

**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

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**Quote from Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation, “Amoris Laetitia” (The Joy of Love) (87)**

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

The Church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches. “In virtue of the sacrament of matrimony, every family becomes, in effect, a good for the church. From this standpoint, reflecting on the interplay between the family and the church will prove a precious gift for the church in our time. The church is good for the family and the family is good for the church. The safeguarding of the Lord’s gift in the sacrament of matrimony is a concern not only of individual families but of the entire Christian community”. (*Ratio Finalis 2015, 52*).

**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 Thursdayevening 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

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| **Thanks for your Offerings last week**    Gift Aid Envelopes: £386.13  Loose: £345.34 |
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**Anniversaries**

Michael Furlong, Bridget McMahon, Halena Helming, George Mellor, Irene Worrall, Edna Joel, Kathleen Nolan, Rosina Burgess, Mary Hesketh, George Oliver, Aristodemo d Domenico, Jeffrey Riley, Anne Begley, Elizabeth Murray, Arabella Narcisi, Florence Taylor, Genoweta Wojtulewicz, Margaret TFr. James Goughaylor, Margaret Cook, Lucy Shotton, Michael Sutton, Peter Dale, Fr. James Gough, Blessed Pope Paul VI, Fr. Francis Gwinnett, Fr. Basil Lynch CO, Blessed John Henry Newman, Fr. Michael Day, Fr. Denis Manion.

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| **6th August 2017** | | | |  |  |
| **Transfiguration of the Lord** | | | |  |
| Mass Book: Page 173 | | Sunday Cycle: Year A | |  |
| Psalter: Week 2 | | Weekday Cycle: Year 1 | |  |
| **Mass Times & Intentions** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 3.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. | |  |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | Robert Meredith |  |  |
| **Sunday** | Mass  Mass | 10.30 a.m.  6.00 p.m. | M. & F. Toner  People of the Parish |  |
| **Monday**  *Feria* | Mass | 9.15 a.m**.** | Lionel Conroy |  |
| **Tuesday**  *St. Dominic* | Mass | 10.00 a.m**.** | Robert Gibbons |  |
| **Wednesday**  *St. Teresa Benedicta* | Mass | 7.00 p.m. | Keith Price |  |
| **Thursday**  *St. Lawrence* | **Requiem Mass** | **3.00 p.m.** | **Jean James** |  |
| **Friday**  *St. Clare* | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Chris & Bill Howard |  |
| **Saturday**  *Feria* | Mass | 10.00 a.m. | Alexander Horton |  |
| **Exposition & Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.** | | |  |
| **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. | |  |
| Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | Patrick McKeaveney |  |
| **Sunday** | Mass. | 10.30 a.m. | People of the Parish |  |
|  | Mass | 6.00 p.m. | Sheridan Everett |  |
| ***School Masses:*** (STA) = St. Austin’s, (BMT) = Blessed Mother Teresa’s | | | |  |

**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 July (Summer) edition of the Diocesan Newspaper “Catholic Today” is also available on sale at 50 pence.

**Baptism:** Congratulations to the Rimkus family whose son Erikas will be baptised and welcomed into the Church this Sunday.

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

**Walsingham Pilgrimage:** Thanks to all who came on the Annual Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham last weekend. I concelebrated the Midday Mass on Sunday with the Rector of the Shrine, Mgr. John Armitage, and offered it for the People of the Stafford Parishes.

**Centenarian Celebrations:** Congratulations to Cath. Hammond who celebrated her 100th Birthday on Thursday at St. Joseph’s Convent Nursing Home.

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

**Sheila Ann Scifo** whose Funeral is at Stafford Crematorium on Monday at 10.00 a.m.

**Jean Rosemary James** whose Reception is on Wednesday at **6.00 p.m.** and her Requiem Mass is on Thursday at **3.00 p.m**.

Remember also **Roy Newman** who died last week. His Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

May God grant them eternal peace and rest.

**CAFOD’s Campaign, Power to Be:** Thanks to all who signed up to supporting the campaign. There are still plenty cards available at the back of the church. Please bring signed cards to church and we will send then all together to CAFOD.

**Vacancies at the Holy Trinity Academy:**

**1)** There are details on the board in the porch of a vacancy for a Clerical Assistant (Grade 3 Fixed Term Contract until July 2018) at St. Austin’s Catholic Primary School. Monday 28th August is the closing date for applications. Further details e.g. CES application form etc. can be found on WM Jobs.

**2)** There are also details of a vacancy at St. John’s Catholic Primary School for a Teaching Assistant – General- Level 2 for a fixed term until March 2018.

For details more contact the Headteacher, Mr. J. Shingler, at <http://www.holytrinitycmac.co.uk>

**Mission Appeal:** This year is the turn of the Holy Ghost Fathers to have the Mission Appeal in the Archdiocese. Fr. Colman Kimaryo will visit the parish and make the Appeal at the Masses here on the weekend of the 19th /20th August.

**Annual Pilgrimage:** The Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs in Harvington Hall is on Sunday 3rd September. Bishop Robert Byrne CO is the Principal Celebrant and Preacher at the Mass that starts at 3.00 p.m. There is a poster on the board in the porch with more details. A coach has been booked and will leave from Austin Friars at 1.00 p.m. Please put your names on the list in the porch.

**Christian Food Help:** Thanks to everyone for your constant and generous support of Christian Food Help that enabled **769** meals to be distributed during July.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group:** The next meeting of the Prayer Group is on Friday 25th August at 10.30 a.m. in the Parish Room. All are very welcome.

**Maryvale Institute:** There are two posters on the board in the porch with details of Maryvale’s range of distant learning courses.

One of these lists the full range of Maryvale’s certificate programmes in catechetics and related subjects, and its degree programme at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The second gives information about the various pathways offered in Maryvale’s MA in Catholic Applied Theology.