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| **20th September 2020**  Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 131 Sunday Cycle: Year A  Psalter: Week 1 Weekday Cycle: Year 2 | | | |
| **Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | | |
| Sunday | Mass **10:30am** |  | Jack Duxbury |
|  |  |  | People of the Parish |
| Monday  ***St. Matthew*** | Mass 10.00am |  | Doreen Smith  Mary Delacey |
| Tuesday  ***Feria*** | Mass 10.00 am |  | Phyllis Walker  Jack Chester |
| Wednesday  ***St. Pio Pietreclcina*** | **Mass 7.00 pm** |  | Patrick Walsh  Special Intention |
| Thursday  ***Our lady of Walsingham*** | Mass 10.00 am |  | Rose Collins  Margaret McGuire |
| Friday  ***Feria*** | Mass **7.00 pm** |  | Mary Pickup  Greta Walsh |
| Saturday  ***Vigil Mass Sunday*** | Mass 4.30 pm |  | The Delaney Family  Sheila Wheaton |
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| Sunday | Mass 10.30 am | Matt McKiernan  People of the Parish | |
| 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

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: £319.10**  **Loose: £52.01**  **Catholic Education Service: £148.30**  ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

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**Anniversaries**

Michael Coney, Alice Davies, Jack Duxbury, 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, Fr. John Steward, Canon David Mellor, Fr. John Hanrahan, Fr. John Ruddy, Fr. Bernard McAllister, Fr. John Love, Canon Leo Twiney, Fr. Peter Lloyd, Canon Albert Adams, Deacon Michael McCormack, Fr. Gordon Banks, Mgr. Michael McTiernan, Fr. Paul Orchard, Canon Peter Reilly.

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

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

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**‘My thoughts are not your thoughts’**

God can put thoughts into our minds, but how can we ensure these make a difference to our lives? St Paul says, “Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ”: for example, the need to measure what we contribute within the relationship. Our Sacrament isn’t a 50/50 arrangement but a 100%/100% unconditional commitment.

**Newly Ordained:** Congratulations to Benedict Skipper and Sean Gough who will beordained priests by Archbishop Bernard LongleyatSt.Chad’s Cathedral, Birmingham this Sunday.

We keep them in our prayers.

**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

**Home Mission Sunday:** The second collection this Sunday is to support the work of Catholic Evangelisation on Home mission Sunday.

**Revision of Weekend Mass Times:** Thanks foryour many positive responsesto our joint letter to the three parishes last weekend. There is another one this weekend with further considerations and explanations. It is available on the website and copies will be distributed at all Masses 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 for Track & Trace was much better last weekend. Thanks for your patience and perseverance.

**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 wouldlike 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.

**Sponsored Walk September 26th Lichfield Cathedral to Hednesford**

A small group of Hednesford Parishioners and friends of the Shrine are walking from Lichfield Cathedral to the Shrine to raise funds to improve the security and safety of our grounds and work for local homeless people. Bishop David McGough and the Dean of Lichfield Cathedral, will bless us on our way. We will be joined on the walk by Monsignor Timothy Menezes. We will be back in time for Shrine Prayers at 4 pm to mark our return. There is now a page for donations on Invest My Commmunity. To give go to - <https://investmycommunity.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-hednesford-2312> . There will a video recording the walk on our Facebook page and website after the day.