

**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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| **25th February 2018** | | | |  |  |
| **Second Sunday of Lent** | | | |  |
| Mass Book: Page 151 | | Sunday Cycle: Year B | |  |
| Psalter: Week 2 | | Weekday Cycle: Year 2 | |  |
| **Mass Times & Intentions** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 3.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. | |  |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | Swinburne & Robinsons |  | - |
| **Sunday** | Mass  Mass | 10.30 a.m.  6.00 p.m**.** | Robert Meredith  M. & L. Hawkins |  |
| **Monday**  ***Feria*** | Mass | 9.15 a.m. | Kitty Cooney |  |
| **Tuesday**  ***Feria*** | Mass | 7.00 p.m. | The Harris Family |  |
| **Wednesday**  ***Commemoration of St.Oswald*** | Mass | 7.00 p.m. | Delia Brough |  |
| **Thursday**  ***St David*** | Mass | 10.00 a.m. | Bishop Kevin Dunn |  |
| **Friday**  ***St Chad*** | Mass | 12.00 Noon. | Carl Roden |  |
| **Saturday**  ***Feria*** | Mass | 10.00 a.m**.** | Kathleen Delaney |  |
| **Exposition & Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.** | | |  |
| **Third Sunday of Lent** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | **Confessions** | **10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m**. | |  |
| Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | The Sandy Family |  |
| **Sunday** | Mass. | 10.30 a.m.  6.00 p.m. | Ken Horton  People of the Parish |  |
| ***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.*

115. This trust enables a relationship to be free. It means we do not have to control the other person, to follow their every step lest they escape our grip. Love trusts, it sets free, it does not try to control, possess and dominate everything. This freedom, which fosters independence, an openness to the world around us and to new experiences, can only enrich and expand relationships. The spouses then share with one another the joy of all they have received and learned outside the family circle. At the same time, this freedom makes for sincerity and transparency, for those who know that they are trusted and appreciated can be open and hide nothing. Those who know that their spouse is always suspicious, judgmental and lacking unconditional love, will tend to keep secrets, conceal their failings and weaknesses, and pretend to be someone other than who they are. On the other hand, a family marked by loving trust, come what may, helps its members to be themselves and spontaneously to reject deceit, falsehood, and lies.

**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: £ 482.45  Loose: £ 420.96 |
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**Anniversaries**

Elsie Read, Albert Gusso, Florence Simpson, Mary Holmes, Victor Dunbar, Audrey Young, Beatrice Griffiths, John McLeod, John Harper, Roman Helming, Frank Butler, John Butler, Hannah Woods, Daniel Cambridge, Aidan Sandy, Broncho Bailkoski, Betty Singleton, Anne McGarry, Mary Mountford, William Halpin, Mathew McMahon, Karen Seville, Bishop Kevin Dunn, Ada Mooney, Elizabeth Beardmore, Norah Ireson, Sydney Fenton, Hanna Atkinson, Kathleen Tivenan, Henry Woollaston,

(3rd) Patrick Kelly, T. Parry, Mary Birrer, Alice Burgess, George Gage, Cyril Ryan, Ken Horton, Patricia Dennison

**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 are available.

**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.

**Pastoral Letter:** A Pastoral letter from Archbishop Bernard will be read at all masses today. Copies are available in the porch if anyone wishes to take a copy home.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org)

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day:** The second collection today is for the return of Lent Fast Day envelopes. If you have forgotten your envelope today, it can be returned during the next 3 weeks. Please post through the presbytery door.

Your gift this Fast Day can make double the difference. Donations will be matched by the UK Government, pound for pound, up to a total of £5 million.

**Second collection:** There will be a second collection at all masses next weekend (3rd/4th March) in aid of Cathedral maintenance.

**Friends of Faith:** Local representatives ofother faiths or none will be meeting in the Parish Room at 6pm on Monday 5th March when they will be invited to look round the church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**Sponsorship**: On 22nd April, Emma Kelly will be running the London Marathon to raise money for Father Hudson’s Care. If anyone would like to sponsor Emma, you can donate at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/EmmaK26> or see her after Mass on 3rd/4th March.