

St. Anne's Church.**Intentions..**

Saturday 3rd. 1.00 pm. Margaret & Terrence Cook.
Sarah & Hugh Hamill.

Sunday 4th. 11.30. Kathleen Culhane & Family. James Hughes.

Wednesday 7th. 12.00. David Mulloly Pauline Mc Hugh.

Saturday 10th. 1.00 pm John Mc Swiggan. Ellen Collins.

Sunday 11th. 11.30. Mary Burke. Sarah Patricia Mayer.

Currently there is No Monday Mass at St Anne's

English Martyr's Church.**Intentions..**

Saturday 3rd. 6.00 pm. Timothy Mullane & John Kely.

Sunday 4th. 9.45. Patrick Sheeran.
Maureen & Philip Halloran

Tuesday 6th. 10.00. Alice Carolan. John Redding.

Thursday 8th. 7.00 pm reception for Colin kearns.

Friday 9th. 10.00. Requiem Mass for Colin Kearns.

Saturday 10th. 6.00 pm. Ted O Neill, Peter Clark

Sunday 11th. 9.45. Mary Veronica Cooney Alessandro Lombardi.

Tuesday and Friday Masses are held in the Meeting Room until the summertime, exceptions being if school is attending or funerals. Held.

Looking for information about Joe Mahoney.

Joe Mahoney died recently, aged 27 He was born in Ireland and then moved to Birmingham as a child.

Joe was adopted aged 9 and lived then in Stoke On Trent.

The adoptive mother would like to contact the birth mother to inform her of Joe's death. Any information please to Fr. Robert

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Offertories over the last weekend, 28th January.

English Martyr's £514. 75.

St. Anne's. £ 487.27

Hymns:

Arrangements for Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

English Martyr's, 9.30 am

St. Anne's at 12.00.

Thursday Live– 40 minute organ recitals

St. Chad's Cathedral, on the first Thursday of each month, 1.15—1.55.
Next on February 1st, then 1st March, 5th April, 3rd May, 7th June.
Five to six pieces of music– different composers/periods.
Admission is free, though there is a retiring collection.

Opus Dei Men's Group.

The group meets in St. Anne's church on the last Friday of each month from 7.30 to 9.00. the evening consists of a talk by the leading priest, reflection/meditation, opportunity for confession and closes with refreshments.

Race, Discrimination, and the Irish in Post War

Birmingham: Before and After the Pub Bombings

Professor Gavin Schaffer reflects on Irish/Birmingham post war history, exploring how Irish migrants fitted into models of British race relations and multiculturalism

Wednesday 7th February, 7.15 pm,

The Rowton Hotel, 145 Alcester Street B12 OPJ

Admission £3.50. (Westminster Suite)

Further talks;

7th March. *The Irish Poor and the English Workhouse System*

4th. April– *George Best: The Working Class Belfast Protestant.*

2nd May : The documentary film, *George Best, All By Himself.*

Funeral arrangements at *St Anne's church*

For the late Edward Donald George.

Reception on Monday 12th at 5.30 pm

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 13th February at 10.00 followed by burial Branwood End.

Funeral arrangements at *English Martyr's church*

For the late Michael Doolan. Reception on Monday 19th at 6.00

The Eucharist– Looking Backwards and Forwards Blessing and Thanking the Father.

So why do we gather? We give so many complex answers to this question that we often lose sight of the verbs that the first churches recalled to explain their gathering.

They recalled that Jesus Blessed and Thanked. The fundamental sacrifice of the covenant, day by day, was the sacrifice of thanksgiving: we praise God for all he has done, we thank him for our being, his love and care, and our thanking, our blessing him are an expression of our love.

Blessing God was so fundamental an aspect of Jewish prayer that everyone was familiar with a variety of such prayers of praise and thanksgiving and blessing. All would have known the blessing after a meal which would mutate to become the earliest Eucharistic Prayer we can link with the followers of Jesus:

Now this is how you should engage in giving thanks, bless God in this way.

First, at the cup, say: *We give thanks to you our Father for the holy vine of David, your servant, which you have made known to us. Through Jesus your servant, to you be glory forever.*

But many would have known more elaborate prayers:

Blessed are you O Lord the God of our ancestor Israel forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth are yours. Yours is the kingdom O Lord and you are exalted as head above all Riches and honour come from you and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now God we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

We think we know the Last Supper texts like the back of our hands, but do we? The strange fact is that if we could transport ourselves back we would want to know the prayer to the Father that Jesus uttered: but that