

Refreshments after the Sunday Masses

Refreshments are served after Sunday Mass in St. Anne's Church in the Joachim Room and in Corpus Christi Church in the Fr. Tuite Room.

All are welcome!



Of your charity

Please pray for the souls of Maureen (Mary) England, Ellen Deeghan and Nina Leathley who have recently died.

Nina's Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 31st January at 9.45am in St. Anne's Church. Reception the night before is at 5pm.

Ellen's Requiem Mass is Friday 2nd February at 9.30am in Corpus Christi. Reception the night before is at 5.30pm.

Maureen's Funeral Service is in Canley Crematorium at 3.45pm on Friday 2nd February.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord...



Guild of St. Stephen's Thanksgiving Mass

2018

St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham

We will be taking our Altar Servers and their families to St. Chad's Catholic Cathedral to partake in the Guild of St. Stephen's Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 17th February 2018 at 12noon. In this Mass there will be many Altar Servers from other parishes across the Diocese partaking.

The coach will pick up at 10am on Saturday 17th February from outside Corpus Christi Church. You can leave your car in the grounds of Corpus Christi Church.

We will be departing the Cathedral after refreshments around 2pm (approximately) to be back outside Corpus Christi for 3pm

Can Altar Servers please wear clean and polished black shoes, hair tidied back, and clean Albs.

Those who have the Guild of St. Stephen Medal should bring this with you.



Christian Unity Week 18th - 25th January 2018

As in previous years we are looking to come together with some of the other local Christian churches in the area to pray for one another during the week of Christian Unity.

The date suggested is Sunday 28th January. While just outside the Octave for Christian Unity Week, we can still meet to thank God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ at the end of the Octave.

We will be meeting at 4pm in the Church of St. John the Divine in Willenhall on Sunday 28th January.

It would be nice to have a strong presence from both Corpus Christi and St. Anne's parishioners, to send out a message that Unity Matters.



Grand Valentine Raffle and Confectionery Table Top

On Sunday 4th February before and after Mass St. Anne's will be holding a Table Top Sale in aid of St. Anne's 40th Anniversary Fund.

If you have received and unwanted gifts for Christmas, or have any other items you would like to donate to the sale then please leave them in the Joachim Room for Jim Rossiter. Thank you.

St. Anne's Wednesday Circle

The next Circle meeting is on Wednesday 31st January, between 1pm and 3pm in the Joachim Room in St. Anne's Church. All are welcome!

Corpus Christi and St. Anne's Finance Meeting

The first joint meeting will be on Thursday 8th February at 7pm in Corpus Christi Presbytery.

The Eucharist and the Family

In the run up to the World Meeting on Families, (21st-26th August) and the Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress (7th-9th September) there are a series of events happening around the Diocese. One of these events is coming to Coventry on Saturday 3rd February, and will be held in the Church of Christ the King in Coventry.

The theme of the day, is discovering the Heart of the Faith (the Eucharist) in the Heart of the Family. The day will begin at 10am and finish at 3.30pm. You will need to take a packed lunch with you and you will need to book a place for the day.

To reserve a place contact Paul Northam or Sr. Gillian Murphy on:

fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk or parishesMV@maryvale.ac.uk
Or Telephone: 0121 360 8118 or Paul's mobile: 07821 582 096

This day would be ideal for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Parish/Family workers, Teachers, Catechists, and Parishioners eager to bring families to Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Retirement

Mrs Newman, the Headteacher of Corpus Christi School has announced this week of her decision to retire at the end of this academic year in August 2018. Mrs Newman has served as Headteacher since 2007. A letter was sent home with the children announcing her decision to retire. Below is written parts of that letter;

"As I reflect on my time at Corpus I am proud and delighted to be able to say that I have worked within a very special community. The school has been a huge part of my life and will always be very dear to my heart.

From my very first visit to our school, I fell in love with the children and have continued to do so year on year.

I am constantly astounded by who they become and what they can achieve as individuals.

When I leave in August 2018, I will leave with a great many memories of children, parents, families and parishioners who I have been fortunate enough to meet over the past eleven years. These memories will never leave me as I move forward into the next chapter."

These decisions are never easy to make. I am sure you that will keep Debbie in your prayers. Closer to the end of the academic year we will express our thanks but for the time being, it is as she says "business as usual" .

St. Anne's - extra help needed

A number of volunteers help on a Friday morning cleaning the Church of St. Anne. These volunteers have asked for some extra hands to help, not only with the dusting, vacuuming and mopping but also with the cleaning of the brasses and silverware. Some areas need cleaning weekly while other areas only monthly. So if you have a little spare time perhaps you can offer your services. Many a friendship has developed or deepened over something so simple as cleaning.

After the auditor's visit in October 2017 we were encouraged to have a rota for the counting team, so it wasn't always the same team counting. Again, if you have a free hour and would like to be part of a team helping your parish then a few extra pair of hands will be welcomed in this area as well.