

Fourth week of Advent (A)

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

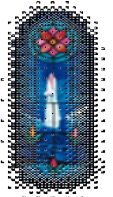
Saturday Vigil Mass	4th Sunday of Advent 1:00pm	Billy Nock (anniversary)
Sunday	11.30am	Patrick Donnelly (anniversary)
Monday	12noon	Eileen Kelliher R.I.P
Wednesday	12noon	Frank Mullin (anniversary)
Saturday Vigil Mass	Feast of Christmas 1:00pm followed by Carols until 2.30pm	Christmas Mass Intentions re- quested
Sunday	11.30am (Sung)	People of the Parish

English Martyrs' Church Mass Times for the coming week

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
Thursday	9:15am	Chris, Gerard, Martin McGillin (anniversary)
Friday	9:15am	John Brooks
Saturday Vigil Mass	Feast of Christmas 6:00pm (Carols)	John, Bridie, Dessie Kerins (anniversary): Deceased of parish- ioners.
Sunday	9:45am Sung)	Ellen Hamilton, Patrick Martin Tommy Nolan (anniversary)



St. Anne's & English Martyrs' Parish Newsletter



Both parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered
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Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)
17th/18th December 2016

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Parish Mass Book:

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**“If you want to find God, seek him in humility, seek him in poverty;
 seek him where he is hidden—in the neediest, in the sick, in
 the hungry, in the imprisoned” Pope Francis 2015**

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. Perhaps in the new year you might join one of the groups for some very good company and social life.

Church Cleaning—you are invited to help with cleaning and preparing English Martyrs' Church for Christmas on TUESDAY at 10.30am

Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—

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

For People find time before the Blessed Sacrament can be peaceful, most fruitful and inspiring, please help them by your silence and reverence.

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve (Saturday):

St. Anne's 1pm (followed by carol singing until 2.30pm)
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

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.

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!

Taize Prayer: Today 18th December at 6 pm at [Birmingham Children's Hospital](http://www.birminghamchildrenshospital.org)

Lord, grant eternal rest to those who died recently: Margaret Tracey, Dick Carroll, Matt Renahan; and for those whose anniversary occur about now, May they rest in peace.

Finances: English Martyrs' Offertory £595.98

Gift Aid: we need the people who use Offertory Envelopes numbers 1: 2: or 4 to please speak to Mary Kelly after the Masses at English Martyrs.

St. Anne's: Offertory £440.36
Wednesday £69.65

Many thanks.

Retirement—after 12 very fruitful years as Headteacher at St. Anne's Catholic Primary School, Mrs. Bernadette Keenan retires at the end of this term. We thank her for her hard work, dedication and enthusiasm for the school and parish. She has made a long lasting contribution to the Kingdom of God in this area and community. Remembering Mrs Keenan and her family in our prayers, we wish her a very happy and restful retirement.

The Governors of the school have appointed **Mr Wendell Gopaul** as the new Headteacher. We remember him in our prayers as we wish him every blessing and success in his new role in our parish, school and in the Church.

English Martyrs' Tote: Winning Numbers: 5: 8: 9 :14 Jackpot £1000 NO HIT
£100+ SIX Winners: £17 each. V. Ward (B. Anderson): J. Sharkey (M. Gavigan): Margaret O'Neill (M. McDermott): M. McLoughlin (M. McDermott): Ellen McMahon (M. McDermott): J. McCloskey (M. McDermott). 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>

Available for you to take today.....a copy of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter, read at Masses last week

....a copy of the current edition of **Catholic Today**, our diocesan Newspaper, to have in your home for Christmas.

....'**Peace and Joy this Christmas**' a Christmas Poster from the Knights of St. Columba to display in your front window during the Christmas season.

Year Book—Catholic Directory Archdiocese of Birmingham 2017, price £2.75.