



ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER

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8th September 2019

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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 <i>St. Osburg</i>	Mass	10.00 am	Private Intention
Tuesday <i>St. Egwin</i>	Mass (STA)	9.15am	Private Intention
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 pm	Bridie & Charles Saunders
Thursday <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	Mass	10.00 am	Matthew Prendergast
Friday <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Mass	12.00 Noon	Christopher Salmon
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	Mass	10.00 am	Irene Thompson
	Confessions & Exposition	10.30 am – 11.30 am	

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday <i>Feria</i>	Confessions	3.45 pm – 4.15 pm	
	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)

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

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.

General Notices

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 or 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 canonisation of 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.