

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Diocesan Website:** www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

**Parish Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

**Priest in Residence:** Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi

**Deacons:** Rev. Louis Livesey & Rev. David McCarroll

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**Quote from Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation, “Amoris Laetitia” (82)**

***Chapter 3. Looking to Jesus: The Vocation of the Family. Jesus restores and fulfils God’s Plan***

The Synod Fathers stated that “ the growth of a mentality that would reduce the generation of human life to one variable of an individual’s or a couple’s plans is clearly evident”. The Church’s teaching is meant to “help couples to experience in a complete, harmonious and conscious way their communion as husband and wife, together with their responsibility for procreating life. We need to return to the message of the Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* of Blessed Paul VI, which highlights the need to respect the dignity of the person in morally assessing methods of regulating birth…. The choice of adoption or foster parenting can also express that fruitfulness which is a characteristic of married life. With special gratitude the Church “supports families who accept, raise and surround with affection children with various disabilities”.

**Anniversaries**

Eileen Clowes, William McLaughlin, Isabella Adamson, William Howard, Frank Cunnion, Tad Cymbaluk, Margarie Maguire, Ann Johnson, Ruth Abrahams, Winifred Cullum, Thomas Connor, Mary Bricknell, Thomas McNeish, Eva Hughes, Roy banks, Helen Wardle, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mary Barr, Nellie Quinn, J. Webb, Thomas Davies, Jean Delahunt, Vincent Maguire, Wendy Imeson, Bridie McMorrow, John Fitzpatrick, Bernard Olverson, Agnes Norman, Fr. William O’Malley, Mgr. Patrick Corrigan, Canon Francis Dudley, Fr. Michael Cullinan, Fr. Henry Hayward, Fr. Leo Joppe, Fr. William, Rooney, Fr. Vincent Armishaw, Fr. Joseph Pires

**Weekly Events in the Parish**

**Monday - Convent Prayer Group:**

St Joseph’s Nursing Home in the

Convent Chapel at 1.30 p.m.

**Tuesday - Knit & Natter Group:**

Meets in the Parish Room at 2.00 p.m.

**Thursday - Choir Practice:**

Every Thursdayevening at 7.30 p.m.

**Staffordshire County Hospital:**

11.00 a.m. - 12.00 Noon.

**Rosary:**

A Decade of the Rosary is said after each

weekday Mass in Church.

**Our Parish Schools**

**Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata Primary**

Address: Somerset Road, Stafford, ST 17 9UZ

Telephone: 01785 356405

Website: www.bmtschool.co.uk

**St. Austin’s Primary**

Address: Garden Street, Stafford, ST17 4BT

Telephone: 01785 356765

Website: www.st-austins.org.uk

**Blessed William Howard Catholic High School**

Address: Rowley Avenue, Stafford, ST17 9AB

Telephone: 01785 244236

Website: www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk

**Other Catholic Churches in Stafford**

**St. Anne’s:**

Parish Priest:

Address: Lynton Avenue, Stafford, ST17 0EA

Telephone: 01785 661012

Email: stannes.stafford@gmail.com

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

Sat: 5.30 pm. Confessions before 6 pm. Vigil Mass

Sun: 11.15 a.m. Mass

**St. Patrick’s:** *Served from St Anne’s*

Address: 48 Sandon Road, Stafford, ST16 3HF

Sun: 9.00 a.m. Confessions before 9.30 a.m. Mass

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| **Thanks for your Offerings last week**    Gift Aid Envelopes: £538.10  Loose: £363.83  Peter’s Pence: Gift Aid: £294.89  Loose: £228.42 |
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| **2nd July 2017** | | | |  |  |
| **Thirteenth Sunday of the Year** | | | |  |
| Mass Book: Page 96 | | Sunday Cycle: Year A | |  |
| Psalter: Week 1 | | Weekday Cycle: Year 1 | |  |
| **Mass Times & Intentions** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 3.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. | |  |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | Peter Dunne |  |  |
| **Sunday** | Mass  Mass | 10.30 a.m.  4.00 p.m. | People of the Parish  **Mass at Hednesford** |  |
| **Monday**  *St. Thomas* | Mass | 9.15 a.m. | Brian McDaid |  |
| **Tuesday**  *St. Elizabeth of Portugal* | **Funeral Mass** | **11.00 a.m**. | Teresa Johnson |  |
| **Wednesday**  *St. Modwen* | Mass (**St. Joseph’s)** | **10.30 a.m.** | Patricia Loughrey |  |
| **Thursday**  *St. Maria Goretti* | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 a.m. | Christy Farrington |  |
| **Friday**  *Feria* | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Bridie McMorrow |  |
| **Saturday**  *Feria* | Mass | 10.00 a.m. | **Mass at St. Thomas Mill** |  |
| **Exposition & Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.** | | |  |
| **Fourteenth Sunday of the Year** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. | |  |
| Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | Brian Smith |  |
| **Sunday** | Mass. | 10.30 a.m. | Felix Toner |  |
|  | Mass | 6.00 p.m. | People of the Parish |  |
| ***School Masses:*** (STA) = St. Austin’s, (BMT) = Blessed Mother Teresa’s | | | |  |

**Counters:** Group 2 this week. Group 3 is next week.

**Refreshments:** Refreshments are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday**.** All are welcome.

**Piety Room:** Thanks for your continuous support of the Piety Room. As well as weekly catholic papers, a variety of cards, rosaries and statues are available on sale. The June edition of the Diocesan Newspaper “Catholic Today” is also available on sale at 50 pence.

**Recently Dead:** Please remember in your prayers **Teresa Mary Johnson nee Bott** whose Funeral Mass is on Tuesday 4th July at 11.00 a.m.

May God grant her eternal peace and rest.

**Confirmation:** We welcome Bishop David McGough to the Parish this Sunday to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 10.30 a.m. Mass.

**Hednesford Pilgrimage:** All are welcome to the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Hednesford this Sunday. Archbishop Bernard Longley will be the Main Celebrant of the Mass at 4.00 p.m.

***The Parish Coach will leave from Austin Friars at 1.30 p.m.***

**Church Cleaning:** All help will be appreciated with the Church Cleaning after the 9.15 a.m. Mass on Monday.

**Monthly Mass:** The monthly Mass at St. Joseph’s Convent Nursing Home is on Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. All are welcome.

**Senior Citizens:** St. Austin’s Senior Citizens Monthly Meeting will be held in the Parish Room at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday next, 5th July. There will be a Strawberry Tea and a Quiz.

**Justice & Peace Group:** The Stafford Justice & Peace Group will meet in the Parish Room on Wednesday 5th July at 7.30 p.m. to discuss CAFOD’s new campaign ‘Power to Be”. All are very welcome.

**Annual Mass:** The Annual Blessed Robert Sutton Memorial Mass at St. Thomas Mill Farm, Baswich Lane, ST18 0YD is on Saturday next, 8th July at 10.00 a.m. All are very welcome. *Please note the Morning Mass and Confessions at St. Austin’s are cancelled that morning.*

**Garden Party:** All are welcome to the Garden Party at St. Austin’s Catholic Primary School on Saturday 15th July to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the opening of the new school. The Party starts at 1.00 p.m. and includes, Bouncy Castle, Cream Teas, Face Painting, Barbeque and live screening of the Wimbledon Ladies Final and fun for all the family.

**Cemetery Sunday:** We have the Blessing of Graves on Sunday 16th July. The Sunday morning Masses in all three parishes will be offered for deceased parishioners. The Blessing of Graves will begin with a short Prayer Service at 3.00 p.m. in the Crematorium Chapel at Tixall Road Cemetery and afterwards at Gnosall Cemetery at approximately 4.30 p.m.

**Vacancies at B.W.H:** There are details on the board in the porch of a vacancies at Blessed William Howard Catholic High School for an Attendance Officer (First Aider) and a Receptionist (with First Aid duties) including Work Experience and general administration. Applicants can contact Mrs. Sam Marshall either on email: office @bwh.staffs.sch.uk

or 01785 24436. Application packs and forms can also be downloaded from the school website: [www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk)

**Christian Food Help:** Thanks to everyone for your constant and generous support of Christian Food Help that enabled **1232** meals to be distributed during June.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage:** A reminder to all Pilgrims for the Annual Stafford Pilgrimage (28th -30th July) to complete the payments as soon as possible. The Pilgrimage begins with Mass in church on Friday 28th July at 10.00 a.m.

**Grateful Thanks:** Thanks to all who helped make the celebration of the twentieth Anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate such a wonderful occasion for Deacon Louis and the Parish community.

The rain and bad weather could not dampen our spirits!!! Deacon Louis and his family offer their personal thanks.

**Youth Ministry:** With help from the Staff at Alton Castle and support of the Chaplaincy team at Blessed William Howard Catholic High School we hope to establish a ministry to youth in the Stafford Parishes in September. As part of the preparation we invite all young people to the 6.00 p.m. Mass on Sunday 16th July and to a meeting in the Parish Hall afterwards to make future plans.