

ST AUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No 234216

Sunday 7th April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

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Psalter: Week 2 | Weekday Cycle: Year I

Saturday 6 th	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Emma Louise
Sunday 7 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Patrick McKeaveney
Monday 8 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Sian Orchard
Tuesday 9 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	The Bell Family
Wednesday 10 th	7.00pm	Holy Mass	V. & E. Machaj
Thursday 11 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Malachy Toner
Friday 12 th	12.00 Noon	Holy Mass	Katie Dalieu

3rd Sunday of Easter Year of Mark (Year B)

Saturday 13 th	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Leahy
Sunday 14 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Kath & Jerry Warde

Prayer for the People of Ukraine: O God, merciful and strong, who crush wars and cast down the proud, look with mercy upon the Ukrainian people. Protect them from aggression. Grant them peace and steadfast trust in your love. Give them courage to defend what is good, right, and holy; and provide for all their needs. Through the powerful intercession of the Mother of God, Protectress of Ukraine, and St Michael the Archangel, Patron of Kyiv, banish violence swiftly from their midst and wipe away all tears. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata Primary

Somerset Road, Stafford, ST17 9UZ

Telephone: 01785 413276

Website: www.blessedmotherteresas.staffs.sch.uk

St. Austin's Primary

Garden Street, Stafford, ST17 4BT

Telephone: 01785 413277

Website: www.st-austins.org.uk

Blessed William Howard High School

Rowley Avenue, Stafford, ST17 9AB

Telephone: 01785 244236

Website: www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk

CATHOLIC STAFFORD

St. Anne's: Parish Priest: Fr. Robert Devaney

Lynton Avenue, Stafford, ST17 0EA

Telephone: 01785 661012

Email: stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk

Website: www.st-annes-st.org.uk

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday Mass: 10.00am

St. Patrick's: Served from St Anne's

48 Sandon Road, Stafford, ST16 3HF

Email: stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4.00pm

Sunday Mass: 9.00am

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

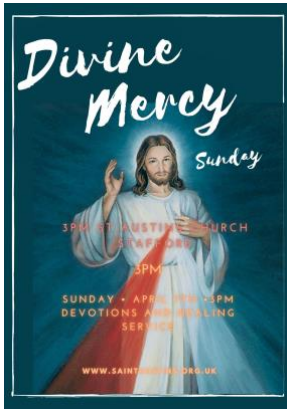
Loose Plate: £205-01

Gift Aid: £282-00

Thank you for your generosity. Standing Order remains the most cost-effective way to donate to St Austin's at this time. If you would like to consider using a Standing Order, please contact Phil Hood on 01785 211701 for more information.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Randolpho Simms, Peter Harvey, Diane Beardmore, John Barry, John Horton, Maureen Gibson, Elizabeth Kehoe, Tom Weetman, Ian Morris, Eric Draper, James Grogan, Estner Raja Karina, Anne Davies, Patrick English, Lizzie Galliena, Veronica Machaj, Bernard Taylor, Isobel Doran, Constance Barnes, Louisa Cottrill, Richard Borton, Elizabeth Rollo, Henry Gage, Louisa Dewsbury, Rose Osborne, Terence Lenahan, Ellen Eley, John Richardson, Joseph Owen, Therese Doyle, Elizabeth Mitchell, Margaret Thomas, Fr. Kevin Preston, Fr. Eamon Clarke, Deacon Jack Foxall, Fr. Kenneth Collins, Canon Peter Jones, Fr. Joseph Barr, Fr. Michael McManus.

Welcome: A warm welcome to all as we gather to celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, this is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have Divine Mercy devotion and healing service 3-4pm this Sunday 7th April here at St Austin's Church.



Holy Hour: There is a Holy Hour on Saturdays with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.00 am to 11.00 am

Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy is celebrated at the 11.00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Grateful Thanks: We are grateful to all who supported the Soup Lunches during the Fridays of Lent. Special thanks to all who made and served the great variety of soups along with the bread and cakes. Thanks also to all who helped to arrange the Parish Room and not forgetting those who helped with the washing up and drying up. Thanks for the very generous donations that raised £908.00 for Loreto Sealdah in Kolkata.

**** STARTS THIS WEEK ****

ALPHA COURSE: begins on **Monday 8th April at 7.00 p.m. in St Anne's Church Hall.** You might be asking what's Alpha? Alpha is a Series of Group Conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open and friendly environment. Find out more: <https://st-annes-st.org.uk/wp/alpha-stafford/> or pick up an invite at the back of Church. Or QR scan code



200+ Club: The 6 Month payments are due by the end of March. Please take an envelope from the porch for your contribution and return it via the Presbytery Door.

Piety Room: The Piety Room has recently been restocked with a variety of cards and various items of piety. Easter Cards will be of special interest at this time.

Missio: Thanks to all who pray and support the missionary work of the Church through Missio, formerly known as the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, (APF).

There are copies of the Spring Edition of its publication Mission Today available in the porch. Please help yourselves or take one for a friend.

Red Mission Boxes: If anyone has a Missio Red Mission Box that needs to be emptied, please let us know or bring it to the Presbytery.

Rosary Prayer Group: All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group who meet every Monday at **2.00 p.m.** in the Chapel of St. Joseph's Convent Nursing Home.

Christian Food Help: We thank all our donors and volunteers for their continuous and generous support. **1858** meals were delivered in **February**. As you consider what donations to make, be aware that a typical family food parcel will include pasta, tinned meals, tinned vegetables, tinned soup, beans, tinned puddings, tea, milk & cereal. Many thanks.

Deputy Diocesan Solicitor: The Archdiocese has a vacancy for a Deputy Diocesan Solicitor. There are more details on the board in the porch. Applications including a CV and supporting statement to be submitted to the HR department to [Julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk) by 8th April 2024.

Midlands Catholic History Society: There is a message on the board in the porch from the Midland Catholic History Society urging people to join and support its work. There is also a flyer inviting people to make an Annual Subscription.

Grateful Thanks: We are grateful to everyone who has helped to make the celebration of Holy Week and especially the Sacred Triduum such a blessed time for our three parishes this year. A big thank you to all our Readers, Choristers, Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Altar Servers and all who helped in so many ways to make it such a blessed time. We wish all a very Blessed Easter.

Fr. Michael, Fr. Steven, Fr. Bob, Deacon Mike.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mrs Sue Kelly. They can be contacted at: sg.staustin.stafford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.