



## 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

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Mrs. Sue Kelly, 07875549906



## 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Psalter: Week 4 Weekday Cycle: Year 2

### Mass Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	Confessions	3.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday</b>	Mass	10.30 a.m.	Lena Gilhooly
	Mass	6.00 p.m.	Monica Barker
<b>Monday</b> <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.15 a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Feria</i>	Mass (STA)	9.15 a.m.	John Ormsby
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Robin Garrett
<b>Thursday</b> <i>Feria</i>	Mass (BMT)	9.15 a.m.	Harold Wilmore
<b>Friday</b> <i>Feria</i>	Mass	12.00 Noon.	Steven Prendergast
<b>Saturday</b> <i>St. Patrick</i>	Mass	10.00 a.m.	Maura Roughan
<b>Exposition &amp; Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.</b>			

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

<b>Saturday</b>	Confessions	10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 p.m.	Chris Plant
<b>Sunday</b>	Mass.	10.30 a.m.	Alexander Findlay
		6.00 p.m.	Joe O'Donovan

**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: £ 524.55

Loose: £ 341.19

#### **Anniversaries**

James Clarke, William Chesworth, William Brough, William Hammond, Edward Maston, George Dulieu, Mary Sease, Joan read, George Simpson, Jean O'Leary, Constance Butters, Eliza Andrea, Edward Gallagher, Gertrude Fowler, Howard Shargool, Patrick Craig, Michael McGeave, Marcus Dabs, Patrick Moran, Patrick O'Connor, Betty Lynch, Edward Betts, Frances Morris, Sheila Lugg, Josephine Tiruchelvam, Frank Lenihan, Margaret Ward, Gwendolin Handley, Alexander Fornal, Leonard Gardner, John Lyons, Wilfred Hardman, John Spinetto, Jeremiah Collins, Mary Sankey, Elizabeth Rawlinson

## General Notices

**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.

**Dementia Prayer Week 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March:** Please see the details on the board in the porch to join in this annual week of prayer.

**Parents Meeting:** There is a meeting in the Church at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday next, 13<sup>th</sup> March, for the parents of the children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.30 p.m.

Please keep them in your prayers.

**Women's World Day of Prayer service:** This was due to take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, but due to severe weather conditions had to be cancelled. It has been re-scheduled and will now take place at 2pm Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, at The Baptist Church on The Green, Stafford.

**St. Patrick's Day:** Saturday next is the Feast of St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. All are welcome to the Mass at 10.00 a.m. and refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall afterwards.

**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.

**Walsingham Association:** This year's Stafford Pilgrimage is from the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> April.

**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 **926** food parcels to be delivered during February

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day:** Total raised so far is £1,080.92. Thank you for your generosity. If you have your envelope with you today, please post it through the presbytery door. These can be returned over the next two weeks.

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. You can see how your donation is transforming peoples' lives by visiting [www.cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Lent-transformation](http://www.cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Lent-transformation)

**Cafod's Live Simply Award:** The parish is hoping to achieve the Live Simply Award. Here is a Live Simply tip for Lent: Turn off computers and televisions when not in use.

**Sponsorship:** On 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 this weekend

**Lourdes 2018:** The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from 26<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

**Cathedral Maintenance:** Thanks for your support of St. Chad's Cathedral maintenance collection last week that raised a total of £416.94.