

December 2015– November 2016 YEAR of MERCY:

‘Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful’

Diocesan Jubilee Churches for the Year of Mercy:

Birmingham:	St. Chad’s Cathedral Erdington Abbey St. Mary’s Harborne
Caversham:	Our Lady & St. Anne
Coventry:	St. Mary & St. Benedict’s
Harvington:	St. Mary’s
Leamington Spa:	St. Peter’s
Lichfield:	Holy Cross
Newcastle-under-Lyme:	Holy Trinity
Oxford:	Oxford Oratory (St. Aloysius)
Rugby:	St. Marie’s
Stafford:	St. Austin’s
Solihull:	St. Augustine’s
Walsall:	St. Mary’s, The Mount
Wolverhampton:	St. Peter & St. Paul’s
Worcester:	St. George’s

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)

YEAR of MERCY— on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, 9th/10th January a time to honour Parents and Grandparents

Suggestion: take some Holy Water home, share this action recommended by Pope Francis or give a small bottle of Holy Water to your family:

“What can be more beautiful than for a father and mother (grandfather, grandmother) to bless their children at the beginning and end of each day, to trace on their forehead the sign of the cross, as they did on the day of their baptism? Is this not the simplest prayer which parents can offer for their children? To bless them, that is, to entrust them to the Lord.” *Pope Francis*

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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 SS John & Martin’s Balsall Heath 0121 440 3025



**FEAST of the Baptism of the Lord
 Year of Luke (C)
 9th/10th January 2016**

Parish Mass Book:

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Mass times and intentions below:

Vigil Mass Saturday:	Feast of the Baptism Of the Lord 1.00 pm	Pray for Parents & grandparents Gretta Tighe (anniversary)
SUNDAY	11.30 am	Kevin McSwiggan (anniversary)
Monday	12 noon	Julia & Michael Regan
Tuesday	7.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday	12noon	Eileen Tiernan R.I.p.
Thursday	12noon	Mary Kelly R.I.P
Friday:	12noon	Baby Aidan Flaherty & family
Vigil Mass Saturday:	Second Sunday of the Year 1.00 pm	PEACE DAY Phil, Anne, Daniel & Emily Garvey R.I.P.
SUNDAY	Peace Sunday 11.30am	Charlie McGovern (anniversary)

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St. Anne's Catholic Primary School
Lowe Street,
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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: Monday to Saturday before Mass.

Lord, grant eternal rest to those who died recently: Maureen Swaine, Mary Handley, John O'Grady, Jackie Bick, Sr. Veronica O'Connell, Gerry Corrigan, Remo Forcellini, Vincent Dundas, Dylan Booth, Bernadette Richards, Norah Fleming, known also as Norah Monaghan, (Funeral on 19th January), Brian McDaid (Funeral on 22nd January) for those whose anniversaries occur about now, especially Kevin McSwiggan, Gretta Tighe, Charlie McGovern: Frs. Philip Wyles, James Bromley, Patrick McSwiney, Peter Tuite, Robert Kirby, Gerard Peuleve, Cyril Bennett, Benedict O'Gorman, Deacon William Murphy, Brian Dockerty, Canon Matt Corrigan: for Religious Priests, Sisters, Brothers who ministered in this area, and for deceased benefactors and parishioners of St Anne's.

Finance: **Offertery** **£432.65**
 Wednesday **£50.16. Many thanks.**

Next Sunday—retiring collection for Pax Christi The work of **Pax Christi – the Peace of Christ** – is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. The vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form. Pax Christi is rooted in Catholic Christianity but is open to all who share its values and work

Journey of Faith 2016—we regroup on the journey on Saturday 10.30am to 11.30am in the Presbytery meeting room.

FCJ Vocations Weekend Liverpool 29th –31st January for young women, contact S. Lynne fcJ on 02076356602, see noticeboard.

Birmingham Churches Winter Night Shelter: Volunteers' training evening Monday 11th January from 7pm to 9pm. **Eugene Renehan (07909225629)** has volunteered to act a a co-ordinator to this project.

What next for St. Anne's The meeting at St. Anne's Presbytery on **Monday 4th January** was excellently attended by 25 – 30 people. They represented many aspects of the parish and brought areas of skills. The meeting was presented with the proposal that St. Anne's Presbytery be made available to accommodate Refugees who have been forced to leave their countries because of wars, famine or oppression. During the meeting questions were asked, clarifications requested, disappointments and reservations were expressed. While the project would be Diocesan led, especially by way of finance, the diocese would seek the support of the parish, and that was forthcoming from the meeting.

Masses, Sacramental, Spiritual and Pastoral Care would continue but the priest would not be residing in the Presbytery as now. Along with the people of St. Anne's and the wider community, agencies such as Fr. Hudson's Care, Columban Lay Missionaries, Caritas Birmingham and Restore would be directly involved in the management and running of the project.

At the end of the meeting it was agreed that the Presbytery be used for this project. A further meeting with representatives of the above mentioned agencies will take place on **Monday February 1st at 7pm at St. Anne's Presbytery. All welcome**

Talk, followed by questions by Jan Waterson of Birmingham University and Leo Nation, in SS John and Martin's Parish Hall, George St. Balsall Heath B12 9RG on Tuesday 2nd February at 7.00 on the Encyclical Laudato si (Praise be to you) In a historic move Pope Francis speaks about his concern for the world's poorest people who suffer most from the ruthless pursuit of wealth, which treats God's creation as a possession rather than a gift for us to care for and use for the benefit of all. This encyclical is further encouragement for our Catholic family to live a life of simplicity, sustainability and solidarity with the poor.

Works of Mercy—The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are kind actions focusing on physical needs
The Spiritual Works of Mercy centre on the spiritual and emotional needs

Corporal Works of Mercy:

feed the hungry
give drink to the thirsty
clothe the naked
shelter the homeless
visit the sick
visit the imprisoned
bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy:

counsel the doubtful
instruct the ignorant
admonish sinners
comfort the afflicted
forgive offences
bear patiently those who do us ill
pray for the living and the dead