



ST AUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 11th February 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book: Page 137. Sunday Cycle: Year B

Psalter: Week 2 | Weekday Cycle: Year I

Saturday 10 th	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Sally Carter
Sunday 11 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Daniel France
Monday 12 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Tuesday 13 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Thomas Knowles
Wednesday 14 th	12.00 Noon 7.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	John Nolan Paul Nulty
Thursday 15 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	The Varley Family
Friday 16 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Franklin Almeida

First Sunday of Lent Year of Mark (Year B)

Saturday 17 th	5.00 pm	Holy Mass	Antonina Panzera
Sunday 18 th	11.00 am	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

Loose Plate: £338.76

Gift Aid: £291.52

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: Daisy Brookes, Annie Donnelly, Annie Preston, William McLennan, Tina Martin, Reginald Perry, Bridie Gillen, Brigid Lynch, Brigid Donaghy, Stan Tilscher, Peter Conway, David Musgrove, Martha Jenkinson, Jennifer Teece, Norah Thompson, Winifred Wearmouth, Patricia Carwardine, Edward Nolan, William Cooke, Matthew Glover, Edwin Dodd, Thomas Knowles, Alwyn Harper, Joseph Whelan, Matthew White, John Nolan, Peter Dale, Lisa Osborne, Nancy Craig, Mary Gallagher, Charles Purton, Neil Cambridge, Emmie Gore, Jan Stopka, Eugene Garry, Michael Gaul, Pauline Finch, Ray Bell, Margaret Currall, Sarah Parsons, Rosaline Goode, Graham Powell, Fr. John Paul O'Sullivan, Mgr. Joseph Vincent Healy, Mgr. Canon Peter Lawler, Fr. Charles, Joseph O'Reilly.

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

This weekend we have the annual second collection to support the work of the Charity LIFE.

This Sunday, 11th February, is also the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We keep this day as a special day of prayer for all who are sick and in need of healing.

Lent: The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday next, Ash Wednesday. There will be blessing and distribution of ashes at all Masses that day. **Please note the times of Mass in our three parishes on the day:**

9.30 a.m. at St. Anne's

9.30 a.m. at St. Patrick's

12.00 Noon at St. Austin's

6.30 p.m. at St. Anne's

7.00 p.m. at St. Austin's

Walk with Me: Archbishop Bernard invites us to join the Diocesan Family in the Walk with Me programme of prayer and reflection during Lent. Copies of the Walk with Me Prayer Books and some Lenten Calendars are available in the porch this weekend. Please help yourselves. You might also like to take one for someone you think would appreciate it.

Lenten Stations: All are welcome to pray the Lenten Stations of the Cross at 7.00 p.m. on the Fridays of Lent.

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.

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.

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

Fr. Sandy Brown: His Reception with Mass is at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Hednesford** at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday. His Funeral Mass is at **12.00 Noon on Friday.**

Michael Crook: Former Head of R.E. and Governor at Blessed William Howard Catholic High School died on Thursday. **His Funeral Mass is at St. John the Baptist Church in Great Haywood on Thursday 22nd February at 11.45 a.m.**

Kevin Bott: His Reception is on Sunday 25th February at 6.00 p.m. His Funeral Mass is on Monday 26th February at 12.00 noon.

May God grant them eternal peace and rest.

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. **2284** meals were delivered in **January**. 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.

Lenten Soup Lunches: We have the Soup Lunches on the Fridays of Lent in the Parish Room after the Midday Mass to support the mission of Loreto Sealdah in Kolkata. All are welcome. Please see the board in the porch with the message of thanks for our Advent efforts and the poster with more details of the Loreto Sisters worldwide Mission.

Please note that Mass this Friday will be at 10.00 a.m. as Fr. Michael & Fr. Steven will be at Fr. Sandy Brown's Funeral Mass in Hednesford at 12.00 Noon. The Soup Lunches will be served from 12.00 noon onwards. All are welcome.

Catholic Stafford St. Patrick Celebration. All are welcome to St. Anne's Parish Hall on Friday 15th March at 2.45 p.m. to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick. Children from St. Anne's School will provide entertainment. Fish & Chips at a cost of £6 will be served. Call Liz on 07305936716.

The Big Lent Walk: CAFOD is inviting everyone to participate in this initiative by walking 200k throughout Lent in groups or as individuals. It is a great way to put Catholic Social Teaching into action and remind us that we are all part of a Global Family. Check the CAFOD website for more details: <https://walkcafod.org.uk>

Vacancies at BWH: Blessed William Howard Catholic High School has vacancies for an RE Teacher and an Apprentice of RE and a Senior Lay Chaplain. Details are on the board in the porch.

Grateful Thanks: The family of the late Peggy and Tony Payne wish to thank everyone for the **£760.00** retiring collection raised at the Funeral Mass last Monday. St. Joseph's Convent Nursing Home & Fr. Hudson's Care will share the money.

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.