

## December 2015– November 2016 YEAR of MERCY

### 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:** bring a small bottle to church next week and fill it with Holy Water. At home, take part in 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*

‘May this home be a place of happiness and health, of contentment, generosity and hope, a home of creativity and kindness, of mercy and forgiveness. May those who visit us and those who live here experience blessings and peace.’

*Light for the Path: Resources for families in the Jubilee Year of Mercy*

St. Anne's Catholic Church, Alcester Street, Birmingham B12 OPB.  
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St. Anne's Parish is linked with:  
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## FEAST of the Epiphany Year of Luke (C) 2nd/3rd January 2016

*Parish Mass Book:*

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### Mass times and intentions below:

Vigil Mass Saturday:	Feast of the Epiphany 1.00 pm	Anne & Jim Hollywood R.I.P.
SUNDAY	11.30 am	Deceased of Hill & McSwiggan families
Monday	12 noon	Frances O'Brien (anniversary)
Tuesday	NO MASS 7pm Funeral into church	NO MASS Maureen Swaine R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.15am MASS at St. Anne's school 12 noon Funeral Mass	Maureen Swaine R.I.P
Thursday	12noon	Tom Freeman R.I.P
Friday:	12noon	Gildas Gordon R.I.P
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)

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St. Anne's Catholic Primary School  
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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.

**Lord, grant eternal rest to those who died recently,: Maureen Swaine, Seamus Fleming, Frank Watson, Norah Fleming, for those whose anniversaries occur about now, especially Frances O'Brien, Lucy Hill, James McSwiggan, Kevin McSwiggan, Gretta Tighe: Frs. Martin Cassidy, Philip Garrett, Francis Dwyer, Philip Smith, John Bentley, Charles Becker, John P. Davis, Canon Martin Power:** for Religious Priests, Sisters, Brothers who ministered in this area, and for deceased benefactors and parishioners of St Anne's.

**What next for St. Anne's .....** A meeting will take place at St. Anne's Presbytery on **Monday 4th January at 7pm.** Please do your best to attend to share your thoughts, to listen to others and to look at ways in which St. Anne's can continue to be hospitable to those seeking shelter. We reflect on how St. Anne's can respond to Pope Francis' and Archbishop Bernard Longley's request to parishes to welcome people who have been forced to leave their countries because of wars, famine or oppression.

**Birmingham Churches Winter Night Shelter**—Please note: our rota begins on Monday 22nd February, until Monday 28th March. Volunteers' training evening Monday 11th January from 7pm to 9pm. **Eugene Renehan (07909225629)** has volunteered to act as a co-ordinator to this project, one or two more would make the task a little easier!! Please give him a call if you can help with coordinating.

**My thanks.....** to you for your good wishes, cards, gifts and generous Christmas Offerings, and to all who contributed in any way to the celebration of Christmas liturgies here.  
With my prayers and good wishes for the coming year—The Holy Year of Mercy.

## *2015—2016 THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY*

**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

*We practice many of the corporal works of mercy through your donation of food, money and clothing, by visits to the sick, to the housebound and lonely, by attending funerals and supporting charity events;*

*We practice the spiritual works of mercy by sharing our faith, when we spend time listening to someone's problems or difficulties, when we forgive those who hurt us, when we pray for our families or for those who have asked a prayer, when we pray for deceased members of our family and friends.*

**New Year resolution...**Commit to memory the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and use these as an inspiration for your life of mercy.

**Plan, now, your time in the "24 Hours for the Lord" on 5th/6th March 2016**