



## 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



## 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book: Page 134 Sunday Cycle: Year B

Psalter: Week 1 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.	Mary & Jackie Reilly
<b>Sunday</b>	Mass	10.30 a.m.	Conrad Malone
	Mass	6.00 p.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> <small>St. Agatha</small>	Mass	9.15 a.m.	Alan Dale
<b>Tuesday</b> <small>St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions</small>	Mass (In Church)	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Keith Price
<b>Wednesday</b> <small>Feria</small>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Peter O'Carolan
<b>Thursday</b> <small>Feria</small>	Mass (BMT)	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>Friday</b> <small>Feria</small>	Mass	12.00 Noon.	Olga & Norman Kelly
<b>Saturday</b> <small>Feria</small>	Mass	10.00 a.m.	Mary Perry
	<b>Exposition &amp; Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.</b>		
<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>	Confessions	<b>10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.</b>	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 p.m.	The Sandy Family
<b>Sunday</b>	Mass.	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
		6.00 p.m.	Bronagh Davies

**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 bears all things.*

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### 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: £591.06

Loose: £312.17

Racial Justice, Gift Aid: £312.17

Loose: £176.60

### Anniversaries

Gertrude Howard, Sheila Kelly, Harry Rogers, Marie Hawkins, Hildegard Hall, William Brookes, Harold Thorp, Thomas O'Neill, Monica Lesse, Olive Wise, David Cottrill, Gertrude Littlewood, Elsie Ball, Gertrude Howarth, Marian Szymanski, Dora Price, Gladys Henegan, Florence Gallacher, Mary Mугan, John Groves, Florence Aukim, William Gibson, Agnes Owen, Joseph Feenan, Hugh Martin, Anne Baxter, Michael Glover, Victor Lake, Lilian Bagnall-Lamb, Joanna Stubbs, Robert Marsden, Gwendoline Morris, Frank Cullum, Frs. Tom O'Carroll, John Watkins, Frederick James, John Gibb, Matthias Brady, Archbishop Frederick William Keating.

## General Notices

**Counters:** Group 1 this week. Group 2 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.

**Collection for Life:** The second collection this weekend is to support the work of Life. It is an exciting time for the Charity as it implements its new forward plan for the development of its "Pregnancy Matters" and "Life Matters" Services. All monies raised will be spent in the Archdiocese to give practical and emotional support to women, men and their families who feel their only option is abortion as Life provides a better way, making it possible for women to keep their babies and make abortion a thing of the past.

**Recently Dead:** Please remember in your prayers the following people who died recently:

**Donna Bossy:** Her Funeral will be in her home Parish of St. Anne, Terrace Road, Buxton SK17 6DU on Friday next at 12.00 Noon.

**Fr. David Condon:** Retired Parish Priest of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Kineton, died on Thursday. His Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

May God grant them eternal peace and rest.

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

**Lunch Meeting in February:** Thirty places have been booked at the Riverside Restaurant in Stafford College for Lunch on Wednesday next, 7<sup>th</sup> February. Please contact Brian on (01785) 601802 to book your place on a first come first served basis for paid up members

**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.

**Community Party:** The Annual Community Party organised by the Sixth Form Students of Blessed William Howard Catholic High School will be at the school on Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> from 12.00 Noon to 2.00 p.m. There are lists at the back of the church this weekend to sign up and give an indication of numbers.

**Women's World Day of Prayer 2018:** This year the Annual Women's Day of Prayer is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Booking is essential.** Please contact Sr. Gillian Murphy [parishesmv@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:parishesmv@maryvale.ac.uk) or 07811957375 or Paul Northam on [fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk)

**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)