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| **6th September 2020**  Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 125 Sunday Cycle: Year A  Psalter: Week 3 | Weekday Cycle: Year 2 | | | |
| **Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | | |
| Sunday | Mass **10:30am** |  | Maura Bowden |
|  |  |  | People of the Parish |
| Monday  ***Feria*** | Mass 10.00am |  | Richard Matthews  Phyllis Walker |
| Tuesday  ***Birth of the BVM*** | Mass 10.00 am |  | Catherine Gunn  Roberto Salvia |
| Wednesday  ***St. Osburg*** | **Mass 7.00 pm** |  | Mary Pickup  Krizevac Project |
| Thursday  ***St. Egwin*** | Mass 10.00 am |  | Sheila O’Driscoll  Richard Kennedy |
| Friday  ***Feria*** | Mass **7.00 pm** |  | Fr. D. McGillycuddy  Bridie & Charles Saunders |
| Saturday  ***Vigil Mass Sunday*** | Mass 4.30 pm |  | Annie Kinsella  Eddie Kinsella |
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| **Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | | |
| Sunday | Mass 10.30 am | People of the Parish  Pauline Wareham | |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) | | | |

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Diocesan Website:** www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

**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: £517.10**  **Loose: £111.32**      ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

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**Anniversaries**

Barry Williams, Winifred Costello, Joseph Hamill, 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, June McConnell, Fr. Anthony Taylor, Fr. Arthur McCrystal, Mgr. Tom Fallon, Fr. David Hutt, Fr. Dominic Round.

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

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

**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**To listen is to Love**

Matthew reminds us of Jesus’ promise “...where two or more meet in my name I will be with them”. In all the practical ways we look after each other, we are saying; ‘your concerns are my concerns’. Nothing is too small or insignificant in our marriage, and my beloved is beside me to call me back to our life together.

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

Deacon Peter Kilgallon of the Parish of St. Joseph & Etheldreda in Rugeley. His Funeral Mass is at 12.00 Noon on Thursday next, 10th September

May he rest in peace.

**Ordinations:** Please remember prayer the four Deacons who will be ordained Priests in the next fortnight. Among them Deacon Alex Taylor will be ordained in St. Chad’s Cathedral, Birmingham on Saturday next. Many will remember Alex from the number of placements he did with us during his time at Oscott College. **We look forward to him coming back to celebrate Mass in the Parish on Wednesday 16th September at 7.00 p.m.**

**Christian Food Help:** Thanks for your continuousand generous support of CFH. That support has enabled **1256** food parcels to be distributed during August. For further information contact:

christianfoodhelp@gmail.com

**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***.

***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

**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>

**200+ Club:** The 6 and 12 month subscriptions are now due. Please put your subscription in an envelope marking it with 200 club and your name and put it through the Presbytery door.

**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.