



ST AUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 19th November 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary time

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Psalter: Week 1 | Weekday Cycle: Year 1

Saturday 18 th	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Peter Haddock
Sunday 19 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Bridie Nicholls
Monday 20 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 21 st	9.00 a.m. (BWH)	Holy Mass	Jim Guinin
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Priest's intention
Wednesday 22 nd	12.00 Noon.	Holy Mass	Priest's Intention
Thursday 23 rd	9.15 a.m. (STA)	Holy Mass	Peter Haddock
	7.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Priest's Intention
Friday 24 th	9.15 a.m. (BMT)	Holy Mass	Priest's Intention
	12.00 Noon.	Holy Mass	John Mc Garth

Solemnity of Christ the King

Saturday 25 th	5.00 pm	Holy Mass	Jean Thornton
Sunday 26 th	11.00 am	Holy Mass	The Mather Family

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

Loose Plate: £ 300.50

Gift Aid: £202.67

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: 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, Norah Shelley, Wilfred Faulkner, Christine Allen, William Stubbs, John Holford, Maria Kubicka, Peter Conlon, Peter Haddock, John Harrison, Veronica McLaughlin, Charles Burgess, Christopher Shortall, George & Martha Payne, Tess Moon, Patrick Sheridan, Teresa Worsfold, Canon Philip Coyne, Archbishop John McIntyre, Fr. Gerry Jackson, Fr. David Higham, Deacon Pat Linthwaite, Fr. Michael Connolly.

Today is Safeguarding Sunday:

Diocesan Safeguarding Team is marking both Safeguarding Sunday on 19 November, and Safeguarding Adults Week 20-24 November.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, not just that of the few. We all need to play our part to keep people safe.

For more information on how you play your part. Look at : <https://shorturl.at/ckoCR>

Recently Deceased: Please remember in prayer: **Dylan Vallely and Robert Stokes** We also continue to pray for: **Carmel Dickens** – Reception into St Austin's Church 12th December 6pm. Requiem Mass on 13th December at 12 noon. Also we pray for **Alan Begley** whose Reception into St Patricks Church take place on Thursday 23rd November and Requiem Mass on Friday 24th November at 10.30am.

Weekday and School Masses: Please note the times of Masses in the Schools and Parish this coming week.

Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy is celebrated in the Parish Room at the 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Our grateful thanks to our catechists and parents for their dedication and commitment

Bible Timeline: The Bible Timeline programme continues this Monday in the Parish Room at 7.00 p.m. All are very welcome.

Holy Hour: There is a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday with opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

GRAND DRAW tickets are now available at £1 per book. Please return completed stubs and money to the presbytery by Friday 8th December. Also thank you for your donations of prizes for the Grand Draw. Please could they be delivered to the presbytery by Friday 8th December. The Draw will take place on the morning of Saturday 9th December and announced at the Pre-Christmas Celebration in St Anne's Church Hall after the 6pm Mass on 9th December. Thank you for your support.

Red Wednesday Reflection: Let us Break the Silence on Christian persecution

On **Wednesday 22 November** and throughout the Autumn you are invited to join Aid to the Church in Need's #TeamRed, taking action to help countless Christians in Africa suffering targeted violence for their loyalty to Christ.

Archbishop Bernard's reflection: *I am delighted to stand with you in solidarity with the millions of Christians, as well as those of other religions, who are persecuted for their faith. We are doing something remarkable, we are BREAKING THE SILENCE on behalf of those who suffer – but whose stories sadly are not known.*

Aid to the Church in Need is asking us to show the world that we care about the 5,000 Christians who died in Nigeria last year because of their faith. With you I want to ask why Africa is among the most dangerous places in the world to be a Christian and to ask what our government is doing to help.

If you are already involved in a Red Wednesday event in your parish or school community I wish you much success and I also thank you for standing in solidarity with our brothers and sisters. We must BREAK THE SILENCE on their behalf.

More Info <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/>

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. **1462** meals were delivered in **September** 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.

Refreshments after Mass: Do join us after the 11:00am Sunday Morning Mass for tea and coffee in Parish Room. **Many thanks** to those who prepare this welcome facility.

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.