

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

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**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Louis Livesey

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| **21st October 2018**  **Mass Times and Intentions** | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 146| Sunday Cycle: Year B  Psalter: Week 1 | Weekday Cycle: Year 2 | | | |
| ***29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | People of the Parish |
| **Sunday** | Mass | 10.30 am | Kathleen O’Callaghan |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | Bronagh Davies |
| **Monday** | Mass | 10.00 am | Eamon McGarrigle |
| *St. John Paul II* |  |  |  |
| **Tuesday** | Mass **(In Church)** | 9.1  **10.00 am** | The McGillion Family |
| *Feria* |  |  |  |
| **Wednesday** | Mass **(St. Joseph’s)** | **10.30 am** | Pat Harkin |
| *St. Anthony Mary Claret* |  |  |  |
| **Thursday** | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 am | Mary O’Connor |
| *Feria* |  |  |  |
| **Friday** | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Eugene King |
| *St. Cedd* |  |  |  |
| **Saturday** | Mass | 10.00 am | The Sorlie Family |
| *Feria* | Exposition | Until 11.30 am | |
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|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | Fernando de Sousa Andrade |
| 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 4.* LOVE IN MARRIAGE.** *Dialogue*

136. Dialogue is essential for experiencing, expressing and fostering love in marriage and family life. Yet it can only be the fruit of a long and demanding apprenticeship. Men and women, young people and adults, communicate differently. They speak different languages and they act in different ways. Our way of asking and responding to questions, the tone we use, our timing and any number of other factors condition how well we communicate. We need to develop certain attitudes that express love and encourage authentic dialogue.

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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: £508.01  Loose: £456.48  PACT: £353.03  ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

**Anniversaries:**

Grace Harper, Edward Durkin, Stan Highfield, Emily Scarlett, Mary Barber, Matthew Brady, Zofia Kotara, James Newman, Eugene King, Rebecca Fullerton Williams, Rita McGuiggan Edwin Brookes, Charles Mannion, Maria Shorthouse, Doris Nixon, George Peake, Sarah O’Neill, William Page, Brenden Cullen, William Heffernan, Gabrielle Bartlett, Annette McManus, Ursula Wipfler, Darren Norman, Arthur Morton, Edward Thomas, John Attwood, Anthony Simpson, Mary Lydon, Patrick O’Kane, Annie Haughton, Peter Moran, Fr. Tom Burbage, Fr. John Murray, Fr. John Galcius, Fr. Edward Burbage, Fr. Patrick Moore, Fr. John McGovern.

**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 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.

**World Mission Sunday:** This Sunday all parishes throughout the world celebrate World Mission Sunday because it is vital to the growth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in predominantly impoverished and remote areas overseas. The second collection is the annual one to support the work of Missio. There are gift aid envelopes in the porch for those who would like to gift aid their contributions.

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

**Recently Dead:** Please remember Monsignor Paul Watson, Parish Priest of Atherstone, who has died after a long battle with illness. Many will remember him from his time here at St. Austin’s from 1985 – 1987. His Funeral details will be announced later.

**Baptisms:** Congratulations to the Biggs and Bloore –Smith families whose children Jemima Grace, Milli Star and Grace Rosaleen will be baptised and welcomed into the Church this weekend.

**Monthly Mass:** The monthly Mass at St. Joseph’s Convent Nursing Home is on Wednesday next at 10.30 a.m. Please note there will be no evening Mass in Church on that day.

**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.

**Message from Christian Food Help:** The Harvest Festival has been extremely successful for Christian Food Help and we would like to thank all donors both within and outside our Parish for their magnificent effort in providing a rich and plentiful harvest to enable Christian Food Help to distribute substantial meals over the winter period to the needy in our town.

Thank you for everything.

**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 next, 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.