

Beginning of Term School Masses

St. Anne's Thursday 12th January at 9.30am
Corpus Christi Wednesday 18th January at 9.30am
The staff and pupils from both schools would like to remind parishioners, especially parents that they are invited to all school Masses throughout the year.

Christian Unity Week 18th - 25th January

Last year we were invited to share in a Service held in the Church of St. John the Divine, in Willenhall to pray for Christian Unity. This year we will return the opportunity to pray together. There will be a joint parish service, Corpus Christi and St. Anne's held in St. Anne's Church on Sunday 22nd January 2017 at 4pm.

We will invite parishioners from the neighbouring Non-Catholic communities to join us for Evening Prayer and refreshments afterwards in the Joachim Room.

It will be good to see another strong response from both parishes attending this service of Prayer and Praise.

Parents Meeting for Children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

For those children receiving Confirmation in 2017 whether from Corpus Christi or St. Anne's parish, there is a meeting for your parents on Thursday 12th January at 7.15pm in Corpus Christi Church. This is the first of two meetings which you need to attend even if you have been to these meetings before for another child. You can share your experience with those parents who haven't.

The Sacrament of Confirmation for 2017 is;

Corpus Christi Sunday 26th March at 10.30am
St. Anne Thursday 15th June at 7.00pm

The End of Christmastide

The season of Christmas ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This Feast falls on Monday 9th January. After this Feast we will need to take down the decorations in Church. They can either come down on the Sunday, Monday or Tuesday of that week, whichever is more convenient.

Help will be needed in both Churches to dismantle the crib and trees, etc.... and store them safely until next Christmas which is 50 weeks away, and counting :) . Please express your availability either to Fr. David or the members of the parish responsible for the decorations . Thank you!!

Crib Collections

Near the crib in both churches is an offering box for our crib offerings. Each year a different charity benefits from your kind gift.

This year in St. Anne's Church, the Crib offering will go to Fr. Hudson's Society. Our offering is placed in the tall metal container next to the crib.

In Corpus Christi, the Crib offering will go and support the Friends of the Holy Land. Our offering is placed in the angel's basket near the crib.

Blessing of Chalk

This weekend, for the Feast of the Epiphany we will bless pieces of chalk.

This chalk is used to inscribe our homes with the initials of the Magi; **C**asper, **M**elchior and **B**althasar and ask God to bless our homes, **C**hristus **M**ansionem **B**enedicat, Christ Bless our home.

A member of the family, preferably the Father or Mother says the following prayer after writing over the door the blessing:

20 + C + M + B + 17

May all who come to our homes this year

Rejoice to find Christ living among us;

And may we seek and serve, in every one we meet,

That same Jesus who is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen

Of your charity

Please pray for the souls of, Bill Sullivan, Don Gill & Jadvyga Koncervicius (aged 100) who have died recently.

Bill's Requiem is on Tuesday 17th January at 12 noon in St. Anne's Church.

Jadvyga's Requiem is on Friday 13th January at 9.30am in St. Anne's Church.

Don's Requiem is on Thursday 12th January at 12.30 pm in St. John Vianney, followed by burial at Lenton's Lane for 2.30pm. Reception the night before on the 11th at 6.30pm.

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord...

Mass Intention Envelopes

The Mass Intention Envelopes at the back of Church are for Mass Intentions. If you put in a Candle Intention in the envelope can you write on the back of the envelope "Candle Intention included" or tell Fr. David please.

These envelopes are not opened immediately. Sometimes it is a month or two until they are opened after they have been received. Your requested week for a candle intention may therefore be missed.

Children receiving Confirmation from Non-Catholic Schools



Those children attending non-Catholic Schools are reminded that your classes for Confirmation began on Saturday 7th January at 10.15am in the Fr. Tuite Room.

The St. Barnabas Society

The St Barnabas Society, a registered charity, operates in Great Britain and Ireland and exists to provide pastoral and financial help on behalf of the whole Catholic community to former clergy ministers and religious from other churches, who live in Great Britain and Ireland, and who have been led by faith and conscience to come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Mr Cyprian Blamires, the regional representative of the society will be speaking about the work at all Masses on the weekend of 21st/22nd January 2017.

A little light humour

Teacher: How old is your father?

Pupil: He is 6 years.

Teacher: What? How is this possible?

Pupil: He became father only when I was born.

Teacher: Peter, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Peter: No, Miss, it's the same dog.

(Logic through the eyes of a child; it's simple and loveable)

