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| **Weekly Events in the Parish**  **Monday** - Convent Prayer Group:  St Joseph’s Nursing Home in the  Convent Chapel at 1.30 p.m.  **Tuesday** - Knit & Natter Group:  Meets in the Parish Room at 2.00 p.m.  **Thursday** - **Choir Practice:**  Every Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m.  **Rosary:**  A Decade of the Rosary is said after each  weekday Mass in Church. |
| **Our Parish Schools**  **Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata Primary**  Address: Somerset Road, Stafford, ST 17 9UZ  Telephone: 01785 413276  Website: www.bmtschool.co.uk  **St. Austin’s Primary**  Address: Garden Street, Stafford, ST17 4BT  Telephone: 01785 413277  Website: www.st-austins.org.uk  **Blessed William Howard Catholic High School**  Address: Rowley Avenue, Stafford, ST17 9AB  Telephone: 01785 244236  Website: www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk |
| **Other Catholic Churches in Stafford**  St. Anne’s:  Parish Priest: Fr. Robert Devaney  Address: Lynton Avenue, Stafford, ST17 0EA  Telephone: 01785 661012  Email: stannes.stafford@gmail.com  Website: www.st-annes-st.org.uk  Saturday: Confessions 5.30pm  Vigil Mass 6.00pm  Sunday: Mass 11.15am  **St. Patrick’s:** *Served from St Anne’s*  Address: 48 Sandon Road, Stafford, ST16 3HF  Sunday: Confessions 9.00am  Mass 9.30am |
| **Offertory Collection**  **Gift Aid Envelopes: £**  **Loose: £**    ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

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| **21st June 2020**  Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 94| Sunday Cycle: Year A  Psalter: Week 4| Weekday Cycle: Year 2 | | | |
| ***Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| Sunday | Vigil Mass 4:30pm |  | Ted McGregor |
|  | Mass 10:30am |  | People of the Parish |
| Monday  ***Ss John Fisher & Thomas More*** | Mass 10.00 am |  | Michael Joyce  Mary Conlon |
| Tuesday  ***St. Etheldreda*** | Mass 10.00 am |  | Helen McMahon  Helen Thorp |
| Wednesday  ***Birth of John the Baptist*** | Mass **5.00 pm** |  | Mary & Michael O’Donovan  Donor’s intention |
| Thursday  ***Feria*** | Mass **9.30 am** |  | Mary Dunleavy  John Gaffney |
| Friday  ***Feria*** | Mass 12.00 Noon |  | Bina Hoy  Matt McKiernan |
| Saturday  ***Vigil Mass of Sunday*** | Mass 4.30 pm |  | Kathleen Deery  Rita Buchy |
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| **Solemnity of S. Peter & Paul** | | | |
| Sunday | Mass 10.30 am | Private Intention | |
|  |  |  | People of the Parish |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) | | | |

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Diocesan Website:** www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

**Parish Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

**Priest in Residence:** Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Mrs. Sue Kelly, 07875549906

Rev. David McCarrol

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**Anniversaries**

Joseph Houlding, Edwin Brookes, Catherine Hackett, Margaret Cronin, Christopher Cotton, Catherine Doran, Edward Merriman, Joseph Concar, Edward Smyth, Lucy Leckie, Gerard Dickins, Frederick Willett, Callum Macleod, Isobel McAnerney, Mary Willett, James Kenna, Peter Dunne, John Willett, Robert Evans, Sarah Robinson, Margaret Flaherty, Gertrude Cliff, Patrick Rudkins, Joseph Woods, Katie Conway, Ruby Biddulph, Fr. Arthur Proudman, Fr. Geoffrey Tucker, Mgr. Peter Stonier, Fr. Thomas Browne, Fr. John Boyer, Fr. James Walsh, Mgr. Hugh Montgomery, Deacon Ralph Watkins, Fr. John Bradley

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**The God Who Speaks – The Year of the Word**

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** ([www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk))

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Fear conceals itself…

How easy to become paranoid, to wonder what others might be saying about us. These aspects can be present outside our relationship and within it; at their core is fear! Jesus continuously exhorts the Twelve, “do not be afraid…every hair on your head has been counted”. Living our life now in Christ, we will not fear what others think.

**Counters:** Group this week. Group next week

**Piety Room:** Thanks for your continuous support of the Piety Room. As well as the Catholic papers a variety of cards, rosaries and other items are available on sale.

**Mass time changes on Wednesday & Thursday:** Please note that Mass on Wednesday of this week will be at **5.00 p.m**. and Mass on Thursday will be at **9.30 a.m**. This is to facilitate participation in School Governor and Diocesan Zoom meetings.

**Reopening of Churches:** Firstly, my grateful thanks to Clive and Lesley Stevens, our Parish Health & Safety Representatives, who have helped organise the Risk Assessment process for opening the church for private prayer.

Secondly, my thanks to the twenty one people represented at the meeting on Friday last in the Parish Hall who have volunteered to act as Cleaners and Stewards.

All is now in place following the Government guidelines, Bishops Conference instructions and Diocesan Insurers instructions for the reopening of our church for Private Prayer. We have also been in touch with Fr. Bob and made the following arrangements for the reopening of our three churches on the following days and times:

Starting on Monday 29th June

Monday: St. Austin’s 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday: St. Patrick’s 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Wednesday: St. Anne’s 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Thursday: St. Patrick’s 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Friday: St. Anne’s 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Saturday: St Austin’s 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

We will review the situation from time to time depending on responses and any changes that may be announced by the Government or the Bishops Conference. For the present be aware of the following arrangements:

The church is open ONLY for PRIVATE PRAYER.

Entry and Exit by separate doors

Sanitize hands on entry and exit

Toilets will NOT be open

Seating arrangements for twenty six (**26)** people at one time, observing social distancing.

Follow the Stewards instructions.

Most of all enjoy being back in church.

**Diocesan Position:** The Archdiocese is seeking a voluntary part time Trust Secretary to assist the Trustees in good "corporate practices". Details can be found on [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs)

and on the parish website.

**Church Funeral Services:** We got the welcome news yesterday that as from Monday 22nd June Churches may reopen for Funeral Services. Just as with the opening for Private Prayer, similar tasks have to be carried out and instructions to be followed..

Please note as yet we **cannot** open for **Funeral Mass**

Archbishop Bernard has a letter with more details on the Diocesan Website. More details later.

**Christian Food Help:** We are now discontinuing our regular deliveries until the lockdown has been lifted, but are still accepting food donations and are happy to help anybody who is vulnerable or at risk. If you have any queries, please contact us at [christianfoodhelp@gmail.com](mailto:christianfoodhelp@gmail.com)

**Mental Health Tips for Lockdown:** These have been provided by Paul Farmer who is the Chief Executive of MIND, the Mental Health Charity.

**Sleep** well, **Eat** well, **Exercise** well, **Meditate** and **pray** well, **Identify** someone you trust who you can talk to -***Really******talk to***, **Improve** your listening skills

**Avoid** social media and too much news

**Take up** or revive a pastime or hobby

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation:**

Last Sunday our thoughts and prayers were with the children and families who were due to celebrate First Holy Communion on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Next Sunday, the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, our thoughts and prayers will be with the children and families who were due to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Feast of Saints Peter with Archbishop Bernard Longley.

Please God when churches open again for public worship we look forward to rearranging the celebration of these Sacraments.

In the meantime we keep one another in prayer.