

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Parish Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

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

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**Quote from Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation, “Amoris Laetitia” (84)**

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

The Synod Fathers also wished to emphasise that “one of the fundamental challenges facing families today is undoubtedly that of raising children, made all the more difficult and complex by today’s cultural reality and the powerful influence of the media”. At the same time I feel it important to reiterate that the overall education of children is a “most serious duty” and at the same time a “primary right” of parents. This is not just a task or a burdenbut an essential and inalienable right that parents are called to defend and of which no one may claim to deprive them. The State offers educational programmes in a subsidiary way, supporting the parents in their indeclinable role; parents themselves enjoy the right to choose freely the kind of education – accessible and of good quality – which they wish to give their children in accordance with their convictions. Schools do not replace parents but complement them. This is a basic principle: “all other participants in the process of education are only able to carry out their responsibilities in the name of the parents, with their consent and to a certain degree with their authorisation”. Still, “a rift has opened up between the family and society, between the family and the school; the educational pact today has been broken and thus the educational alliance between society and the family is in crisis”.

**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: £598.37  Loose: £387.09  Apostleship of the Sea: Gift Aid: £282.00  Loose: £245.01 |
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**Anniversaries**

John Doyle, Edward Rafferty, Rita Gornall, Stella Scahill, Veronica Leech, Jeannie Gallagher, Patricia Trainor, William Jones, Beryl Marsden, Lawrence McDonagh, James howard, Edward Kelly, Michael Gillen, Margaret Crook, Dorothy Shotton, Alan Read, Marion O’Sullivan, Alfred Couchman, Bernard Smith, Patrick daly, Jean Harries, Suzanne Lockley, John Neenan, Daniel Guilfoyle, Fr. Geoffrey Wamsley CO, Fr. Arthur Warburton, Fr. Philip Cleary, Fr. Liam O’Connor, Fr. Thomas Rock, Canon Lawrence Kelly, Fr. Albert Leo Kelly, Mgr. Peter Joseph Ryall.

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| **16th July 2017** | | | |  |  |
| **Fifteenth Sunday of the Year** | | | |  |
| Mass Book: Page 102 | | Sunday Cycle: Year A | |  |
| Psalter: Week 3 | | Weekday Cycle: Year 1 | |  |
| **Mass Times & Intentions** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 3.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. | |  |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | Brian Unsworth |  |  |
| **Sunday** | Mass  Mass | 10.30 a.m.  6.00 p.m. | Deceased Parishioners  People of the Parish |  |
| **Monday**  *Blessed John Sugar* | Mass | 9.15 a.m. | Nicholas Wilston |  |
| **Tuesday**  *Feria* | Mass **(STA)** | 9.15 a.m. | Private Intention |  |
| **Wednesday**  *Feria* | Mass | 7.00 p.m. | Jimmy Howard |  |
| **Thursday**  *Feria* | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 a.m. | Private Intention |  |
| **Friday**  *Feria* | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Beatrice Price |  |
| **Saturday**  *St. Mary Magdalene* | Mass | 10.00 a.m. | Bridie Courtney |  |
| **Exposition & Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.** | | |  |
| **Sixteenth Sunday of the Year** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. | |  |
| Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | Paul McGrath |  |
| **Sunday** | Mass. | 10.30 a.m. | Sharon Sullivan |  |
|  | Mass | 6.00 p.m. | Leo |  |
| ***School Masses:*** (STA) = St. Austin’s, (BMT) = Blessed Mother Teresa’s | | | |  |

**Counters:** Group 4 this week. Group 1 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.

**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 this Sunday. It will encourage us to sign an action card to send to the World Bank. Members of the Stafford Justice and Peace Group are available after Mass to distribute the cards and help with the signing.

**Cemetery Sunday:** We have the Blessing of Graves on this 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.

**Baptism:** Congratulation to the Eld family whose daughter Elizabeth Josephine Maria will be baptised and welcomed into the Church this weekend.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group:** The monthly meeting of the Prayer Group is on Friday next, 21st July, at 10.30 a.m. in the Parish Room. All are most welcome.

**Recently Dead:** Please remember in your prayers Charles (Chic) Morrice formerly of Willowmoor who has died. His Reception is on Sunday 30th July at 5.30 p.m. and his Requiem Mass is on Monday 31st July at 12.00 Noon.

May God grant him eternal peace and rest.

**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.

**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.

**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. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

**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.

**Day Of Prayer:** Next Sunday will be observed as a Day of prayer for Europe.