



ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER

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10th March 2019

Mass Times and Intentions

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First Sunday of Lent

Saturday	Confessions	3.45pm – 4.15pm	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Cathy Connelly
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	Marie & Laurie Hawkins
	Mass	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	10.00 am	Jean Bradley
Tuesday <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (STA)	9.15 am	Fr. Anthony Shrine
Wednesday <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 pm	E. O'Callaghan
Thursday <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (BMT)	9.15 am	Martha O'Donovan
Friday <i>St. John of God</i>	Mass	12.00 Noon	Marie McGinley
Saturday <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	10.00 am	Mr. & Mrs. J. Langan
	Exposition	Until 11.30 am	
	Confessions	10.30 am – 11.30 am	

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	Confessions	3.45 pm – 4.15 pm	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Stephen Prendergast
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	Christopher Plant
	Mass	6.00 pm	People of the Parish

Primary School Masses: St Austin's (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa's (BMT)

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: £609.30

Loose: £414.38

Cathedral Maintenance: £465.05

Many thanks for your offerings last week

Anniversaries

Gladys Bayliffe, Michael Howard, Albert Harvey, James Clarke, William Chesworth, William Brough, William Hammond, Edward Maston, George Dulieu, Francis Byrne, Mary Sease, Joan Read, George Simpson, Jean O'Leary, Constance Butters, Eliza Andrea, Edward Gallagher, Gertrude Fowler, Howard Shargool, Patrick Craig, Michael McGeave, Marcus Dabs, Patrick Moran, Patrick O'Connor, Betty Lynch, Edward Betts, Frances Morris, Sheila Lugg, Josephine Tiruchelvam, Frank Lenihan, Margaret Ward, Gwendoline Handley, Alexander Fornal, Leonard Gardner, John Lyons, Wilfred Hardman,

General Notices

Counters: Group 2 this week. Group 3 is next week.

Refreshments: Refreshments are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday. All are welcome.

Piety Room: Thanks for your continuous support of the Piety Room. As well as the Catholic papers a variety of cards and rosaries are available.

Deacon Louis Livesey: Deacon Louis continues to be blessed with great love and care in St. Joseph's Convent Nursing Home. We continue to keep him and his family in our prayers as we thank for his ministry among us for over twenty years.

Family Fast Day: CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day is on Friday next, 15th March. The envelopes for your donations are available this weekend. Please take one as you leave Mass this today.

Tax Payers can gift aid their donations by signing the appropriate section of the envelope.

A letter from CAFOD about the Fast Day will be read at all Masses this weekend.

We encourage you to eat simply on Friday and give the money you save to help people like Mahinur. Your generosity is a life saver for women, men and children around the world.

You might also like to consider taking a CAFOD box at the back of the church for spare change and bring it back during Holy Week.

Support CAFOD: This Lent CAFOD invites us to reflect, pray and take global action by following CAFOD's online calendar <https://cafod.org.uk//Pray/Lent-Calendar>. A suggestion will be offered in the Bulletin each week.

Walk with Me: There are still some spare copies of the "Walk with Me" Prayer Books and Calendars available in the porch this weekend if you missed out last weekend. Please help yourselves.

Friday Soup Lunches: Thanks to all who came to the midday Mass and Soup Lunch on Friday last to support our Loreto Sealdia Project in Kolkata. We look forward to another gathering next Friday.

Stations of the Cross: All are welcome to join in the Lenten Devotional Prayer of the Stations of the Cross at 7.00 p.m. on the Fridays of Lent.

Lent Penitential Service: The Lenten Penitential Service for the Three parishes with opportunities for individual Confession will be held at St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 16th April at 7.00 p.m.

Catholic Stafford Lent Course: Thanks to all who have signed up for the five sessions during Lent and bought the book "The Long Road to Heaven" to read the introduction beforehand. Our three Primary Schools have very kindly made our three school halls available so that we can watch the film on their large screens. We start this Tuesday at St. Anne' School on Lynton Avenue ST17 OEA (beside St. Anne's Church)

The venues are:

St Anne's School 12th March and 2nd April.

St Austin's School 19th March and 9th April.

St Patrick's School 26th March.

Each Session will begin at 7.30 p.m.

There is a list in the porch for those who require transport to St. Anne's & St. Patrick's and for those who would like to share transport.

New Envelopes: Thanks to your generous financial support the Parish was able to reclaim £11,688.96 from HMRC for the 2016 / 17 financial year. Our thanks to Phil Hood, our Gift Aid Organiser, our counters and office staff who look after the monies every week. The Envelopes for the coming financial year beginning on 6th April are now available for collecting in the porch this weekend. If you are a tax payer and would like to be part of the gift aid scheme, please contact Phil Hood on 211701

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2019: The Annual Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on the weekend of the 26th to the 28th of July. Application Forms with details of prices and accommodation etc are on the shelf in the porch. Please contact Helen Perry on 07837519253 for further details.

Every Life Matters: There is a notice on the board in the porch promoting this thought-provoking talk by Life Charity in the Grimshaw Room, St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham on Saturday 23rd March at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome.

200+ Club: Congratulations to Chris Heaton whose number 12 was the winner of the February Draw. Subscriptions for those who pay every six months are due before the end of March. Please collect the envelopes in the porch and put the payments through the Presbytery door.

Christian Food Help: All at CFH thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled **1148** food parcels to be distributed during **February**.

Stafford Half Marathon: There is a notice on the porch to remind us there may be a little disruption with some road closures for the Half Marathon next Sunday. Good luck to all the participants.