

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Parish Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

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

**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Louis Livesey

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| **18th February 2018** | | | |  |  |
| **First Sunday of Lent** | | | |  |
| Mass Book: Page 148 | | Sunday Cycle: Year B | |  |
| Psalter: Week 1 | | Weekday Cycle: Year 2 | |  |
| **Mass Times & Intentions** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 3.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. | |  |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | The Sandy Family |  | - |
| **Sunday** | Mass  Mass | 10.30 a.m.  6.00 p.m**.** | Keith Price  Holy Souls  Marie |  |
| **Monday**  ***Lent Feria*** | Mass | 9.15 a.m. | Alan Dale |  |
| **Tuesday**  ***Lent Feria*** | Mass | **7.00 p.m.** | Lucy Charlampowitz |  |
| **Wednesday**  ***Lent Feria*** | **Funeral Mass** | **7.00 p.m**. | **Jason Merricks** |  |
| **Thursday**  ***Chair of St. Peter*** | Mass | **7.00 p.m.** | John Sheppee |  |
| **Friday**  ***Lent Feria*** | Mass | 12.00 Noon. | Veronica Macaj |  |
| **Saturday**  ***Lent Feria*** | Mass | 10.00 a.m**.** | Jackie Simpson |  |
| **Exposition & Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.** | | |  |
| **Second Sunday of Lent** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | **Confessions** | **10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m**. | |  |
| Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | Swinburne & Robinsons |  |
| **Sunday** | Mass. | 10.30 a.m.  6.00 p.m. | Robert Meredith  M. & L. Hawkins |  |
| ***School Masses:*** (STA) = St. Austin’s, (BMT) = Blessed Mother Teresa’s | | | |  |  |

**Quote from Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation, “Amoris Laetitia” (The Joy of Love)**

***Chapter 4.* LOVE IN MARRIAGE.** *Love believes all things.*

114. Panta pisteúei. Love believes all things. Here “belief ” is not to be taken in its strict theological meaning, but more in the sense of what we mean by “trust”. This goes beyond simply presuming that the other is not lying or cheating. Such basic trust recognizes God’s light shining beyond the darkness, like an ember glowing beneath the ash.

**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 413276

Website: www.bmtschool.co.uk

**St. Austin’s Primary**

Address: Garden Street, Stafford, ST17 4BT

Telephone: 01785 413277

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: Fr. Robert Devaney

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: £542.55  Loose: £340.17 |
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**Anniversaries**

George Blagborough, Irene Morgan, Francis Kelly, Veronica Grant, John Rourke, Peter Dale, Georgina Thew,Margaret Peyton, Ernest Hupka, Patrick Reilly, Baby Mackie, Bridie Smith, Marlis Chambers, Doris Potter, Bertram Shotton, John & Mary Melvin, Mieczyslaw Cybowicz, Wilfred Davies, Catherine Brandrick, Hazel Tomkinson, John Caddick, Hilda Hingerty, Rosa Marsh, Charles Conkey, Thomas King, Jessie Studders, Lucy Brookes, Cyril Keogh, James O’Neill, Thomas Dorans, Angela Parciankowska, Daniel O’Rahilly, John Stewart, Anthony Cutayar

**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 are available.

**Catholic Today:** Copies of the February edition of the Diocesan Newspaper “Catholic Today” are on sale in the Piety Room. It costs only 50 pence.

**Walk with Me:** Copies of the “Walk With Me” Prayer Books and Calendars with prayers and reflections for everyday of Lent are available in the porch this weekend. Please help yourselves.

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

**Recently Dead:** Please remember in your prayers

**Jason Peter Merricks:** His Reception and Funeral Mass is on Wednesday ay 7.00 p.m.

May God grant him eternal peace and rest.

**“Share The Journey”:** Maria Elena Arana from CAFOD’s Campaign Team will be in the Parish Room on Wednesday 21st February at 7.30 p.m. She will talk about the Global Campaign launched by Pope Francis and how we can get involved

**Lent Fast Day:** Friday next is CAFOD’s Annual Lent Fast Day. Please make some sacrifice on the day and make a donation to support the work of CAFOD. Envelopes are being distributed after all Masses this weekend. Tax payers can gift aid their donation by signing the appropriate section of the envelope.

**Lenten Soup Lunches:** Thanks to all who came to the Lenten Soup Lunches in the Parish Hall after the Midday Mass on Friday. Proceeds raised will go to support our friends in Loreto Sealdah in Calcutta.

**Lenten Stations:** All are welcome to the Lenten Devotion of the Stations of the Cross at 7.00 p.m. on the Fridays of Lent.

**Walsingham Association:** This year’s Stafford Pilgrimage is from the 27th to the 29th July. Thanks to all who came to the Mass and Meeting on Wednesday last. Forty Four (44) places have been booked at Walsingham. Application Forms with details of Single/Double rooms and prices are available in the porch. To book a place, please take a Form and return it to the Parish Office with a non- returnable £40.00 deposit by 30th April.

**Women’s World Day of Prayer 2018:** This year the Annual Women’s Day of Prayer is on Friday 2nd March.

The Prayer Service will be held at the Baptist Church on the Green, Wolverhampton Road at 2.00 p.m.

In preparation for this event, anyone who would like to join the Choir is warmly invited to attend the practice sessions at 10.30 a.m. Trinity Church on the Fridays leading up to the event.

There is another Celebration taking place in St. Lawrence Church in Gnosall at 2.00 p.m. See details on the board in the porch. All are welcome.

**Message from Brushstrokes:** All at Brushstrokes wish to thank you for your great generosity. The toys and games were distributed and were very much appreciated by the children.

*However, they ask that apart from Food and Toiletries no more donations should be given until further notice as they need time to stock take*.

**Christian Food Help:** Thanks for your continuous and support of Christian Food Help that enabled **1130** food parcels to be delivered during January.

**Area Meeting:** To prepare for the World Meeting of families in Dublin in the Summer and the National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool in September and to enable parishioners to be part of the event, Maryvale Institute will be hosting a day in our area on the 24th February at Our lady of Lourdes, Hednesford.

Catechists, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Parents and all Parishioners are invited.

The day begins at 10.00 a.m. and finishes at 3.30 p.m. and people are asked to bring a packed lunch.

Bishop David McGough will be leading the day and there will be various workshops and time for prayer in the afternoon.

**Lourdes 2018:** The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from 26th May - 1st June. Details are on the board in the porch. Contact the Pilgrimage Office at Cathedral House on 0121 230 6288 or email

lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org