



ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER

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13th September 2020

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Book: Page 128 Sunday Cycle: Year A

Psalter: Week 4 Weekday Cycle: Year 2

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass **10:30am** Pauline Wareham
People of the Parish

Monday Mass 10.00 am Jim O'Leary
Exaltation of the Holy Cross Margaret Kinsella

Tuesday Mass 10.00 am Kitty Grady
Our Lady of Sorrows Andrea, Neil & Family

Wednesday Mass **7.00 pm** Jim Conkey
Ss Cornelius & Cyprian Sick & Carers Intentions

Thursday Mass 10.00 am Joan & John Morris
Feria Jack Chester

Friday Mass **7.00 pm** Paddy O'Leary
Feria Karen Leighton

Saturday Mass 4.30 pm People of the Parish
Vigil Mass Sunday Frank Miller

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass 10.30 am Jack Duxbury
Paula Pugh

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: £367.10

Loose: £42.08

Many thanks for your offerings last week

The God Who Speaks – The Year of the Word

MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The call to forgive

How can I love my spouse and bring life? We are called to set aside resentment, to listen gently to our beloved, seeking understanding. In today's gospel the servant who is forgiven refuses to forgive the man who owes him. God forgives us everything, but are we willing to let go of the hurts we have experienced via our spouse?

Anniversaries

Elizabeth Wilding, Phyllis Coia, Gillian Clark, Marguerite Sandy, Celestine Nwaka, Maurice Neligan, John Quinn, Kieran Kilcollum, Daniel Scullion, Patrick Hirrell, Marie Hall, Arthur Mitchell, Queenie Oxon, Ann Nelson, Ivor Bennett, Harold Rhodes, Bernard Brookes, Bernard Hackett, Colin Blaka, Edith Dawkes, Anthony Farrugia, William Mcloughlin, Jim Conkey, Winifred McCaffrey, Winifred Risdale, Paddy O'Leary, Fr. Guy Colman, Fr. Richard Dinnis, Fr. Patrick Meagher, Canon Robert Nicholson, Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer, Fr. William Oddie, Canon Peter McKenna, Fr. John Lopes, Fr. Alan Holtham, Fr. Peter Lees.

General Notices

Newly Ordained: Congratulations to Fr. Clive Dytor and Fr. Alex Taylor who were ordained priests by Archbishop Bernard Longley at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham on Saturday. I was privileged to be at the celebration. Next Sunday Deacons Sean Gough and Benedict Skipper will be ordained priests. We keep them in our prayers.

Postponed Mass: Unfortunately, due to the new Covid-19 restrictions and regulations in Birmingham at present, Fr. Alex will not be coming to celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving with us on Wednesday. We look forward to having it at a later date when the restrictions are lifted. We will keep you informed.

Diamond Jubilarians: Congratulations and best wishes to Joan and John Morris who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary next Thursday. We wish them every blessing and thank them for their participation in the life of the parish for so many years.

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

Revision of Weekend Mass Times: Please see the Letter to the Three Parishes this weekend on the Parish Website. I will speak about it in more detail at Mass this weekend.

Church Opening- Constant Review: We are still on a learning curve with the many experiences of Masses open to the public and we thank you for your patience.

1) The collection of names and numbers got off to a slow start last weekend. Hopefully it will improve in the weeks ahead.

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.

2) When the Revised Mass times begin in October the Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5.00 p.m. will be open to the public.

3) If anyone would like to join the eight teams of Stewards and Cleaners for the Public Masses, please contact Fr. Michael.

4) The instruction from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales is still in place, namely: **"The Sunday Mass Obligation is suspended during this time of the pandemic."**

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

Lay Chaplain Vacancy: Cardinal Griffin College in Cannock is seeking to appoint a Lay Chaplain. Details can be found on the College Website;
www.cardinalgriffin.org.uk

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.