

**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

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Mrs. Sue Kelly, 07875549906

Rev. David McCarrol

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**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: £409.45  Loose: £514.18 |
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**Anniversaries**

Kathleen Birks, hector D’Cumba, Claire Flatters, Edward Masternak, Ronald Oldacre, Agnes Perere, Isobelle Keegans, Agnes Nield, Michael Flanagan, Henry Harrison, Anne Newman, Eva Housiaux, Joseph Kelly, Iris Powell, Albano Pietro Baseggio, Ann Simms, Bernard Chadwick, James McDonald, James Kennedy, Mary Nield, Irene Leheny, Elizabeth Evans, Adele Ravagnani, Fr. Michael Gaffney, Deacon Anthony Bateman, Fr. Bernard Maddox, Fr. Anthony Maguire, Canon Francis Grady, Fr. Gordon Hunter, Fr. John Molyneux, Fr. Plunkett Shannon, Fr. Edmund Whelan, Mgr. John Power, Fr. Brian Halton.

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**Quote from Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation, “Amoris Laetitia” (83)**

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

Here I feel it urgent to state that, if the family is the sanctuary of life, the place where life is conceived and cared for, it is a horrendous contradiction when it becomes a place where life is rejected and destroyed. So great is the value of a human life, and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in the mother’s womb, that no alleged right to one’s own body can justify a decision to terminate that life, which is an end in itself and which can never be considered the “property” of another human being. The family protects human life in all its stages, including its last. Consequently, “ those who work in healthcare facilities are reminded of the moral duty of conscientious objection. Similarly, the Church not only feels the urgency to assert the right to a natural death, without aggressive treatment and euthanasia”, but likewise ” firmly rejects the death penalty.

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| **9th July 2017** | | | |  |  |
| **Fourteenth Sunday of the Year** | | | |  |
| Mass Book: Page 99 | | Sunday Cycle: Year A | |  |
| Psalter: Week 2 | | Weekday Cycle: Year 1 | |  |
| **Mass Times & Intentions** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 3.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. | |  |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | Brian Smith |  |  |
| **Sunday** | Mass  Mass | 10.30 a.m.  6.00 p.m. | Felix Toner  People of the Parish |  |
| **Monday**  *Feria* | Mass | 9.15 a.m. | Lucy Charlampowicz |  |
| **Tuesday**  *St. Benedict* | Mass **(STA)** | 9.15 a.m. | Holy Souls |  |
| **Wednesday**  *Feria* | Mass | 7.00 p.m. | Lionel Conroy |  |
| **Thursday**  *Feria* | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 a.m. | Christy Farrington |  |
| **Friday**  *Feria* | Mass | 12.00 Noon | James McDonald |  |
| **Saturday**  *St. Bonaventure* | Mass | 10.00 a.m. | Mary O’Neill |  |
| **Exposition & Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.** | | |  |
| **Fifteenth Sunday of the Year** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. | |  |
| Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | Brian Unsworth |  |
| **Sunday** | Mass. | 10.30 a.m. | Deceased Parishioners |  |
|  | Mass | 6.00 p.m. | People of the Parish |  |
| ***School Masses:*** (STA) = St. Austin’s, (BMT) = Blessed Mother Teresa’s | | | |  |

**Counters:** Group 3 this week. Group 4 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.

**Sea Sunday:** Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today’s second collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church’s official maritime agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work.

**Baptism:** Congratulation to the O’Riordan family whose daughter Eloise Ida will be baptised and welcomed into the Church this weekend.

**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 next, 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 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:** There are still **three** places available on Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham from the 28th- 30th July. Please contact Helen Perry on 07837519253 to book your place. Final payments of £135.00 should be paid as soon as possible.

The Pilgrimage begins with Mass in church on Friday 28th July at 10.00 a.m.

**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. The proposed Mass of Preparation at 6.00 p.m. and meeting in the Parish Hall on Sunday 16th July has now been postponed until September.

**CAFOD’s Campaign, Power to Be:** Every child has the power to achieve great things. But one in six live without electricity. This holds children back from reaching their full potential. By joining CAFOD’s Power to be campaign, you can speak up for local, renewable energy, and help families around the world to lift themselves out of poverty.

A letter about the campaign will be read at all Masses next Sunday that will encourage us to sign an action to the World Bank.

**Church and Presbytery Repairs:** Following the Quinquenniel Inspection of the Presbytery and the Church, a number of necessary repairs and maintenance issues have been identified. The firm of Architects, Wood Goldstraw Yorath, has been instructed get quotations for the work. This has been done. The recommendations have been sent to the Diocesan Historic Churches Committee for approval and to the Diocesan Treasurer’s Department. Part of the process involves displaying the application on the property and publishing it in the local press. You can see the application on the side door of the Church and it will be published in the Stafford Newsletter. I will keep you informed of developments.