



### Refreshments after the Sunday Masses

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

All are welcome!



### Of your charity

Please pray for the soul of Tom Forde.

Tom's Requiem is on Friday 24th January in Corpus Christi Church at 1pm. Reception the night before at 5.30pm

*Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord*

### THE RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

It has been agreed with the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales that the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary will take place on the feast of the Annunciation 2020.

#### **Behold Your Mother**

The personal dedication of the people of England to Mary, Mother of Jesus, in 2020.

#### **Behold Your Dowry**

In 1381, England was dedicated to Mary by King Richard II and was set apart for her among the nations.

**'Behold, I am the servant of the Lord...'** (Luke 1:36)

This year, the Christians of England are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as Christ's first disciple.

#### **Our Dedication**

History shows us that when people pray, praying in absolute surrender to God's will for their lives, society is transformed. The dedication in 2020, unlike the dedication of King Richard II in 1381, will not be the gift of the country of England, but the personal gift of the faith of the people of England to Mary, Christ's first disciple, to seek her help in building a strong spiritual foundation for the New Evangelisation. By taking up this personal dedication in 2020, you can be a part of the renewal of this nation, drawing ourselves closer to the will of our loving God, through Mary.

#### **33 Day retreat of prayer**

Beginning the 21st February and ending on the 'Feast of the Annunciation' on 25th March we will be preparing for the dedication through prayer. We invite you to join us in following the simple daily prayer for 33 days. More information on this will be made available closer to the time.

Behold 2020 is the official companion to The Dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary. A project by Peter's House, in collaboration with Anchor Studios, on behalf of the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady. [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

#### **Praying the Rosary in the parishes of Corpus Christi and St. Anne's**

In the coming weeks we will be inviting you to commit to praying one Rosary (5 decades) on one day of the month for our parishes as part of our own spiritual preparations. It is our intention that this 'Perpetual Rosary' can be prayed in our homes, either alone or with others.

Beginning on the Feast of the Presentation, 2nd February you will be invited to sign up for one day per month to pray the Rosary. More than one person/family can participate at any one time on a particular day. A form on which to sign up for, will be made available closer to the time.

In this year, 'The Year of the Word' there are three themes; *celebrating, living and sharing.*

Let us join in prayer with Mary, the perfect disciple of the Lord, listening to God's Word and putting into Action what we have heard.



### St. Anne's Wednesday Circle

The next social gathering is on Wednesday 29th January from 1pm—3pm in St. Anne's Joachim Room. All are welcome!

### St. Anne's Red Mission Boxes

Please bring in your "Red" mission boxes into St. Anne's for the weekend of 16th February.

### Joint Parish Building and Finance Committee Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 30th January at 7pm.

### Corpus Christi School Playing Fields

The Romero Academy are creating an all weather pitch on the schools playing fields of Corpus Christi. Work is said to finish in the Spring. Please be mindful of construction vehicles and materials when entering the grounds.

### Sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation 2021

If your child is currently in Year 2 or above you are invited to apply for the Sacraments of Confession & Communion.

If your child is currently in Year 5 or above you are invited to apply for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Practising Catholics need only apply. Thank you.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS  
SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2020.**

### Confirmation Classes for Children attending non-Catholic Schools

For those children attending non-Catholic schools who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation later in March this year, you are reminded that your lessons began on Saturday 11th January at 10.15am.

The Lessons are held in the Fr. Tuite room.

Entrance to the Fr. Tuite Room is gained through the Blue door which is down the side between the Church and Presbytery.

### Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins as it does every year on January 18th and concludes on January 25th the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

Corpus Christi and St. Anne's have been invited to join fellow Christians in the Anglican Church of St. Catherine, 2, Acorn Street, Stoke Aldermoor CV3 1DQ on Sunday 19th January at 4pm for a special service of Prayer and Song.

Please do try and come and support this annual event, bearing witness to our faith.

### Increase in Parish Levies

For a couple of weeks parishioners were notified that there would be an increase in Parish Levies. We explained at great length what a Levy was, why they are taken and what they are used for within the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

The Levies are taken quarterly, directly from every Parish Bank Account within the Archdiocese.

What that means in reality is that for;

- Corpus Christi the Levy will rise quarterly from £2,135.90 to £4,567.99. A yearly increase of £9,728.36
- St. Anne's the Levy will rise quarterly from £1,136.69 to £3,653.58. A yearly increase of £10,067.56!

All quires can be made to the Archbishop Bernard Longley at Archbishop's House, 8, Shadwell Street Birmingham B4 6EY or the Diocesan Treasurer, Deacon David Palmer. Cathedral House, St. Chad's Queensway. Birmingham. B4 6EX