the Archdiocese. Copies are available at the back of church and your prayers are requested for more vocations to this diaconate, to the priesthood and religious life.

The [Art of Dying Well](http://www.artofdyingwell.org) is based in the Catholic tradition but is open to all. Launched on All Saints Day, it features real-life stories about the highs and lows of dealing with the final journey. Professionals in palliative care, ethics, chaplaincy and history have informed the site content. You can explore the site at [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org). Prayer card is available in the porch.

On Sat 3rd December singer & classical guitarist Martin Aelred will be performing a pro-life fundraising concert at St Anne's Parish Centre. He has sung for the Pope & the United Nations. The Dalai Lama described him as 'the man with the beautiful voice'. Tickets are £10 and can be purchased from [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk) or phone Isabel on 07773501721. Doors open at 7pm, concert followed by social/drinks till late. Places are limited.

**Charity Night at the Bear Pub, Stratford Road** on Sunday 27th November from 7.30pm. Proceeds to St. Mary's Hospice. Donations appreciated.

**London Hospices Choir and Paul Carrack – The Living Years** A newly formed choir of 300 patients, families, staff and volunteers from 18 hospices are aiming for this year's Christmas number 1 with an uplifting cover version of the classic song "The Living Years", led by Paul Carrack, who was also lead vocalist on the original 1991 hit. The Living Years is being released on 16<sup>th</sup> December in aid of 18 Hospices. It's available to pre-order now from: Amazon (Physical): <http://smarturl.it/e872qp> Amazon (Digital): <http://smarturl.it/ad3krd> iTunes: <http://smarturl.it/4sk7sm>