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| **30th August 2020**  Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
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| **Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | | |
| Sunday | Mass **10:30am** |  | Roberto Salvia |
|  |  |  | Mary Dickens |
| Monday  ***St. Aidan*** | Mass 10.00am |  | People of the Parish  Phyllis Walker |
| Tuesday  ***Feria*** | Mass 10.00 am |  | Mary Pickup  Deirdra Fitzgerald |
| Wednesday  ***Feria*** | **Mass 7.00 pm** |  | John Simpson  Mary Rose Foy |
| Thursday  ***St. Gregory*** | Mass 10.00 am |  | Pamela Oswald Foster  Liam Duffy |
| Friday  ***St. Cuthbert*** | Mass **7.00 pm** |  | In Thanksgiving  Michael Lynch |
| Saturday  ***Vigil Mass Sunday*** | Mass 4.30 pm |  | Krizevac Project  Diocesan Clergy |
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| **Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | | |
| Sunday | Mass 10.30 am | People of the Parish  Maura Bowden | |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) | | | |

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**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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| **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: £309.10**  **Loose: £74.95**  **Peter’s Pence: £5.00**    ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

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**Anniversaries**

Alan Conin, Gladys Champion, Barbara Drummond, Michael Davies, Stephen Kinsley, Teresa Pickering, Alina Gratkowska,

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 Rutty, Nancy Harper, Margaret Shippey, Fr. Brendan O’Malley, Canon Joseph Nightingale, Mgr. Canon Leonard Emery, Fr. Basil Singleton, Mgr. James Crighton, Fr. Bernard Salt, Fr. Thomas O’Doherty, Fr. James Holland, Deacon Francis Andrews.

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

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

**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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The ‘sign’ of growth is change

St Paul urges us to think of God’s mercy and change the way we behave so that the will of God is visible in us. As wives and husbands we can help each other in this endeavour, so that a renewed and deeper love is revealed in our relationship and, in turn, reflected out to our family, friends and community.

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember in prayer:

**Deacon Peter Kilgallon** who died on August 26th.

Deacon Peter was attached to St. Joseph and Etheldreda Parish in Rugeley. He was also the brother of the late Biddy Treadwell who died recently. His Funeral Mass is at 12.00 Noon on Thursday 10th September. Our thoughts and prayers are with Fr. Peter Stonier and the Parishioners of Rugeley at this difficult time.

May he rest in peace.

**Church Opening- Recent Review:**

***Having reviewed the seating arrangements and made extra space around the side chapels we have now increased the seating capacity to 67 Families may continue to sit beside each other***.

***For the reception of Holy Communion at the Sunday Mass the musicians and families in the choir loft will be first to receive.***

***Track And Trace: Following Government advice from the first Sunday in September we ask those coming to Mass to bring a piece of paper with their name and phone number written on it and place it in the container provided for that purpose. Names and numbers can also be written down by the stewards (while observing social distancing) and placed in the container.***

***This information will be kept in a safe place and destroyed after 21 days. It will be made available to NHS Track and Trace if they contact the parish to request that information. It will only be made available to any third party if that is required by law.***

We will continue to open the church **ONLY** for Mass on Sundays at 10.30 a.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7.00 p.m.

On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays Mass will be celebrated but not open to the public. These arrangements may have to change from time to time for Funeral etc. but we will keep you informed as best we can through the Parish Newsletter and the Parish Website.

**All Masses will continue to be live streamed.**

***Reminder of procedures for Mass***

**Wear a face covering on entering the church.**

**Enter and Exit by separate doors.**

**Sanitize hands on entry and exit.**

**Observe One Metre+ Social Distancing.**

**The church can hold a minimum of 67 people**

**Sit on Seats marked with Green Spots.**

**Family Members may sit together.**

**No handshake at the Sign of Peace.**

**No Communion from the Chalice.**

**Communion to be received on the hand.**

**The Toilets will not be open.**

**Follow the Stewards instructions.**

**Offertory Collection:** The present regulations do not permit the passing of the collection bags in church. However, there are collection baskets in the entry and exit porches. If you were unable to collect your envelopes before “Lockdown” they are still available from the stewards. If anyone would like to consider using the standing order system, please contact Phil Hood on 01785 211701

**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

**FATHER HUDSONS & KATHARINE HOUSE**

Former parishioner, Emma Kelly (Daughter of Sue & Neil Kelly and Granddaughter of Peggy & Tony Payne) will be running 30 miles between the two charities from Coleshill to Stafford on Saturday 12th September 2020. If you would like to read more about Emma’s story or help support these two amazing charities in very difficult times, please go to

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/emKto42K>

**Special Bed Available:** An almost new bed that raises, lowers, tilts and bends has become available.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from having it, please contact Fr. Michael.