



**ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER**

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**Parish Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

**Priest in Residence:** Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi

**Deacons:** Rev. Louis Livesey & Rev. David McCarroll

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



**14<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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 Psalter: Week 1    Weekday Cycle: Year 1

**Mass Times, Intentions & Holy Week Ceremonies**

<b>Saturday</b>	Confessions	3.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 p.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	Mass	10.30 a.m.	Margaret May
	Mass	6.00 p.m.	Private Intention
<b>Monday</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	9.15 a.m.	Ann Kiely
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (STA)	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Tom Kennedy
<b>Thursday</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (BMT)	9.15 a.m.	Ann Middleton
<b>Friday</b> <i>St. Dunstan</i>	Mass	12.00 Noon	Maureen Payne
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>	<b>No Mass</b>	10.30 a.m.	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>
	<b>Exposition &amp; Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.</b>		
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>	Confessions	10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 p.m.	Ian Morris
<b>Sunday</b>	Mass.	10.30 a.m.	Sarah Bragg
	Mass	6.00 p.m.	Allan Clews

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

**Quote from Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation, "Amoris Laetitia" (75)**

**Chapter 3. Looking to Jesus: The Vocation of the Family. Jesus restores and fulfils God's Plan**

In the Church's Latin tradition, the ministers of the sacrament of marriage are the man and woman who marry; by manifesting their consent and expressing it physically, they receive a great gift. Their consent and their bodily union are the divinely appointed means whereby they become "one flesh". By their baptismal consecration, they were enabled to join in marriage as the Lord's ministers and thus respond to God's call. Hence, when two non-Christian spouses receive baptism, they need not renew their marriage vows; they need simply not reject them, since by the reception of baptism their union automatically becomes sacramental. Canon law also recognises the validity of certain unions celebrated without the presence of an ordained minister. The natural order has been so imbued with the redemptive grace of Jesus that "a valid matrimonial contract cannot exist between the baptised without it being by that fact a sacrament."

**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 356405

Website: www.bmtschool.co.uk

**St. Austin's Primary**

Address: Garden Street, Stafford, ST17 4BT

Telephone: 01785 356765

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:

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: £500.34

Loose: £389.04

Clergy Training Fund, Gift Aid: £375.91

Loose: £196.30

**Anniversaries**

Iris Salmon, Guiseppe Ppeuerelle, Mary Dench, Cyril Sandy, Trevor Finch, John Barry, Norman McMillan, Joseph Grundy, Jan Szumski, Zoe Byatt, Daisy Frew, Francis Anthony Calis, Bridget Mary Clay, Marion Machin, Matilda Carolin, Aniela Nahajka, Mary Dawkes, Joseph Page, Bridget Stanley, Lawrence Doyle, June Mary Brown, Helena Zoroch, Cissie Ivens, George Joel, Arthur Gould, Maureen Ridgeway, Mona Accord, Catherine Lockley, Michael Marshall, Clarice Burrows, Frederick Cowcill, Juiseppe Di Cillo, Winifred Barlow, Fr. Cathal Cassidy, Fr. Denis Hickling, Fr. Thomas Canning, Canon Wilfred Smith, Fr. Joseph Griffin, Fr. Ernest Cook, Fr. William Lyons

## 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 and statues are available on sale.

**Catholic Today:** Copies of the Diocesan Newspaper "Catholic Today" are available on sale in the Piety Room this weekend @ 50pence

**Church Cleaning:** All help will be appreciated with the Church Cleaning after the 9.15 a.m. Mass on Monday.

**Recently Dead:** Please remember in your prayers **Chiarah Grantham** who recently died at birth. Her Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday Remember also **Fr. Geoffrey Hargreaves**, retired Parish Priest of Holy Trinity Parish, Bilston. His Funeral Mass is at 12.00 Noon on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at Holy Trinity Church, Bilston.

**Cycle Challenge:** Thanks to all of Team St. Austin's who took part in the Annual Cycle Challenge to raise funds to support the work Katharine House Hospice on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Some of the Team will be available after all Masses this Sunday to collect the sponsorship monies. We thank you in anticipation for your generosity. Remember also that tax payers can gift aid their donations.

**Message from CAFOD:** As we prepare for the General Election, now is a vital opportunity to speak up for the poorest communities and work for the common good. Please encourage and challenge Political Parties and Candidates to show how they will do the same. Contact the CAFOD website for information.

<http://cafod.org.uk/news/campaigning-news/ask-election-question>

**Walsingham Association:** There is a Mass for the Walsingham Association on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m. Mass will be followed by the Annual General meeting and a Bring and Share Supper in the Parish Room. **There are still some places available for the Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham 28<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Padre Pio Prayer Group:** The next meeting of the Group is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 a.m. in the parish Room. All are very welcome.

**Coach Trip:** St. Austin's Senior Citizens have a Coach Trip to Chester on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The coach will leave from Austin Friars at 9.30 a.m. and leave Chester at 5.00 p.m. Contact Bryan on 01785 601802 to book your seat.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage:** There are details on the board in the porch of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the **Holy Land** from the 11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**Christian Food Help:** Thanks to everyone for your constant and generous support of Christian Food Help that enabled **934** meals to be distributed during April.

**NHS Prayer Walk:** There are details on the board in the porch requesting our support of the NHS Prayer Walk from Stafford to London from the 25<sup>th</sup> May to the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. All are welcome.

**Pilgrimage to Stone:** There are details on the board in the porch of the Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Stone on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May. All are welcome.

**Trip to York:** St. Lawrence Church in Gnosall has a coach trip to York on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The cost is £25.00. There is the option of a guided tour of the Minster (additional charge) or a trip to the National railway Museum (free of charge). Please contact Tony Wilkinson on 01785 823707 or email: [tonywilkinson07@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonywilkinson07@yahoo.co.uk) to book a seat.

**Gift Aid:** Thanks to all who "gift aid" their regular offerings to the Church. Last Year the gift aid scheme raised **£10,855.71** for the parish. If you pay tax, give regularly to the collection and would like to join the parish gift aid scheme, please contact our Parish Organiser, Phil Hood on 01785 211701.

**Diary Dates:** Please note the following dates for Parish Events and Celebrations:

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**, 10.30 a.m. First Communion Mass.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June**, 7.00 p.m. Deacon Louis will be twenty years a Deacon.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**, 10.30 a.m. Confirmation Mass with Bishop McGough.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** 2.00 p.m. + Diocesan Pilgrimage to Hednesford. Please note the Evening Mass at St. Austin's will be cancelled that Sunday.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**, 3.00 p.m. Blessing of Graves.