

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Parish Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

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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: £515.44**  **Loose: £298.38**  **Home Mission Sunday: £405.66**  ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |
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| 29th September 2019  Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 140| Sunday Cycle: Year C  Psalter: Week 1 | Weekday Cycle: Year I | | | |
| ***25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | Gerard Dickins |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Jack Duxbury |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday  ***St. Padre Pio*** | Mass **(In Church)** | **9.15 am** | M & J Ratigan |
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| Tuesday  ***Our lady 0f Walsingham*** | Mass | **10.00 am** | The Barnes Family |
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| Wednesday | **Funeral Mass** | **11.00 am** | **June Mc Connell** |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday  ***St Cosmas & Damien*** | Mass | **10.00 am** | Nora Kinsella |
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| Friday  ***St. Vincent se Paul*** | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Peter Kilgallon |
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| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am | A & M Gavigan |
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| ***Feria*** | Confessions & Exposition | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | |
| **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45 pm – 4.15 pm | |
| ***Feria*** | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | H & B McKeown |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Margaret Godwin |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) | | | |

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

***Chapter 5. Love and pregnancy***

167. Large families are a joy for the Church. They are an expression of the fruitfulness of love. At the same time, saint John Paul II rightly explains that responsible parenthood does not mean “unlimited procreation or lack of awareness of what is involved in rearing children, but rather the empowerment of couples to use their inviolable liberty wisely and responsibly, taking into account social and demographic realities, as well as their own situation and legitimate desires’’.

**Anniversaries**

Richard St. Clair, Peter & Bridget Charleton, Eric Clarke, Blanche Booth, Lawrence Wilding, Bernard Dench, Mary Dufficy, Baby Rio Mansell, John Daly, Olga Kelly, Martin Moran, Ann Charleton, Jack Burgess, Siena Szafranska, John Phillips, Jack Fuller, Frs. B McAllister, J Love, L Twiney, P Lloyd, A Adams, J Bale, J Banks, M McTernan, P Orchard, P Reilly, Dcn M McCormack, H Farrelly, HH Pope John Paul I

**Counters:** Group 2 this week. Group 3 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.

**Fr. Hudson’s Care:** The second collection this weekend is annual one to support the work of Fr. Hudson’s Care, the Official care agency of the archdiocese. Contributions can be “gift aided” by using the envelopes provided and signing the appropriate places.

**Baptisms:** congratulations to the Madubkuko family whose son Arinzechukwu and the Terry family whose daughter Lyla will be baptised and welcomed into the Church this weekend.

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember in prayer: **June McConnell:** Her Reception is on Tuesday at 6.00 p.m. Her Funeral Mass is on Wednesday at 11.00 a.m.

May God grant her eternal peace and rest.

**Church Cleanin**g**:** All help will be appreciated with the Church Cleaning after the 9.15 a.m. Mass on Monday morning.

**Deanery / Parish Visitation:** The Visitation process will begin on next **Wednesday 25th September** with the Clergy of the Deanery and members of each Parish gathering at **St. Mary’s Church, Uttoxeter at 7.00 p.m. for Evening Prayer and the Opening Meeting.**

***Can we have some more to sign up for this event please*.**

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***.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group:** The next meeting of the Group is on Friday 27th September at 10.30 a.m. in the Parish Room. (Apologies for the misprint in last week’s bulletin) All are welcome.

**Brushstrokes:** 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.

WILL EVERYONE WHO BOOKED, PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE PAID JOHN STOWE YOUR £5 DEPOSIT BY THIS WEEKEND.  COULD YOU ALSO LET BRYAN KNOW YOUR CHOICE OF MENU. (BRYAN 01785 601802)

**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**. 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.

**Job Opportunity:** There are details on the board in the porch of a vacancy for an Administration & IT Support Officer at Cathedral House in Birmingham.

**Creation Celebration:** In response to Pope Francis’

Apostolic Exhortation “Laudate Si” and in conjunction with the work of CAFOD the 10.30 a.m. Mass next Sunday will focus on celebrating the gift and the wonder of Creation.

After Mass there will be an opportunity to sign a petition to the Prime Minister regarding Climate change.

In the spirit of the celebration gifts of non perishable foods for Brushstrokes and Christian Food Help will be appreciated on the day.