



# ST AUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Mass Book: Page 112 | Sunday Cycle: Year B**  
**Psalter: Week 1 | Weekday Cycle: Year 1**

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Marion Alcock
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Margaret Garrett
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	The Mountford Family
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>7.00 p.m.</b>	Holy Mass	Joan & Jim Barry
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Paulin Rawley
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Holy Mass	The Tunney Family

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year of Mark (Year B)

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Kathleen Nolan
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Harold & June Norton

**Prayer for the People of Ukraine:** O God, merciful and strong, who crush wars and cast down the proud, look with mercy upon the Ukrainian people. Protect them from aggression. Grant them peace and steadfast trust in your love. Give them courage to defend what is good, right, and holy; and provide for all their needs. Through the powerful intercession of the Mother of God, Protectress of Ukraine, and St Michael the Archangel, Patron of Kyiv, banish violence swiftly from their midst and wipe away all tears. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

**Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata Primary**  
Somerset Road, Stafford, ST17 9UZ  
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Website: [www.blessedmotherteresas.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.blessedmotherteresas.staffs.sch.uk)

**St. Austin's Primary**  
Garden Street, Stafford, ST17 4BT  
Telephone: 01785 413277  
Website: [www.st-austins.org.uk](http://www.st-austins.org.uk)

**Blessed William Howard High School**  
Rowley Avenue, Stafford, ST17 9AB  
Telephone: 01785 244236  
Website: [www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk)

## CATHOLIC STAFFORD

**St. Anne's:** Parish Priest: Fr. Robert Devaney  
Lynton Avenue, Stafford, ST17 0EA  
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Website: [www.st-annes-st.org.uk](http://www.st-annes-st.org.uk)  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00pm  
Sunday Mass: 10.00am

**St. Patrick's:** Served from St Anne's  
48 Sandon Road, Stafford, ST16 3HF  
Email: [stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk)  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4.00pm  
Sunday Mass: 9.00am

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

**Loose Plate: £275.84**  
**Gift Aid: £179.90**

Thank you for your generosity. Standing Order remains the most cost-effective way to donate to St Austin's at this time. If you would like to consider using a Standing Order, please contact Phil Hood on 01785 211701 for more information.

**We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Winifred Smith, Florrie Langley, Jozef Kotara, Margaret Jones, Jack Maguire, Graham Griffiths, Henry Morris, Jean James, George Ward, Basil Wilding, Kate Lawley, Agnes Peach, Stephen Dawkes, Emma Lake, William McLoughlin, John Ward, Mary Heffernan, Royston Newman, Mary Holford, Albert Finlow, Charlotte Sterrico, Denise Trainor, Monica Barker, Irene Nadel, Sam Gibbs, Glennis Bishop, Cecilia Stubbs, Fr. Thomas Michael Duffy, Canon Arthur Diamond.

**Welcome:** A warm welcome to all as we gather to celebrate the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

This Sunday is also a special Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. We celebrate their faith, wisdom and experience. As the Pope Francis says: “ We should cherish the elderly and recognise that there’s no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren.”

**Recently Deceased:** Please pray for the following people who died recently:

**Fr. Brendan Carrick:** Retired Priest of the Archdiocese. His Reception with Mass is at St. Michael’s Church, Coalway Road, Wolverhampton WV3 7ND at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August. His Funeral Mass is in Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 12.00 Noon.

**Roy Buckingham:** Our former Organist died in St. Joseph’s Convent Nursing Home on Thursday. His Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

May they rest in peace.

**Mass Times, Wednesday and Friday:** Please note that Mass on **Wednesday will be at 7.00 p.m.** and on **Friday at 10.00 a.m.** This will facilitate me attending Funerals in Redditch and Wolverhampton on those days.

**Holy Hour:** There is a Holy Hour on Saturdays with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.00 am to 11.00 a.m. All are welcome.

**Children’s Liturgy:** The Children’s Liturgy is celebrated at the 11.00 a.m. Sunday Mass. A big thank you to all our catechists and helpers for their dedication and commitment to this ministry.

**Youth Group at St. Anne’s:** The next gathering is this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July (from 5.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.)

If anyone is interested in becoming involved in any way or wishes to join our Youth Ministry Team, please contact Fr. Steven on 07458629296 [PLEASE SEE POSTER IN THE CHURCH PORCH].

**Welcome to New Order:** The Ordinariate Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary are taking up residence in Aston Hall, the former Retirement Home for the Priests of the Archdiocese. They are an Enclosed Order and have a Ministry of Hospitality, Prayer, and Reflection. Archbishop Bernard will celebrate a Mass to welcome them on Tuesday next at Aston Hall. We pray that their presence will bring many blessings to our area.

**Piety Room:** The Piety Room has recently been restocked with a variety of cards and various items of piety. Confirmation cards and other gifts will be of special interest at this time.

**Rosary Prayer Group:** All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group who meet every Monday at **2.00 p.m.** in the Chapel of St. Joseph’s Convent Nursing Home.

**Christian Food Help:** We thank all our donors and volunteers for their continuous and generous support. **1979** meals were delivered in **June**. As you consider what donations to make, be aware that a typical family food parcel will include pasta, tinned meals, tinned vegetables, tinned soup, beans, tinned puddings, tea, milk & cereal. Many thanks.

**Harvington Hall Pilgrimage:** The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. All are welcome and details are on the board in the porch along with a letter from Michael Jones, the Pilgrimage Committee Chairman. It is recommended that Pilgrims bring their own chairs.

**Missio:** Thanks to all who support the work of Missio with your prayers and donations collected in the Red Mission Boxes. Your continuous support is greatly appreciated. Please help yourselves to the copies of Mission Today Summer 2024 Impact Report in the porch. Feel free to take some for your friends.

**New Defibrillator:** A new defibrillator has been placed on the front wall of the Parish Hall. It has been supplied and installed with the help and support of the charity AEDdonate. It will also be an asset to the wider community. On September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Room representatives from AEDdonate will explain its workings and show us how to use it. All are very welcome to come and learn.

**Annual Mass:** All are welcome to the Annual Mass in memory our local Martyr Blessed Robert Sutton on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00 a.m. at St. Thomas Mill Farm, Baswich Lane. ST16 OXD. Please note there will be no Exposition or Confessions here on that morning.

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mrs Sue Kelly. They can be contacted at: [sg.staustin.stafford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.staustin.stafford@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*