



# ST AUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday 21st April 2024

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

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**Psalter: Week 4 | Weekday Cycle: Year I**

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Brain & Mae O'Hara
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Vocations
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Christina Smith
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15 a.m. (STA) 11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass Holy Mass	People of the Parish Bishop Leo McCartie
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 Noon	Holy Mass	Malachy Toner
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am (BMT) 10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass Holy Mass	John Sheerin Fr. Paul Lomas
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 a.m. (BWH) 12.00 Noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass	John Quinn Michael McMahan

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year of Mark (Year B)

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Monica Kenning
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Eva & Patrick Devlin

**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](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

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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

**Loose Plate: £252.84**

**Gift Aid: £250.50**

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:** Florence Day, Leonard Brown, Patrick Halley, George Ecclestone, Emily Haley, George Biddulph, Valarie Howells, Philip Thompson, Michael Crowley, Ann Harris, Maurice Ryan, Kathleen Hitchenor, Ernest Bower Norris, Joyce Williams, Bernard Dickins, Kathleen Boulton, Andrew Duffy, Elsie White, Ann Shortall, Maureen Buttery, Andrew Dulmacara, Margaret Mulligan, Philip Ward, Jan Jackson, Olive Janici, Leslie Hawkins, Francis Gillett, Phyllis Whiston, Fr. Hugh Griffith, Fr. Andrew Kenny, Deacon Peter Seeney, Bishop Leo McCartie, Fr. Benjamin Cox, Fr. Wilfred Davenport, Fr. Desmond Donnelly, Fr. Peter Dennison,

**Welcome:** A warm welcome to all as we gather to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. A special welcome to members of Stafford Catenian Circle who have requested the 11.00 a.m. Mass this Sunday to be offered for vocations.

**The Second Collection** this weekend is the annual one to support the Clergy Training Fund. This fund helps and supports our seminarians in their seven years of formation. It also supports priests who do further studies 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.

**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.

**Feast of St. George:** Tuesday next is the Feast of St. George, the Martyr and Patron of England. It is also the fourth anniversary of the death of our former Parish Priest, Bishop Leo McCartie. Please note that the Mass in Church on Tuesday is at **11.00 a.m.**

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember in prayer Dame Benedicta of Oulton Abbey who died recently. Her Funeral Mass is at 12.00 Noon on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April in Oulton Abbey Chapel. May she rest in peace.

**ALPHA COURSE Monday Nights at 7.00 p.m. in St Anne's Church Hall.** It isn't too late to start. Just turn up on the night. There is no need to book. 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.

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

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

**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.

**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.

**Prayer for Vocations Sunday:**

God, our Loving Father, you have called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us temples of the Holy Spirit.

Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Holy Cross "I thirst" and respond to the call "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations". Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call.

Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son, who was always close to those in need. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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.*