

**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: £521.65**  **Loose: £302.20**  **Fr. Hudson’s Care: £501.50**  ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |
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| 29th September 2019  Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 143| Sunday Cycle: Year C  Psalter: Week 2 | Weekday Cycle: Year I | | | |
| ***26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | H & B McKeown |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Margaret Godwin |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday  ***St. Jerome*** | Mass | 10.00 am | D & S Moffitt |
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| Tuesday  ***St. Therese*** | Mass | **10.00 am** | Fred Thornton |
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| Wednesday | **Mass (St. Joseph’s**) | **10.30 am** | **Tommy McKeown** |
| ***Guardian Angels*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday  ***Feria*** | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 am | Carmel McKeown |
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| *St. Francis of Assisi* | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Kathleen Clarke |
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| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am | Martha Donovan |
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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 | Michael Robins |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | People of the Parish |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | **NO EVENING MASS** |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) | | | |

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**Anniversaries**

Philip Cassidy, William Shannon, Edmund Hayes, Valerie Farrell, Geraldine Homer, William Martin, Gabrielle Goodman, Agnes Saunders, Elizabeth Downs, Cornelius O’Sullivan, Donald Fyffe, Aileen Dempsey, John Partridge, Norman English, Maria Kiteley, John Cambridge, Frederick Smith, John Woods, Mary Baker, Frederick Dix, John Wood, John McIntyre, Patrick Gannon, Krystyna Bulik, Esther Nolan, Christine Hughes, Ian Rennie, Agnes Devoy, Frs. E Cotter, L Daly, D Egan, W McGann, J Nightingale, P Styche, J Bullen, A Piercy.

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

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

168 Pregnancy is a difficult but wonderful time. A mother joins with God to bring forth the miracle of a new life. Motherhood is the fruit of a “particular creative potential of the female body, directed to the conception and birth of a new human being” Each woman shares in “the mystery of creation, which is renewed with each birth”. The Psalmist says: “You knit me together in my mother’s womb” (Ps 139:13). Every child growing within the mother’s womb is part of the eternal loving plan of God the Father.

**Counters:** Group 3 this week. Group 4 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.

**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 this 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. Thanks to all who have brought gifts of non perishable foods for Brushstrokes and Christian Food Help as part of the celebration

**Church Cleanin**g**:** All help will be appreciated with the Church Cleaning after the 10.00 a.m. Mass on Monday morning.

**Monthly Mass**: The monthly Mass at St. Joseph’s Convent Nursing Home is on Wednesday next 2nd October at 10.30 a.m. Please note there is no evening Mass in church on Wednesday.

**Deanery / Parish Visitation:** Thanks to all who came to the opening of the Deanery Visitation at St. Mary’s, Uttoxeter on Wednesday last. We now look forward to Bishop David McGough visiting us for the Parish Visitation on the weekend of the 2nd/3rd November.

**Brushstrokes:** Thank you so much for all your recent generous contributions to Brushstrokes.

However they have over the last few weeks had many donations and as far as clothes, bedding etc are concerned are at saturation point.  Could we ask therefore that you cease bringing in these goods until further notice.  The donations that have already been left in the porch this week or promised will be taken to Brushstrokes as usual but please don't leave any more until further notice.  FOOD AND BABY CLOTHES AND EQUIPMENT ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

**CAFOD Fast Day:** Friday next, 4th October, is CAFOD’s Annual October Fast Day. Please make a sacrifice on the day and make a donation to support the work of CAFOD. Envelopes available this weekend for anyone who would like to gift aid their donation. Please fill in the appropriate section on the back of the envelope. They will be taken up in the second collection next weekend.

**Deanery Mass:** In preparation for the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman we have organised a **Deanery Mass on next** **Sunday, 6th October, at 2.00 p.m. in St. Dominic’s Church in Stone.** It will be concelebrated by the priests of the deanery with a welcome to all parishioners from the parishes of the deanery. We are grateful to Fr. Gerry Doyle and the parishioners of St. Dominic’s for facilitating the day. Refreshments will be available in the Parish Hall after the Mass. All are very welcome.

***Please note the evening 6.00 p.m. Mass here at St. Austin’s will be cancelled next Sunday.***

**Coffee Morning:** Some Year 7 pupils from Blessed William Howard School are oragnising a Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall to raise funds for their Mary’ Meals project after the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 13th October. All support will be appreciated.

**Christian Food Help:** All at Christian Food Help (your local food bank) thank you for your continuous and generous support that has enabled 948 food meals to be distributed during August.

However the need for help in our local community of Stafford continues to increase and in recent months we have struggled to meet requests for assistance. Our need is for non perishable food items such as: Packet soup, tinned fruit, rice pudding, tinned meat, tinned meals (such as Irish stew) tinned fish, Pasta, Rice, Potatoes, pasta sauce, cereals, tea and biscuits. Every contribution no matter how small is most welcome.

As a small but significant gesture of thanks we welcome all Parishioners and friends to a Bacon Butty and Cheese Toastie morning to be held in the church hall after the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 20th October. Please come and enjoy - you are all most welcome.

Thank you and God Bless.