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| **7th October 2018**  **Mass Times and Intentions** | | | |
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| ***27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | People of the Parish |
| **Sunday** | Mass | 10.30 am | Liam Heffernan |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | Eileen McHugh |
| **Monday** | Mass | 10.00 am | Dorothy Vickerstaff |
| *Feria* |  |  |  |
| **Tuesday** | Mass **(STA)** | 9.19.15 am | Private Intention |
| *Blessed John Henry Newman* |  |  |  |
| **Wednesday** | Mass | 7.00 pm | Thomas O’Leary |
| *Feria* |  |  |  |
| **Thursday**  *Blessed William Howard* | Mass **(In Church)** | **10.00 am** | Private Intention |
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| **Friday** | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Eileen Jones |
| *St. Wilfred* |  |  |  |
| **Saturday** | Mass | 10.00 am | Private Intention |
| *St. Edward the Confessor* | Exposition | Until 11.30 am | |
|  | Confessions | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | |
| ***28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 3.45 pm – 4.15 pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | People of the Parish |
| **Sunday** | Mass | 10.30 am | Robert Meredith |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | The Robinson Family |
| 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

**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Louis Livesey

**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 Thursdayevening 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: £527.10  Loose: £389.88  ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

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

***Chapter 4.* LOVE IN MARRIAGE.** *A love that reveals itself and increases*

134. (Continued) More and more! Marital love is not defended primarily by presenting indissolubility as a duty, or by repeating doctrine, but by helping it to grow ever stronger under the impulse of grace. A love that fails to grow is at risk. Growth can only occur if we respond to God’s grace through constant acts of love, acts of kindness that become ever more frequent, intense, generous, tender and cheerful. Husbands and wives “become conscious of their unity and experience it more deeply from day to day”. The gift of God’s love poured out upon the spouses is also a summons to constant growth in grace.

**Anniversaries:**

Edwin Fairhead, Agnes Kehoe, Carole Studders, James Courtenay, Mary Watts, Claire Bairston, Robert Prendergast, Dorothy Vickerstaff, Anthony John Maguire, Winifred McCaffry, Winifred Risdale, Fred Geoghan, Norah Hyland, Anna Cook, Irene Charmiampowicz, Barbara Lewis, Liam Heffernan, John Fallon, Louis Sweeney, Anthony Fillingham, Arthur Roy Taylor, John O’Brien, Linda Lambert, Annette Cox, Alice McMillan, Emma Brookes, John Nelson, Marion Prince, Audrey Horton, Fr. Brian Whatmore, John McAuliffe, John Dulcamara, Robert Prendergast, Pat Kehoe, Fr. John Fitzpatrick, Fr. Thomas Power, Deacon Patrick Selwood, Fr. Seamus GilroyDeacon Louis Kelly.

**Counters:** Group 4 this week. Group 1 is next week.

**Refreshments:** Refreshments are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday**.** All are welcome.

**Piety Room:** Thanks for your continuous support of the Piety Room. As well as the Catholic papers a variety of cards and rosaries are available. Copies of Pope Francis most recent Apostolic Exhortation, “Gaudate et Exsultate” (Rejoice and Be Glad) are available.

**Baptism:** Congratulations to the Connell Family whose son Cassius Christopher Samson Kofi will be baptised and welcomed into the Church this weekend.

**Recently Dead:** Please remember in your prayers Jack Duxbury whose Funeral Service is at Stafford Crematorium on Wednesday next at 1.30 a.m.

Remember also Agnes Devoy who died on Friday. Her funeral arrangements will be announced later. May God grant them eternal peace and rest.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day:** Thanks for all your efforts with prayer and fasting on Friday last to support CAFOD’S Annual Harvest Fast Day.

The second collection at all Masses this weekend is the annual on to support that work.

There are CAFOD envelopes in the porch. Tax payers can “gift aid” their contributions by filling in the details on gift aid section of the envelope.

**200+ Club:** Thanks to all who support the Parish 200+ Club and to Peter Everett for his care and organisation of the Club. The annual twelve months payments are now due for renewal. Please take and envelope from the porch for your contributions and put them through the Presbytery door.

**School Feast Day:** Thursday next is the Feast of Blessed William Howard the Patron of our local catholic High School. Mass will be celebrated in the School Hall at 9.30 a.m.

**Diocesan Celebration Day:** There are details of the Celebration Day at Cardinal Wiseman School, Potters Green Road, Coventry CV2 2AJ on Sunday next, 14th October. Please sign the list in the porch to enable us to have an idea of numbers. Unfortunately you will need to provide your own transport.

**Prisoners’ Sunday:** Next Sunday 14th October is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants. The second collection is the annual on to support the work of PACT (The Prison Advice and Care Trust). Gift Aid envelopes are in the porch for all who wish to gift aid their donations.

**Senior Citizens:** St. Austin’s Senior Citizens Group will meet for lunch at the Riverbank Restaurant in Stafford College at 12.00 Noon on Wednesday 17th October. The menu is on the board in the porch. All wishing to attend please contact Bryan on 01785 601802

**Ladies Residential Retreat:** There are details ontheboard in the porchof thisweekend residential retreat from the 9th to the 11th November at Soli House Retreat Centre New Road, Alton ST10 4AF.To book a place, day of residential please contact Sue Nightingale on 07973741062

**Return Visit:** Following their successful concert last July, Midlands Chorale will return for another Concert in Church on Saturday 24th November at 7.00 p.m. Once again Tickets will cost £5 and proceeds will support our Loreto Sealdah Project in Kolkata.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage 2019A:** We hope to organise the Annual Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham on the weekend of the 26th to the 28th of July in 2019. A provisional booking of **36** places has been made. If anyone would like to travel on this pilgrimage, please contact Helen Perry on 07837519253. When we have an idea of the numbers, we will be able to give and idea of the price. We hope to keep it as close as possible to last year’s price.

**Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:** Following the recent National Eucharistic Congress (Adoremus) in Liverpool we are encouraged to promote the Prayer of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament more often. While we have Exposition every Saturday after the morning Mass I wonder is it worth exploring the possibility of having it at other times on a regular basis? Say once a month on a particular day or time? Let me know your thoughts.

**Christian Food Help:** Thanks for your continuous and generous support of Christian Food Help that enabled **726** food parcels to be delivered during September.

And in the Parish