



ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER

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8th October 2017

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book: Page 137 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.	Liam Heffernan
Sunday	Mass	10.30 a.m.	Ann Valleyly
	Mass	6.00 p.m.	Dorothy Vickerstaff
Monday <i>Bl. John Henry Newman</i>	Mass	9.15 a.m.	Thomas O'Leary
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	Mass (STA)	9.15 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wednesday <i>Bl. William Howard</i>	Mass (BWH)	11.00 a.m.	David McCarroll
	Mass (In Church)	7.00 p.m.	Robert Prendergast
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	Mass (BMT)	9.15 a.m.	The Robinson Family
	Mass (In Church)	7.00 p.m.	Fr. Brian Whatmore
Friday <i>St. Edward the Confessor</i>	Mass	12.00 Noon	Mary O'Neill
Saturday <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	Mass	10.00 a.m.	Thorntons & Sweeneys R.I.P.
	Exposition & Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.		

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Confessions	10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 p.m.	Robert Meredith
Sunday	Mass.	10.30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
	Mass	6.00 p.m.	People of the Parish

School Masses: (STA) = St. Austin's, (BMT) = Blessed Mother Teresa's

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:

225 Every Thursday evening 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

Thanks for your Offerings last week

Gift Aid Envelopes: £498.10

Loose: £399.47

Anniversaries

James Courtenay, Mary Watts, Claire Bairston, Robert Prendergast, Dorothy Vickerstaff, Anthony John Maguire, Winifred McCaffrey, Winifred Risdale, Fred Geoghan, Norah Hyland, Anna Cook, Irene Charmiampowicz, Barbara Lewis, Liam Heffernan, John Fallon, Louis Sweeney, Anthony Fillingham, Arthur Roy Taylor, John O'Brien, Linda Lambert, Annette Cox, Alice McMillan, Emma Brookes, John Nelson, Marion Prince, Audrey Horton, John McAuliffe, John Dulcamara, Robert Prendergast, Pat Kehoe, Mary Stubbs, Albert Snape, Doreen Day, Fr. Thomas Power, Deacon Patrick Selwood, Fr. Brian Whatmore, Fr. Seamus Gilroy, Deacon Louis Kelly, Fr. Edmund Cullen, Mgr. Cyril Fay.

General Notices

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.

Week of Prayer: This Sunday we begin the Annual Week of prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants. See the notice on the board in the porch for more details.

Baptism: Congratulations to the Stephens Family whose son Freddie Thomas will be baptised and welcomed into the Church this weekend.

Harvest Fast Day: Thanks for all your efforts on Friday to support CAFOD's Annual Harvest Fast Day. The Envelopes will be taken up in the second collection this weekend.

Harvest Day Mass: Thanks to the pupils and staff of our two Primary Schools for the celebration of the Harvest Mass on Friday last. Thanks also to their families for the generous donations of food to support the work of Christian Food Help.

BWH Feast Day: Wednesday next, 11th October is the Feast of Blessed William Howard, the Patron of Our Local Catholic High School. Mass will be celebrated in the School Hall at **11.00 a.m.** on the Day and all are welcome. We wish all students, staff and everyone associated with the school a very happy feast day.

Fr. Brian's Anniversary Mass: Thursday next is the second anniversary of Fr. Brian Whatmore's death and his Anniversary Mass will be at 7.00 p.m. that evening His friend Fr. Giles Goward will concelebrate and preach at the Mass.

All are welcome to bring items of your choice for a "Bring & Share Supper" in his memory in the Parish Hall afterwards.

BWH Quiz Night: There are details on the board in the porch of the Quiz Night organised by Blessed William Howard PTFA on Friday 13th October at 7.30 p.m.

Message from Christian Food Help: Christian Food Help have produced **816 meals** during **September**,

which has enabled the total meals produced since the food bank started to exceed **50,000**. Sincere thanks is given to all those donors and volunteers who have helped to provide food items for the needy of Stafford and a sincere thanks to our own Mary Shackleton and Joan Parton's prayer group for their valued assistance and donations.

A Special Mass is to be offered at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday next, 15th October in celebration and thanks for the generous and outstanding efforts made by all parishioners, donors, supporters and volunteers.

Nursing Home Mass: The monthly Mass at St. Joseph's Convent Nursing Home will be on Wednesday 18th October at 10.30 a.m. this month.

200 + Club: The 6 and 12 month payments are now due. Please take an envelope from the porch and post it through the Presbytery door with your remittance.

A Message from Brushstrokes:

Thank you all for your very generous donations to Brushstrokes. They are very much appreciated.

At the moment we don't need any more clothing or bedding, except for men's clothing of all types, men's shoes, and baby clothes and equipment.

There is also an on going need for non perishable food and toiletries. Thank you all again for your generosity.

Grateful Thanks: There is a letter on the board in the porch from the Holy Ghost Fathers thanking us for the Mission Appeal Collection that raised £912.20 on the weekend 2nd and 3rd September.

Church Roof & Presbytery Repairs: The delayed erection of the scaffolding continues in the coming week. When this work is completed the workmen's shed will be placed at the back of the church and will be fenced off from the car park side.

Entry for cars to the car park from Austin Friars will not possible while the work is in progress.

Entry on foot will still be possible.

Wheelchair access to the church by the white sacristy door will still be available.

Weekend Masses will continue as normal with entry and exit to and from the car park only from Wolverhampton Road.

Hopefully the work will be completed by early November.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.