

Third week of Advent (A)

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

Saturday Vigil Mass	3rd Sunday of Advent 1:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11.30am	Patrick Donnelly (anniversary)
Monday	12noon	Edward McCann R.I.P.
Wednesday Thursday	12noon 10.30am at St. Anne's School	Nuala O' Callaghan R.I.P. Special Intention
Saturday Vigil Mass	4th Sunday of Advent 1:00pm	Billy Nock (anniversary)
Sunday	11.30am	Patrick Donnelly (anniversary)

English Martyrs' Church Mass Times for the coming week

Saturday Vigil Mass	3rd of Advent 6:00pm	John O'Brien R.I.P.
Sunday	9:45am	Catherine Walsh; Paddy Coyne R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.15am at St. Bernard's	
Thursday	9:15am	P.J. Kelly R.I.P.
Friday	9:15am—in church English Martyrs' School end of term Mass	Ann Lydon (anniversary)
Saturday Vigil Mass	4th Sunday of Advent 6:00pm	Chris McGillen Jimmy Fowler (anniversary)
Sunday	9:45am	Maureen & Bernie Dec'd of McTernan Family & Hilda Felton



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



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Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

10th/11th December 2016

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Parish Mass Book:

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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 meeting from 11am in the Meeting Room, English Martyrs

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.

Schools: Christ mas Production by St. Anne's School on Monday 12th December in St. Anne's Church at 6pm....
Carol Service at St. Bernard's on Tuesday 13th December at 7pm
Mass at St. Bernard's on Wednesday 14th December 9.15am,
Nativity Assembly at St. Bernard's at 1.30pm on Wednesday 14th December.
Mass at St. Anne's Thursday 15th December at 10.30am. Christmas Assembly in St. Anne's at 1.30pm on Thursday 15th December.
English Martyrs' School Carol Service in Church at 2pm on Thursday 15th December.
English Martyrs' end of term Mass on Friday 16th December at 9.15am in church

Lord, grant eternal rest to those who died recently: Tracy McCormack; and for those whose anniversary occur about now, May they rest in peace.

Ecumenical Carol singing...Come and join in the singing to celebrate Christmas with other Christians in Sparkhill on Saturday 17th December at 3pm outside St John's Church, the corner of Stratford Rd /St John's Rd. Followed by mince pies and refreshments.

More than 50 greeting cards were signed by parishioners last weekend. These have been posted to greet prisoners of conscience in all parts of the world. The justice and peace group thanks all who participated in this campaign this year. Donations for **Fatima House Christmas Party** are very welcome. On December 23rd, volunteers and guests at Fatima will celebrate Christmas. If you want to contribute to this celebration please contact Nathalie or Mauricio on 07393237395. Many thanks!

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve (Saturday): St. Anne's 1pm (followed by carols singing)
English Martyrs: 6pm (Carols during Mass)
Christmas Day (Sunday): English Martyrs' 9.45am. (Sung)
St. Anne's 11.30am (Sung)

This year BBC will be televising Midnight Mass live from St. Chad's Cathedral

Confessions leading up to Christmas:

St.. Anne's: Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st 11am to 11.45am.
Christmas Eve: 11.30am to 12.45pm

English Martyrs': Thursday 22nd/ Friday 23rd 10am to 11am; 6pm to 6.30pm
Christmas Eve: 4.45pm to 5.45pm

English Martyrs' Church Cleaning: Team 4

Finances: English Martyrs' Offertory £668.87 Poor Parishes £326.37
St. Anne's: Offertory £508.11 Poor parishes £184.26
Wednesday £47.32 Many thanks.

For those who would like to know more about the projects mentioned in today's Pastoral Letter, please look up Father Hudson's Care on the Internet and see what the charity is achieving today.

If you wish to support Father Hudson's Care today, please use the envelope provided. If you are a taxpayer, doing this can increase your gift by 25% at no extra cost to you. If you are not able to support them today, then please take away an envelope and return it when you can. Father Hudson's wish to thank all those who give a regular monthly donation throughout the year. The dependability of this giving makes it possible to plan ahead.

English Martyrs' Tote: Winning Numbers: 2: 4: 7: 13: No Hit .
£100+ Three winners £17 each— Margaret McCloskey; (M. McDermott): M. Gavigan (M. Gavigan); Ann Glynn (M. Gavigan). Thank you for your support.

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 16th 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>

Hidden Treasure Taizé Birmingham: 28th April - 1st May 2017 During these dates there will be a group of Young people from overseas taking part in this weekend conference on Taize Prayer and spirituality. The organisers hope that people in the Sparkhill area will help to accommodate those delegate who will be assigned to this area. Can you help? There will be further information later but in the meantime for more details see www.taize.fr/birmingham