



ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER

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1st September 2019

Mass Times & Intentions

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Confessions	3.45pm – 4.15pm	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Bernard Dickins
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	The McDonnell Family
	Mass	6.00 pm	The Reilly Family
Monday <i>Feria</i>	Mass	10.00 am	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday <i>St. Gregory</i>	Mass	10.00 am	Private Intention
Wednesday <i>St. Cuthbert</i>	Mass St. Joseph's	10.30am	Ann & Tom Finnerty
Thursday <i>St. Teresa of Kolkata</i>	Mass (BMT)	9.15am	Ele Mather
Friday <i>Feria</i>	Mass	12.00 Noon	Matthew Prendergast
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	Mass	10.00 am	Mary Kyne
	Confessions & Exposition	10.30 am – 11.30 am	
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	Confessions	3.45 pm – 4.15 pm	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Elizabeth Trainor
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	Robert Meredith
	Mass	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Primary School Masses: St Austin's (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa's (BMT)			

Quote from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia"

Chapter 5. LOVE MADE FRUITFUL

166. And yet "from the first moments of their lives, many children are rejected, abandoned, and robbed of their childhood and future. There are those who dare to say, as if to justify themselves, that it was a mistake to bring these children into the world. This is shameful! ... How can we issue solemn declarations on human rights and the rights of children, if we then punish children for the errors of adults?" If a child comes into this world in unwanted circumstances, the parents and other members of the family must do everything possible to accept that child as a gift from God and assume the responsibility of accepting him or her with openness and affection.

Anniversaries

Patrick Gage, Winifred Cooke, Gordon Talbot, James Langford, Iris Walker, Ellen Dowd, Herman Hanker, Norah Reafe, Olive Bloomfield, Mary Keogh, Adrian Lakin, Mary Reilly, Janina Lukanik, Rose Kelly, Liam O'Brien, Doris Owen, Edward Joan Leheney, Bernard Durkin, Theresa Docherty, Mary Anderson, William Boon, Mary Byrne, Teresa Ruddy, Nancy Harper, Barry Williams, Winifred Costello, Joseph Hamill, Frs. L. Emery, B. Singleton, J. Crighton, B. Salt, T. O'Doherty, J. Holland, A. Taylor.

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: £425.10

Loose: £300.62

Mission Appeal: £783.40

Many thanks for your offerings last week

General Notices

Counters: Group 3 this week. Group 4 is next week.

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

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.

Harvington Hall Pilgrimage: The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs in Harvington Hall is on this Sunday 1st September.

There are still some places on the Parish Coach. It will leave from Austin Friars at **1.00 p.m.** and return immediately after the Mass which starts at 3.00 p.m. **There are details on the board in the porch including the note to bring your own chair.**

Church Cleaning: All help will be appreciated with the Church Cleaning after the Morning Mass on Monday.

Mission Appeal: Fr. Larry Barnett on behalf of the Columban Fathers is very grateful for the welcome he received last weekend and the very generous response to the Mission Appeal that raised the sum of **£783.40.**

Monthly Mass: The Monthly Mass at St. Joseph's Convent Nursing Home is on Wednesday next 4th September at 10.30 a.m. All are welcome. Please note no Evening Mass in Church on Wednesday

Senior Citizens: The next monthly meeting of St. Austin's Senior Citizens is on Wednesday next, 4th September at 2.00 p.m. in the Parish Room. All are welcome to come and enjoy the refreshments and view an exhibition of photographs and memories from the last four years of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Contact Bryan on 601802 for details.

CAFOD Celebration: We are hoping to celebrate CAFOD's **Season of Creation** by having a Creation Mass on 29th September.

We are having a meeting to discuss organisation and preparation for the Mass on Wednesday 4th September after evening Mass in the Parish Room. All are welcome Please come and join us.

Recently Deceased: Please remember in prayer John McCarroll (brother of Deacon David) who died recently. His Funeral is at Stafford Crematorium on Monday 9th September at 12.30 p.m. May God grant him eternal peace and rest.

Christian Food Help: All at CFH thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled **784** food parcels to be distributed during **July.**

Deanery Mass: Please note the change of plans for the Deanery Mass to prepare for the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman in Rome on Sunday 13th October. **The Mass will now be celebrated on Sunday 6th October at 2.00 p.m. in St. Dominic's Church in Stone.** More details will be announced later.

Barn Dance: There are details on the board in the porch of the Barn dance to be held at St. Anne's School Hall on Friday 27th September at 7.30 p.m. All are most welcome.

Grateful Thanks: There is a copy of the Certificate of Thanks from Katharine House Hospice thanking us for the **£2843.77** raised through the Cycle Challenge last April. Thanks to all who gifted their donations the final figure is **£3392.12.**

Brushstrokes: **We learned recently that Brushstrokes are in the process of moving to new premises in Smethwick and have asked that NO MORE DONATIONS BE MADE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Deanery / Parish Visitation: We have been given notice of the Deanery / Parish Visitation by Archbishop Bernard and Bishop David. The process will begin on **Wednesday 25th September** with the Clergy of the Deanery and at least TEN members from each Parish gathering at **St. Mary's Church, Uttoxeter at 7.00 p.m. for Evening Prayer and the Opening Meeting.** The Visitation will conclude with the Celebration of the **Deanery Mass on Wednesday 17th March at St. Patrick's Church Stafford at 7.00 p.m.** In between those dates either Archbishop Bernard or Bishop David will visit each Parish in the Deanery at a weekend, preach at all the Masses and meet the people. **Dates and details will follow later.**