



ST AUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 4th May 2025 Third Sunday of Easter			
Mass Book: Page 259 Sunday Cycle: Year C Psalter: Week 3 Weekday Cycle: Year 2			
Saturday 3 rd	5.00 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Monica Kenning
Sunday 4 th	11.00 am	Third Sunday of Easter	David Thomas
Monday 5 th	10.00 am	Easter Feria	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday 6 th (STA)	9.15 am	Easter Feria	People of the Parish
Wednesday 7 th	7.00 p.m.	Easter Feria	Ann & Peter Carolan
Thursday 8 th (BMT)	9.15 am	Easter Feria	Norman Thomas
Friday 9 th	12.00 Noon	Easter Feria	Gerald McCann
Saturday 10 th	5.00 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Michael Salmon
Sunday 11 th	11.00 am	4 th Sunday of Easter	Marie McKeaveney
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK: GIFT AID: £249.40 & LOOSE PLATE: £284.43			

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS	CATHOLIC STAFFORD
<p>Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata Primary Somerset Road, Stafford, ST17 9UZ Telephone: 01785 413276 Website: www.blessedmotherteresas.staffs.sch.uk</p> <p>St. Austin's Primary Garden Street, Stafford, ST17 4BT Telephone: 01785 413277 Website: www.st-austins.org.uk</p> <p>Blessed William Howard High School Rowley Avenue, Stafford, ST17 9AB Telephone: 01785 244236 Website: www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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</p>



JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER:

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Manoli Voudouris, Albert Bray, Kazimiera Deacon, Chiarah Grantham, Seamus Ludlow, Douglas Gosling, Peter Scahill, Bernard Chadwick, Kazimiera Platek, Kathleen Hall, Elizabeth Beard, Eileen Dempsey, Peter John Godwin, Sarah Davies, James Gallagher, Margaret King, Evelyn Grant, Frederick Dean, Minnie Dykes, Peter Brady, Leonard Worrall, John Keoghan, Patrick Murray, Helena O'Leary, Liam Trainor, Fr. David Duggan, Fr. Michael Byrne, Canon Bernard Hurrill, Fr. James Dutton, Fr. Donal O'Connor, Bishop Joseph Gray, Fr. Francis Carr, Fr. Walter Jorret, Fr. Patrick Cocklin, Deacon James Duffy.

Welcome: A warm welcome to all as we gather in faith to celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter. We continue in the joyful spirit of Easter celebrating the Lord's Resurrection.

Period of Mourning: With the Church in Rome and throughout the world we continue the nine days of official mourning following the death of Pope Francis. We pray for the Cardinals as they prepare for the Conclave to elect the Successor to St. Peter.

Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy resumes this Sunday after the Easter break at the 11.00 a.m. 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.

Fr. Newbold's Collection for Aid to the Church in Need:

Thanks to all who supported and sponsored Fr. Philip Newbold's Lenten Walk for Aid to the Church in Need.

We are happy to have the sponsorship money collected at the Masses this weekend.

Place the sponsor money in a sealed plain envelope.

Please write "Fr. Philip's Sponsor Money" on the envelope and include your name and amount enclosed.

For those who wish to Gift Aid their donations, please write your Name, Address and Post Code on the envelope.

Aid to the Church in Need will do the necessary office work and deal with the claims.

You can put the envelope in the collection basket at the time of the offertory collection.

There are some spare blank envelopes in the porch.

Envelopes can also be handed in at the Presbytery.

Wedding Bells: Congratulations and best wishes to Alena Sim and Christopher Vaz who were married here on Saturday. We wish them every blessing and good wish in their married life.

Baptism: Congratulations to the Whitehouse Family whose son Adison Reg will be baptised and welcomed into the Church this weekend.

Recently Deceased: Please pray for Skyla Barkway, a Year 10 Pupil from Blessed William Howard Catholic High School who died last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and the whole school community.

Piety Room: The Piety Room has been restocked recently with a variety of items including Communion & Confirmation cards and various Gifts items.

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. **1895 food parcels were delivered in April.** 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.

Youth Group at St. Anne's: The Youth Group for school **years 5- 9** will meet on Monday at St. Anne's Church Hall from **6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.**

Fr. Jan Glowczyk: Fr. Jan has been in declining health for some time. He is moving to Laxton Hall Residential Home near Corby this coming week where he will be cared for by the Polish Sisters of Mary Immaculate. We wish him every blessing and thank him for his time with us.

Grateful thanks: There is a poster on the board in the porch with a message of thanks from CAFOD for the **£635.00** raised through the Lent Family Fast Day.

Myanmar Appeal: Many thanks to all for the very generous response to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Relief Appeal last weekend. It raised a total of £709.75 with £320 .00 was gift aided

Good Shepherd Sunday: Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also kept as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The second collection is the annual one for the Clergy Training Fund which pays for the formation of future priests and deacons in the Archdiocese.

Mass on Wednesday: Please note that Mass on Wednesday is at 7.00 p.m.

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.