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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: £517.65**  **Loose: £370.27**    ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

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| 8th September 2019  Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 133| Sunday Cycle: Year C  Psalter: Week 3 | Weekday Cycle: Year I | | | |
| ***23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | Elizabeth Trainor |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Robert Meredith |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday  ***St. Osburg*** | Mass | 10.00 am | Private Intention |
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| Tuesday  ***St. Egwin*** | Mass (**STA)** | 9.15am | Private Intention |
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| Wednesday | Mass | 7.00 pm | Bridie & Charles Saunders |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday  ***St John Chrysostom*** | Mass | **10.00 am** | Matthew Prendergast |
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| Friday  ***Exaltation of the Holy Cross*** | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Christopher Salmon |
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| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am | Irene Thompson |
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| ***Feria*** | Confessions & Exposition | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | |
| **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45 pm – 4.15 pm | |
| ***Feria*** | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | Elizabeth Swinburne |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Celestine Nwaka |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | The Farrell Family |
| 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

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***Quote from Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation “Amoris Laetitia”***

***Chapter 5.* LOVE MADE FRUITFUL**

166. For “when speaking of children who come into the world, no sacrifice made by adults will be considered too costly or too great, if it means the child never has to feel that he or she is a mistake, or worthless or abandoned to the four winds and the arrogance of man”.180 The gift of a new child, entrusted by the Lord to a father and a mother, begins with acceptance, continues with lifelong protection and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life.

**Anniversaries**

James Smith, Rose Pillai, Sidney Cottrill, Diane Sandy, Francisezk Kotara, Patricia Coleman, Roderick Stanley, Stephen Dawkes, Katie Foley, Brian Fitzpatrick, Dilys Willis, Elizabeth Shields, Martina Moxon, Elizabeth Hodson, Kathleen Owen, Aniela Masternak, Georgina Jackson, John Dagnall, Christopher Salmon, Elizabeth Wilding, Phyllis Coia, Gillian Clark, Marguerite Sandy, Fr. Arthur McCrystal, Mgr. Tom Fallon, Fr. David Hutt, Fr. Dominic Round, Fr. Guy Colman.

**Counters:** Group 4 this week. Group 1 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.

**Education Day:** This Sunday is the annual day of prayer for all who work in the field of Catholic Education. The second collection is the annual one to support the work of the Catholic Education Service.

**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.

**Deanery / Parish Visitation:** As mentioned last week we have been given notice of the Deanery / Parish Visitation by Archbishop Bernard and Bishop David. The Visitation 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 of Bishop David will visit each Parish in the Deanery at a weekend, preach at all the Masses and meet the people.

***Bishop McGough will visit St. Austin’s Parish on the weekend of the 2nd / 3rd November***.

**Opening Meeting:** It is important that all groups and organisations within the parish community are represented at these meetings. There is a list in the porch for all who would like to attend the Opening Liturgy and Meeting at St. Mary’s Uttoxeter on Wednesday 25th. As Uttoxeter is some distance away, can we consider car sharing and if numbers permit can we consider hiring a minibus?

**Julian Meetings:** “Meeting in Silence with God”, inspired by the great English Mystic Julian of Norwich. The monthly meeting for contemplative prayer is on Monday 16th September at the home of Sheila Tunney. Contact Sheila on 01785 253910 for more details.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group:** The next meeting of the Group is on Wednesday 26th September at 10.30 a.m. in the parish Room. All are welcome.

**Brushstrokes:** We are pleased to hear the good news that Brushstrokes have now settled into their new premises and will once again welcome donations of non perishable food, toiletries, baby items and bed linen.

**ST AUSTIN’S SENIORS GROUP:** Twenty **(20)** places have been booked for lunch on Thursday 3rd. October 2019 at The Riverbank Restaurant, Stafford College at 12 noon prompt.  The cost will be £11.50 for two courses and £12.50 for three.  As usual it is a set menu, copies can be seen on the notice board. A £5 deposit is required. To secure a place Bryan needs to know by 19th September.

A list will be at the back of church after weekend Masses.  Bryan 01785 601802 **(ALL WELCOME)**

**Christian Food Help:** All at CFH thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled **948** food parcels to be distributed during **August.**

**Deanery Mass:** The Deanery Mass to prepare for the canonisationof Blessed John Henry Newman will 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.

**200+ Club:** Congratulations to M. Finney whose Lucky Number **2** was the winner of the August Draw.

The 12 and 6 months subscriptions are now due. Please take an envelope from the porch for your subscription and put it through the Presbytery door.

**Postponed Meeting**: The meeting on Wednesday 18th September to discuss St Austin's progress towards being a Church of Sanctuary has been postponed to a later day to be announced.