



ST AUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 17th November 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book: Page 157 | Sunday Cycle: Year B

Psalter: Week 1 | Weekday Cycle: Year 2

Saturday 16 th	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Bridie Nicholls
Sunday 17 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Pauline Insull
Monday 18 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Alison Rhodes
Tuesday 19 th	9.15 a.m. (STA)	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Wednesday 20 th	12.00 Noon	Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving
Thursday 21 st	9.00 a.m. (BMT)	Holy Mass	Robert Stokes
Friday 22 nd	12.00 Noon	Holy Mass	Jim Ward

Solemnity of Christ the King Year of Mark (Year B)

Saturday 23 rd	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Peter Haddock
Sunday 24 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

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Blessed William Howard High School

Rowley Avenue, Stafford, ST17 9AB

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CATHOLIC STAFFORD

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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: £325.02

Gift Aid: £158.27

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: Caroline Gibson, Marguerite Kent, John Danker, Kayleigh Bolton, Jack McGuire, Hilda McCarthy, Eugeniusz Antoszewski, Barney Sandy, John Smith, Ann Snape, Gordon Homer, John Hackett, Peter Bamber, Mary Stubbs, Arthur Albrow, Mary O'Shea, Mary Cooney, Kevin Heywood, Agnes Dolan, Agnes Money, James Kear, Sydney Hingerty, Edward Martinez, Margaret Kilford, Joy Morrice, Anna Sliwinska, Norah Shelley, Wilfred Faulkner, Christine Allen, William Stubbs, John Holford, Maria Kubicka, Peter Conlon, Peter Haddock, Fr. Joseph Ryan, Fr. James O'Sullivan, Fr. Raymond Jones, Fr. Bernard Boulton, Canon Philip Coyne, Fr. Sean Turley, Archbishop John McIntyre, Fr. Gerry Jackson, Fr. David Higham, Deacon Pat Linthwaite.

Welcome: A warm welcome to all as we gather to celebrate the Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday is also kept as World Day of the Poor.

Pastoral Letter: Archbishop Bernard has sent a Pastoral Letter to be read at all Masses this weekend. It concerns the New Lectionary with the Scripture Readings at Mass that begin on the first Sunday of Advent.

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

Anita Dale: Her Reception is on Sunday 24th November at 6.00 p.m. Funeral Mass is on Monday 25th at 12.00 Noon.

Mgr. Graham Wilkinson: Retired Priest of the Archdiocese who died on the 30th October. His Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

Monica Holinshed: Former member of our parish choir and Governor of St. Austin's School died on Wednesday. Her Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Simon Hyland: Simon died on Friday and his Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales:

There are copies of the Bishops' statement entitled "Be Compassionate" in the porch in response to the Assisted Suicide Bill for debate in Parliament on November 29th.

There is also copy of a letter from Lord Alton on the board in the porch. It asks people to take the "Assist us to live, not to die" post cards provided in the porch and send them to their Member of Parliament asking them to vote against the Bill.

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.

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.

Church Cleaning: All help will be appreciated with the Church Cleaning after the Midday Mass on Wednesday.

Next Social Event: The next Catholic Stafford Social Event is on Saturday 30th November in St. Anne's Church Hall at 7.00 p.m. See the notice in the porch for more details.

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. **In October 1566** meals were delivered. 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.

Annual Mass: Our Annual Mass for all who died in the past year will be celebrated on **Thursday 28th November at 7.00 p.m.** As part of our Three Parishes working together, we will also welcome parishioners from our neighboring parishes who have had bereavements in the past year.

Assisted Suicide Bill: There are two posters on the board in the porch with QR facilities to scan the CBCEW and Right to Life UK websites. We are encouraged to ask our M.Ps. to oppose the Assisted Suicide Legislation going through Parliament.

Father Hudson's Caritas Needs: Following Archbishop Bernard's recent Pastoral Letter there is a poster on the board in the porch appealing for various toiletries. These are given out to clients in the community projects. A special collecting box will be available in the porch next weekend.

Climate Action: The November of the Diocesan response to the call of Creation is on the notice board in the porch.

Youth Sunday: Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Last Sunday in the Church's Liturgical Year. It is also kept as National Youth Sunday. We celebrate with our young people on their faith journey and pray God's blessing on the work of the Diocesan Kenelm Youth Trust. The second collection will be the annual one to support Catholic Youth Services.

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.