

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

**Priest in Residence:** Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi

**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Louis Livesey

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| **14th October 2018**  **Mass Times and Intentions** | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 143| Sunday Cycle: Year B  Psalter: Week 4 | Weekday Cycle: Year 2 | | | |
| ***28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | People of the Parish |
| **Sunday** | Mass | 10.30 am | Robert Meredith |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | The Robinson Family |
| **Monday** | Mass | 10.00 am | Sr. B. Hoggman |
| *St. Teresa of Jesus* |  |  |  |
| **Tuesday** | Mass **(STA)** | 9.19.15 am | R. & S. Finnerty |
| *Feria* |  |  |  |
| **Wednesday** | Mass | 7.00 pm | William O’Hara |
| *St. Ignatius of Antioch* |  |  |  |
| **Thursday** | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15am | Teresa Lennon |
| *St. Luke* |  |  |  |
| **Friday** | Mass | 12.00 Noon | The McGillion Family |
| *Feria* |  |  |  |
| **Saturday** | Mass | 10.00 am | K. Cooney & J. Madden |
| *Feria* | Exposition | Until 11.30 am | |
|  | Confessions | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | |
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|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | People of the Parish |
| **Sunday** | Mass | 10.30 am | Kathleen O’Callaghan |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | Bronagh Davies |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) | | | |

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| **SWeekly 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: £453.75  Loose: £360.09  CAFOD Harvest Day: £1109.81  ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

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

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

135. It is not helpful to dream of an idyllic and perfect love needing no stimulus to grow. A celestial notion of earthly love forgets that the best is yet to come, that fine wine matures with age. As the Bishops of Chile have pointed out, “the perfect families proposed by deceptive consumerist propaganda do not exist. In those families, no one grows old, there is no sickness, sorrow or death. Consumerist propaganda presents a fantasy that has nothing to do with the reality which must daily be faced by the heads of families”. It is much healthier to be realistic about our limits, defects and imperfections, and to respond to the call to grow together, to bring love to maturity and to strengthen the union, come what may.

**Anniversaries:**

Mary Stubbs, Albert Snape, Doreen Day, Harry Bentley, Patricia Booth, Annette Peake, Claire Goceniowska, Brian Hanson, William O’Hara, Ellen Fairhead, Charles Lakin, Gertrude Coghlan, Mary Vickers Francis Gonin, Ernest Barea, William Payne, Anthony Worsfold, Elizabeth Ryan, William Jones, William Arnold, Rose Beard, Agnes O’Neill, Patricia Beatty, Rita McManus, Fr. Edmund Cullen, Mgr. Cyril Fay, Bishop Michael Glancey, Fr. Thomas Rohan, Canon William Withers, Fr. Charles Friel, Fr. Gerald Adams, Fr. John Hughes, Fr. Aidan White-Spunner.

**Counters:** Group 1 this week. Group 2 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.

**Prisoners’ Sunday:** Prisoners Sunday is a national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants marked by the Catholic Church. It launches a week long ecumenical campaign of prayer for all those affected by imprisonment a time to reflect on how we - as individuals, as a Church and as an ecumenical community – can serve those whose lives are entwined with the Criminal Justice system. Please refer to the notice in the porch with the theme and prayer for each day of the week. 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 this Wednesday 17th October. **(2 course lunch £10: 3 course £11.50**) The menu is on the board in the porch. All wishing to attend please contact Bryan on 01785 601802

**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.

**Grateful Thanks:** There are two letters of thanks on the board in the porch. One is from **Fr. Hudson’s Care** thanking us for the recent collection that raised **£483.85** to support its work.

The other is from **Life** thanking us for the collection of **£510.92** last February and was part of the total of £24,455.74 raised throughout the Archdiocese.

**Cover Supervisors Required at BWH:** There are details on the board in the porch of vacancies for a pool of Cover Supervisors. The closing date for applications is Friday 18th October.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group:** The next meeting of the Group is on Friday 26th October at 10.30 a.m. in the Parish Room. All are very welcome.

**The Refugee Story:** All are welcome to Parish Hall on Friday 26th October at 7.00 p.m. when a B-Arts group from Stoke will be performing a play about the origins of the refugee crisis. Performers will include refugees from Syria.

**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 2019:** 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.

**Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:** Following the recent 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. **Further copies of Mgr. Menezes prayer book “Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament” are now available in the Piety Room at £4.99.**

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