



ST AUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No 234216



Sunday 29th September 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book: Page 138 Sunday Cycle: Year B

Psalter: Week 2 | Weekday Cycle: Year I

Saturday 28 th	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 29 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Deceased Parishioners
Monday 30 th	9.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Ann Donohue
Tuesday 1 st	9.15a.m. (STA)	Holy Mass	Kelly Rory
Wednesday 2 nd	12.00 Noon.	Holy Mass	Sheila O'Connell
Thursday 3 rd	9.15 a.m. (BMT) 10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Brian Johnson David Boyle
Friday 4 th	9.00 a.m. (BWH) 12.00 Noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Michael Kelly Esther Nolan

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year of Mark (Year B)

Saturday 5 th	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	John Duffy
Sunday 6 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

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

Telephone: 01785 413276

Website: www.blessedmotherteresas.staffs.sch.uk

St. Austin's Primary

Garden Street, Stafford, ST17 4BT

Telephone: 01785 413277

Website: www.st-austins.org.uk

Blessed William Howard High School

Rowley Avenue, Stafford, ST17 9AB

Telephone: 01785 244236

Website: www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk

CATHOLIC STAFFORD

St. Anne's: Parish Priest: Fr. Robert Devaney

Lynton Avenue, Stafford, ST17 0EA

Telephone: 01785 661012

Email: stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk

Website: 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

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4.00pm

Sunday Mass: 9.00am

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Loose Plate: £226.88

Gift Aid: £191.11

Fr. Hudson's Caritas: £344.58

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: Philip Cassidy, William Shannon, Edmund Hayes, Valerie Farrell, Geraldine Homer, William Martin, Gabrielle Goodman, Agnes Saunders, Elizabeth Downs, Cornelius O'Sullivan, Donald Fyffe, Aileen Dempsey, John Partridge, Norman English, Maria Kiteley, John Cambridge, Frederick Smith, John Woods, Mary Baker, Frederick Dix, John Wood, Mary Shackleton, John McIntyre, Patrick Gannon, Krystyna Bulik, Esther Nolan, Christine Hughes, Ian Rennie, Agnes Devoy, Fr. Edward Cotter, Fr. Laurence Daly, Fr. Denis Egan, Deacon Tony Colby, Fr. William McGann, Deacon John Burrows, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. John Danaher, Fr. John Bullen, Canon Anthony (Tony) Percy.

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

Cemetery Sunday, Blessing the Graves: We keep this Sunday as **Cemetery Sunday**. The **11.00 a.m.** Mass this Sunday will be offered for all our deceased parishioners. All are welcome to gather at the Crematorium Chapel on Tixall Road at **2.00 p.m.** for a short Prayer Service. This will be followed by the Blessing of individual graves. We will also bless the graves at Eccleshall Road and Gnosall Cemeteries. This will be about 3.30 p.m. Approx.

Recently Deceased: Please remember in prayer the following people who died recently:

Fr. Peter Blundell: Retired Priest of the Archdiocese. His Funeral Mass is on Tuesday, 1st October at 12.00 Noon at St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham.

Reginald (Reg) Davies: Reg died in Stoke Hospital on Thursday night after a long illness. His Funeral details will be announced later.

May they rest forever in God's peace.

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, parents and helpers for their dedication and commitment to this ministry. **A gentle reminder that children under four years of age must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult to stay with them during the Liturgy**

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

Youth Group at St. Anne's: The Youth Group for school years 6- 13 will meet on Monday at St. Anne's Church Hall from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. with free pizza. If anyone would like to help in any way or wishes to join our Youth Ministry Team, contact Fr. Steven on 07458629296.

CAFOD Fast Day: Friday next, 4th October is CAFOD's Annual Harvest Fast Day. CAFOD envelopes for Gift Aid donations are in the porch this weekend. The second collection next weekend will go to support CAFOD.

200+ Club: A reminder that the 12 and 6 month payments are due by the end of September. Please take an envelope from the porch and return it with the payment through the Presbytery Door. New members are always welcome. It only costs a £1 per month. Our grateful thanks to Peter and the team for their work in looking after the club.

Piety Room: The Piety Room has a variety of cards for various occasions along with rosaries, statues and various items of piety.

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. **2817** meals were delivered in **August**. 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.

New Votive Lights Trial: The Votive light stands have now been set up for a **TRIAL PERIOD**. We are assured that they are very environmentally friendly. They are 100% smoke free. There is no wax spilling on the floor as it melts into water base to be recycled. We look forward to having your feedback on them.

Please note that the 50 pence donation is a **SUGGESTION**. Circumstances vary. Some can give more; some can give less.

Mums' Retreat Morning: All mums are warmly invited to a free retreat morning on Saturday 12th October from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. at St. Teresa's, Trent Vale. There will be coffee and cake along with a brief talk, Eucharistic Adoration, and time for personal prayer and reflection. Babies in arms are welcome, and toys will be available. Please contact Esther Corrigan at estherifcorrigan@gmail.com or call her on 07875601619 to register or with any questions.

Weekday Mass Times Alteration: Please note: Mass in Church on Monday will be at **9.00 a.m.** There is no Mass in church on Tuesday. All are welcome to attend the Harvest Mass at 9.15 a.m. in St. Austin's School.

October, Month of the Rosary: It is the turn of the Staffordshire Deaneries to lead the Diocesan Prayers for Vocations during October. Part of our contribution will be praying the Rosary for Vocations after every Weekday Mass. All are most welcome to take part.

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.