

Fourth Sunday of Advent 23rd December 2018

St. Anne's Catholic Church

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*Why should I be honoured with a visit from the Mother of my Lord
Luke 1:39-45*



MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS 23rd – 30th December 2018

Date	Feast	Time	Intention
Sun 23 rd Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Jimmy Arthurs (Canada) (Loved Brother))
		5.30pm	May Cain
Mon 24 th Dec	Christmas Eve Solemn Vigil Mass	5.30pm	Margaret Moore ILM
Tue 25 th Dec	Christmas Day Mass	10.00am	Special Intention Sr. Ethel Machado (J&LC)
Wed 26 th Dec	Feast of St. Stephen	12 noon	Dec'd of all St. Anne's
Thur 27 th Dec		10.00am	Intentions of Priest
Fri 28 th Dec	St. Peter Canisius	10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Sat 29 th Dec		10.00am	Cath Mullen R.D (SMcQ)
Sun 30 th Dec	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	10.30am	The Homeless this Christmas
		5.30pm	Intentions of Everyone who regularly attended 5.30pm Mass

Confession after Saturday morning Mass (10.45am)
Children's Liturgy during Morning Mass on Sunday

Welcomers

23rd Dec: Elsie
30th Dec: Ann

Mass Readers

23rd Dec

10.30am Peter Hardesty

Christmas Eve: 24th Dec

5.30pm Nicola Cant

Christmas Day: 25th Dec

Christine Hodgkinson

Church Cleaners

No Cleaning Rota Until
Further Notice

Sanctuary Candle: 23rd- 29th Dec

Church: Margaret & Chris Wright
ILM Sarah & Arthur Southwick

Chapel: Joan Stephenson

ILM John Stephenson

Sanctuary Candle: 30th Dec – 5th Jan

Church: Margaret Wright
Birthday Thanksgiving

Chapel: Ann Kell

ILM Margaret Ireland

Communion Ministers

23rd Dec

10.30am Nicola Cant; Margaret Davidson;
Christine Hodgkinson

5.30am Andy Hayes

Christmas Eve; Mary Stacey; Goff Ellis
Anthony Blake;

Christmas Day; Pat Thompson;

Nicola Cant; Pat Elliott

30th Dec

10.30am Joan Limer; Kathleen Kelly;
Margaret Wright

5.30pm Margaret Davidson

100+ Club 16th Dec: Winning No. 20
(Joan Falcus)

Offerory Coll: 16th Dec: £212.74

1st Reading from the first Book of Samuel 1:20-22;24-28

2nd Reading from the first Letter St. John 3:1-2;21-24

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:41-52

Wishing Everyone A Very Merry Christmas

Times of Services: Mon [Christmas Eve]: 5.30pm; Tues [Christmas Day]: 10.00am; Weds: 12 noon; Thurs: 10.00am; Fri: Eucharistic Service; Sat: 10.00am NBF; Sun: 10.30am & 5.30pm

SICK CLERGY: Please pray for Fr. James Doherty who is very seriously ill. Please pray also for all our clergy who are indisposed or incapacitated.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Christmas Eve Solemn Vigil Mass: 5.30pm
Christmas Day Mass 10.00am
Feast of St. Stephen (Boxing Day) 12.00 noon

Please make this Christmas a spiritual occasion as well as a festive one. "Let us approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush."

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: Fr. K. writes "I wish you all a most Holy and Happy Christmas and a sociable time with your family. Considering that we are experiencing some political distractions, let us over the Holy Season enjoy peace and unity and hope that all manner of things will be well. God is always good and peaceful. We pray to be able to take hold of that goodness and peacefulness, that we will bring them well into the New Year and beyond."

CHRISTMAS LITURGY: 'Cloth for the Cradle' will take place during 10.30am Mass today, as part of our parish Christmas Liturgy.

100+ CLUB: Thanks to everyone who supported the Parish by taking a number in this year's weekly 100+ Club Draw. Over the year £3,938 has been raised through the Draw. The Draw will restart on Sunday, 6th January 2019. A statement of the annual accounts has been displayed at the back of Church.

PARISH BINGO: Our next Bingo session will take place on Friday, 11th January, at 6.30pm in St. Anne's Church Hall. As this will be Fr. Brendan's last bingo session with us, we hope that as many parishioners as possible will make this a very special event for Fr. Brendan and our parish.

FATHER'S CEILIDH: This ceilidh is to mark the retirement of Fr. Kelly. The idea came from a couple of parishioners with the added suggestion that all the ladies dance with Father. He is quite nifty in the old time waltz and up for a 'Siege of Ennis' for those brave enough to take part. We hope you will all join us at St. Joseph's Catholic Club, Birtley, on Friday, 18th January, starting time 7.00 pm. There will be a charge of £5, food and a bar provided. Some priests will be joining us. We look forward to a full house. Tickets will be on sale after Mass next Sunday.

EVENING MASS: Please note that in accordance with the Bishop's wishes, the 5.30 pm Mass will end next Sunday. We, in the parish, including Fr. K., regret this turn of events but feel obliged to go along with Diocesan policy that every parish reduce their masses to one each weekend. Fr. K. would like some light refreshments to be offered and shared with the 5.30 pm mass congregation at the end of Mass next Sunday evening. Donations of mince pies and sausage rolls welcome. No sandwiches please. Everyone welcome.

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL: It is with great joy and pride in our school that we can announce that St. Anne's has been graded as 'Outstanding' in RE by the Diocese. This is a wonderful achievement and is a reflection of the dedication and hard work of the school head-teacher, Mrs. Fraser and her excellent staff. We pray that their magnificent achievements will continue into the New Year and beyond.

UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZE: There is still one prize from our Christmas Raffle which has not been claimed: Prize No. 7: Tea for Two: Ticket colour Green; Serial No. AE155183; Ticket No. 581; No Name on ticket. Please check your tickets and see Christine to claim this prize. Very many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Raffle.

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL ARTWORK: The artwork of children from St. Anne's School is currently being displayed in Sainsburys Supermarket on the windows behind the tills. This will be displayed until Christmas Eve. We hope you will all take the opportunity to view the beautiful artwork of our schoolchildren.

HALL BOOKINGS can be made by telephoning Margaret 0191 487 8504, 487 5241, 482 2044
CHOIR PRACTICE is at 7.00pm every Monday and new members are always made most welcome.
THE LADIES GUILD meets every Monday at 8.00pm. New members are most welcome.
S.V.P. meets every Sunday morning before Mass (9.45am). New members are always made most welcome.
THE LEGION OF MARY meets every Tuesday morning at 10.45am in St. Oswald's.
SARDINE AND RICE COLLECTIONS on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for your generosity.
HALL ACTIVITIES Mon 1.45pm 'Keep Fit': Tues 7.30pm 'Slimming World'

