



ST AUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 14th April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Book: Page 258 | Sunday Cycle: Year B

Psalter: Week 3 | Weekday Cycle: Year I

Saturday 13 th	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Leahy
Sunday 14 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Kath & Jerry Warde
Monday 15 th	9.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Waters Family
Tuesday 16 th	9.15 a.m. (STA) 10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Jancis Meredith Ann Cheetham
Wednesday 17 th	12.00 Noon	Holy Mass	Malachy Toner
Thursday 18 th	9.15am (BMT) 10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Guisseppi Acardi Mary O'Hara
Friday 19 th	9.15 a.m. (BWH) 12.00 Noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Margaret Leahy Sian Orchard

4th Sunday of Easter Year of Mark (Year B)

Saturday 20 th	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Brain & Mae O'Hara
Sunday 21 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Vocations

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

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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

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: £240-08

Gift Aid: £241-67

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: James McKiernan, Mary Fielding, Guiseppine de Matteo, Margaret King, John Cregan, Norah Curteen-Nurse, William O'Brien, Mary Ackroyd, John Day, Arnold Maddock, William Peake, Ellen Causnett, Agnes Dingham, William Thew, Bernard Griffin, Kenneth Taylor, Catherine Cassidy, Mary O'Hara, Martin Fitzpatrick, Elsie Riley, Lucy Morris, Benjamin Shelley, Peter Murphy, Nettie Rae, Fr. Anthony Browne, Fr. Peter Moore, Fr. Reginald Slade, Fr. Patrick Downey, Fr. Anthony Conlon.

Welcome: A warm welcome to all as we gather to celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter. Easter is the most important time in the Church's liturgical Calendar. We continue to celebrate Jesus's victory of sin and death and the salvation of mankind. It is God's greatest act of love to redeem mankind.

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.

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.

<<<< **Amazing Start** >>>>

ALPHA COURSE Monday Nights at 7.00 p.m. in St Anne's Church Hall. Last week we had **73** people attend which is a great start. It isn't too late to start. Just turn up on the night. There is no need to book. You might be asking what's Alpha? Alpha is a series of Group Conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open and friendly environment. You also get a free meal.

We also have **Youth Alpha** on the same night in a different space for age 11-18 years.

200+ Club: The 6 Month payments are due by the end of March. Please take an envelope from the porch for your contribution and return it via the Presbytery Door.

Church Cleaning: All help will be appreciated with the Church Cleaning after the Midday Mass on Wednesday. New Helpers are welcome and refreshments are served.

Responding to the Call of Creation: The April Newsletter on the notice board in the porch.

Stafford Coral Society: Mozart Requiem, At Rising Brook Baptist Church on 27th April at 7.30 p.m. See the Poster at back of Church for details.

Cursillo: Please see the notice board in the porch of upcoming events organised by Cursillo from:
3rd -6th May at St. Joseph's Prayer Centre Formby and
7th -10th November at Shallowford House, Stone.

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

Missio: Thanks to all who pray and support the missionary work of the Church through Missio, formerly known as the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, (APF).

There are copies of the Spring Edition of its publication Mission Today available in the porch. Please help yourselves or take one for a friend.

Red Mission Boxes: If anyone has a Missio Red Mission Box that needs to be emptied, please let us know or bring it to the Presbytery.

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. **2726** meals were delivered in **March**. 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.

Midlands Catholic History Society: There is a message on the board in the porch from the Midland Catholic History Society urging people to join and support its work. There is also a flyer inviting people make an Annual Subscription.

Vocations Sunday: Next Sunday World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray that more people will respond to God's call to serve in the Priesthood and Religious Life.

The Second Collection is the annual one to support the work of the Clergy Training Fund. This fund helps and supports our seminarians as they go through their seven years of formation. It also supports priests who need to go on to do further study to support the work of the Archdiocese.

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Douglas Grantham has been accepted to start seminary training this year. We assure him of our prayerful support.

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.