



ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER

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15th April 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Book: Page 258 Sunday Cycle: Year B

Psalter: Week 3 Weekday Cycle: Year 2

Mass Times & Holy Week Ceremonies

Saturday	Confessions	3.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 p.m.	Charles Gilhooly
Sunday	Mass	10.30 a.m.	Christina Smith
	Mass	6.00 p.m.	Sheila & Jim Scott
Monday <i>Easter Feria</i>	Funeral Mass	12.00 Noon.	Eileen Jones
Tuesday <i>Easter Feria</i>	Funeral Mass	12.00 Noon.	Ronald Kirkland
Wednesday <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Mary O'Hara
Thursday <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (BMT)	9.15 a.m.	Philip Morris
Friday <i>Easter Feria</i>	Funeral Mass	11.00 a.m.	Francis Byrne
Saturday <i>As. Anselm</i>	Mass	10.00 a.m.	Monica Kenning
	Exposition & Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.		
Fourth Sunday of Easter			
Saturday	Confessions	10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 p.m.	Patricia McMorrow
Sunday	Mass.	10.30 a.m.	M Rogers & A & I Dale
		6.00 p.m.	Colin Scott

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:

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: £ 500.32

Loose: £ 421.90

Quote from Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation, "Amoris Laetitia" (The Joy of Love)

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

118 (Continued). Individuals who happen to be caught up in that system, you love, but you seek to defeat the system... Hate for hate only intensifies the existence of hate and evil in the universe. If I hit you and you hit me and I hit you back and you hit me back and soon, you see, that goes on ad infinitum. It just never ends.

Anniversaries

John Cregan, Norah Curteen-Nurse, William O'Brien, Mary Ackroyd, John Day, Arnold Maddock, William Peake, Ellen Causnett, Agnes Dingham, William Thew, Bernard Griffin, Kenneth Taylor, Catherine Cassidy, Mary O'Hara, Martin Fitzpatrick, Elsie Riley, Lucy Morris, Benjamin Shelley, Peter Murphy, Nettie Rae, Florence Day, Leonard Brown, Frs. Tony Browne, Peter Moore, William Smith, Reginald Slade, Pat Downey, Hugh Griffiths

General Notices

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.

Recently Dead: Please keep in your prayers those who died recently.

Eileen Jones: Reception this Sunday at 5.30 p.m. Her Funeral Mass is on Monday at 12.00 Noon.

Ronald Kirkland: His Reception and Funeral Mass is on Tuesday at 12.00 Noon

Dr. Francis Byrne: His Reception is on Thursday at 7.00 p.m. Funeral Mass on Friday at 11.00 a.m. May God grant them eternal peace and rest.

Cycle Challenge 2018: The Annual Cycle Challenge to support the work of Katherine House Hospice is on Sunday 6th May. Once again "Team St. Austin's" will be taking part and looking for sponsors!!! Some of the riders will be available after all the Masses this weekend to enrol cyclists to ride on the day and to get the names of sponsors.

Welcome the Stranger: All are welcome to the Parish Room after the evening Mass on Wednesday 25th April when Teresa Clement from Father Hudson's Care will give a talk on how we can make immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers welcome in our communities.

Senior Citizens: The next meeting of the Senior Citizens is on Wednesday 2nd May when they meet at the Golden Orient Restaurant for Lunch at 12.30 p.m. Those wishing to attend, please give names to Bryan on 01785 601802

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.

Eighteen (18) people have signed up at this

stage so there are still twenty six (26) places available.

Christian Food Help: Thanks for your continuous and support of Christian Food Help that enabled **1036** food parcels to be delivered during March.

Good Shepherd Sunday: Next Sunday is the Annual World Day Of Prayer for Vocations. The second collection is the annual one to support the work of the Clergy Training fund.

World Meeting of Families: The World Meeting of Families was established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1994 with the aim of celebrating the Church's role in building the family.

It is an international event held every three years, bringing together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

This year it is being held in Dublin from the 21st -26th August and Pope Francis will be a guest. Archbishop Bernard is keen for the Diocese to play a big part.

At least one family from each Deanery will be attending, sponsored by parishes within each Deanery, along with a number of clergy.

We need a family to volunteer from our Deanery. Would anyone like to volunteer or nominate a family to travel to Dublin and take part?

Families of all shapes and sizes are taking part, to reflect the true diversity and make-up of the Diocese.

And many are now taking part in a six-session parish programme called Amoris: Let's Talk Family, Let's Be Family.

The programme calls on participants to share and reflect on experiences in their family life in the light of Pope Francis's considerations in Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love), including people's hopes and fears with regard to family life.

Plans are in place for a Diocese celebration day on Saturday 28th July, where everyone is invited to come together and meet all those who will be making the pilgrimage. Workshops, a shared picnic and a mass will be held on the day.

Please help yourselves to one of the icon cards (depicting the Holy Family) in the porch that have been sent to parishes to celebrate the event.