

**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” (85)**

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

With inner joy and deep comfort, the Church looks to the families who remain faithful to the teachings of the Gospel, encouraging them and thanking them for the testimony they offer. For they bear witness , in a credible way, to the beauty of marriage as indissoluble and perpetually faithful. Within the family “which could be called a domestic church (*Lumen Gentium* 11), individuals enter upon an ecclesial presence of communion among persons, which reflects, through grace, the mystery of the Holy Trinity. “Here one learns the joy of work, fraternal love, generous – even repeated – forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one’s life”. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1657).

**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: £535.41  Loose: £409.64 |
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**Anniversaries**

Kate Lawley, Agnes Peach, Stephen Dawkes, Emma Lake, William McLaughlin, John Ward, Mary Holford, Albert Finlow, Charlotte Sterrico, Denise Treanor, Irene Nadal, Sam Gibbs, Glennis Bishop, Cecilia Stubbs, Denis Desbrulais, Agnes Bromley, Phyllis Tingle, James Morrissey, John Rattigan, George McQueen, Janina Pomykala, Margaret Corley, Sharon Beatty, Stephan Coughlan, Peter Staines, Canon Arthur Diamond, Fr. Richard Lynch CO, Fr. Cuthbert Brown, Deacon John Lynch.

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| **30th July 2017** | | | |  |  |
| **Seventeenth Sunday of the Year** | | | |  |
| Mass Book: Page 108 | | 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. | Michael Fitch |  |  |
| **Sunday** | Mass  Mass | 10.30 a.m.  6.00 p.m. | Mary Heffernan  Keith Price |  |
| **Monday**  *St. Ignatius loyola* | **Requiem Mass** | **12.00 Noon** | **Charles Morrice** |  |
| **Tuesday**  *St. Alphonsus Ligouri* | **Requiem Mass** | **10.30 a.m.** | **John Cottrill** |  |
| **Wednesday**  *Feria* | Mass | 7.00 p.m. | Kathleen O’Leary |  |
| **Thursday**  *Feria* | **Mass (St. Joseph’s)**  **Requiem Mass** | **11.00 a.m.**  **2.00 p.m.** | Cath Hammond  **Alan Dale** |  |
| **Friday**  *St. John Mary Vianney* | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Srs. Teresa & Philomena |  |
| **Saturday**  *Feria* | Mass | 10.00 a.m. | Angela & Jimmy Gavin |  |
| **Exposition & Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.** | | |  |
| **Transfiguration of the Lord** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. | |  |
| Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | Robert Meredith |  |
| **Sunday** | Mass. | 10.30 a.m. | M. & F. 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 July (Summer) edition of the Diocesan Newspaper “Catholic Today” is also available on sale at 50 pence.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage:** We pray God’s blessing and a safe journey to and from Walsingham on the Annual Stafford Pilgrimage that began with Mass in Church on Friday at 10.00 a.m.

**Centenarian Celebrations:** Congratulations to Cath. Hammond who celebrates her 100th Birthday on Thursday next. Cath has a long association with St. Joseph’s Convent Nursing Home having worked there for many years and been resident in recent years. We look forward to celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving with her in the Chapel at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday.

**Wedding Anniversary:** Congratulations to June and John Norton who celebrated their **64th** Wedding Anniversary on Monday last.

**Wedding Bells:** Congratulations to Laura Marie Downes and Andrew Jonathan Martin who were married here last Saturday. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their married life.

**Recently Dead:** Please remember in your prayers the following people who died recently:

**Charles (Chic) Morrice** formerly of Willowmoor. 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.

**John Cottrill:** His Reception and Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 1st August at 10.30 a.m.

**Alan Dale:** His Reception and Funeral Mass is on Thursday 3rd August at 2.00 p.m.

May God grant them eternal peace and rest.

**Welcome back Fr. Bob:** It is to hear the news that Fr. Robert (Bob) Devaney has been appointed Parish Priest of St. Anne and St. Patrick’s Parishes. We have happy memories of him coming to St. Austin’s after his Ordination to the Priesthood in 2008 and his ministry among us for two years. Since he left us in 2010 he has since ministered in Soning Common outside Reading, Warwick and Whitnash outside Leamington Spa. We look forward to him taking up his post in mid September.

**CAFOD’s Campaign, Power to Be:** Thanks to all who signed up to supporting the campaign. There are still plenty cards available at the back of the church. Please bring signed cards to church and we will send then all together to CAFOD.

**Vacancies at Holy Trinity Academy:** There are details on the board in the porch of a vacancy at Blessed William Howard Catholic High School for an Attendance Officer (First Aider) 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)

There are also details of a vacancy at St. John’s Catholic Primary School for a Teaching Assistant – General- Level 2 for a fixed term until March 2018.

For details more contact the Headteacher, Mr. J. Shingler, at http://www.holytrinitycmac.co.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.

**Church and Presbytery Repairs Update:** Following the Quinquenniel Inspection of the Presbytery and the Church, a number of necessary repairs and maintenance issues have been identified. The recommendations have been sent to the Diocesan Historic Churches Committee for approval and to the Diocesan Treasurer’s Department. These have been arranged by the firm of Architects Wood, Goldstraw, Yorath. Part of the process involves displaying the application on the property and publishing it in the local press. All these tasks have been done.

*Copies of the Quinquenniel Reports can be read in the Church Porch.* ***Please do not remove them****. The Historic Churches Committee met on the 20th July and was minded to approve the scheme subject to there being no objections made during the consultation period. Once the statutory notice has expired the faculty can be issued*.