



ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER

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16th April 2017

Easter Sunday

Mass Book: Vigil, Page 216. Day, Page 251

Sunday Cycle: Year A

Psalter: Week 1

Weekday Cycle: Year 1

Mass Times, Intentions & Holy Week Ceremonies

Saturday	Confessions	3.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.	
	Vigil Mass	9.00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	Mass	10.30 a.m.	Peter Conlon
	Mass	6.00 p.m.	Phyllis Whiston
Monday <i>Easter Octave</i>	Mass	10.00 a.m.	Christina Smith
Tuesday <i>Easter Octave</i>	Mass	10.00 a.m.	Mary O'Hara
Wednesday <i>Easter Octave</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Private Intention
Thursday <i>Easter Octave</i>	Mass	12.00 Noon	Ian Morris (Requiem)
Friday <i>Easter Octave</i>	Mass	12.00 Noon	Winnie McHugh
Saturday <i>Easter Octave</i>	No Mass	10.00 a.m.	Monica Kenning

Exposition & Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday	Confessions	10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 p.m.	Val Howells
Sunday	Mass.	10.30 a.m.	Eva & Patrick Devlin
	Mass	6.00 p.m.	People of the Parish

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 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: Fr. Edgar Dizon

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: £446.75

Loose: £488.90

Anniversaries

William O'Brien, Mary Ackroyd, John Day, Arnold Maddock, William Peake, Ellen Causnett, Agnes Denham, William Thew, Bernard Griffin, Graham Taylor, Catherine Cassidy, Mary O'Hara, Martin Fitzpatrick, Elsie Riley, Lucy Morris, Benjamin Shelley, Peter Murphy, Nettie Rae, Florence Day, Leonard Brown, Patrick Haley, George Ecclestone, Emily Haley, George Biddulph, Fr. Anthony Browne, Fr. Peter Moore, Fr. Thomas Canning, Fr. William Smith, Fr. Reginald Slade, Fr. P. Downey, Fr. H. Griffiths, Fr. O. Joyce, Fr. L. Bouchier.

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: The April edition of the Diocesan Newspaper "Catholic Today" is available on sale in the Piety Room this weekend. It cost only 50 pence.

Baptism: Congratulations to Kevin Wilson who will be baptised and welcomed into the Church during the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

Recently Dead: Please remember in your prayers **Ian Gordon Morris** who died recently. His Reception is on Wednesday at 5.00 p.m. and his Requiem Mass is on Thursday at 12.00 Noon. May God grant him eternal peace and rest.

Senior Citizens Lunch: Thirty places have been booked for lunch on Wednesday 3rd May at the Stafford College Riverbank Restaurant at 12.00 Noon. A copy of the set menu is on the board in the porch. Please contact Bryan on 601802 if you wish to attend.

Lenten Soup Lunches: Thanks to all who supported the Lenten Soup Lunches Project for our friends at Loreto Sealdah in Calcutta. Contributions and donations came to a total of **£1532.82**. Thanks to all who provided the soup and extras, to all who worked in the kitchen serving and cleaning, to all who prepared and cleared the Hall. A fantastic effort all round.

Diocesan Pilgrimages: There are details on the board in the porch of the Diocesan Pilgrimages to **Lourdes** from 27th May to 2nd / 3rd June and the **Holy Land** from the 11th to 19th September.

Christian Food Help: Thanks to everyone for your constant and generous support of Christian Food Help that enabled **1210** meals to be distributed during March.

Live Simply thought for the week:

Think of giving a CAFOD World Gift or a Fair Trade Chocolate Egg as an Easter Gift.

Padre Pio Prayer Group: The next meeting of the Group is on Friday 28th April at 10.30 a.m. in the Parish Room. All are welcome.

Day of Prayer: Monday 8th May is our turn to host the Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Day will begin with **Mass at 10.00 a.m.** followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the Day. The day will end with Benediction at **7.00 p.m.**

Trip to York: St. Lawrence Church in Gnosall has a coach trip to York on Saturday 24th 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 to book a seat.

Pilgrimage to Knock: There are details on the board in the porch of a six day pilgrimage to Knock Shrine in Ireland from 24th April. It costs £599.00 per person sharing. Contact Patricia on 07740 175557 for details.

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.

Grateful Thanks: There are two letters on the board from CAFOD thanking us for the **£1811.21** raised on the Lent Fast Day and the **£904.01** raised for World Gifts over Advent and Christmas.

Cycle Challenge: A call to all "Team St. Austin's Cyclists" to get on their bikes for serious training for Katharine House Annual Cycle Challenge on Sunday April 30th. The Day is getting closer!!!!

The great work of Katharine House Hospice is well known and appreciated. The participation of "Team St. Austin's Cyclists" and the support of parishioners has grown and developed in recent years. Last year we raised £1796.00.

Thanks to the computing skills of our organiser Carmel Heaton, we have a data base with the details of cyclists and the names and details of donors who gift aid their donations. Next weekend there will be a list in the back of the Church for new cyclists to join the team and others will be available to take the names of sponsors for this year's cycle challenge. Carmel can be contacted on 07753162790.