

**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

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| 20th January 2019  Mass Times and Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 127| Sunday Cycle: Year C  Psalter: Week 2| Weekday Cycle: Year I | | | |
| ***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Phil Terry |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | H. & J. Kowoloweski |
| Monday | Mass | 10.00 am | Thorntons & Sweeneys |
| ***St. Agnes*** |  |  |  |
| Tuesday | Mass **(STA)** | 9.1  9.15 am | Donna Bossy |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Wednesday | Mass | 7.00 pm | Jerry Bell |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 am | Agnes & John Livesey |
| ***St. Francis de Sales*** | **Funeral Mass** | **12.00 Noon** | **Ann Cowcill** |
| Friday | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Monica & Joseph Halpin |
| ***Conversion of St. Paul*** |  |  |  |
| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am | Liveseys & Haydocks |
| ***Sts Timothy & Titus*** | Exposition | Until 11.30 am | |
|  | Confessions | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | |
| **Third 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 | Mgr. Paul Watson |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | Ann Marie Warren |
| 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*.*** *God loves the joy of his children*

147. This calls for a pedagogical process that involves renunciation. This conviction on the part of the Church has often been rejected as opposed to human happiness. Benedict XVI summed up this charge with great clarity: “Doesn’t the Church, with all her commandments and prohibitions, turn to bitterness the most precious thing in life? Doesn’t she blow the whistle just when the joy which is the Creator’s gift offers us a happiness which is itself a certain foretaste of the Divine?”

**Anniversaries**

Michael Lynch, Kazimierz Babecki, John Riley, Winifred Hodieme, Kenneth Lewis, Patrick Glennon, Bill Baird, Ronald Finney, Elsie Morris, Kelly Gibbs, Gertrude Concar, Gabrielle Griffiths, Helen Chadwick, William Bott, Albert Malpass, Catherine Donnelly, Michael Winters, Thomas McDonagh, Annie McDonagh, Patrick Cassidy, Thomas Matthews, Ken Baglin, Lilian McIlvenna, Sidney Hitchen, Marion Briscoe, William Peyton, David Whitehouse, Kathleen Quinn, Margaret O’Reilly, Jerry Bell, James Dorans, William Roddis, Edna Grant, Howard Mahon, Lesle Read,

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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: £553.15  Loose: £384.65      ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

**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 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.

**Peace Sunday:** This Sunday, 20th January, is the annual Sunday to pray for world peace and support the work of Pax Christi. Prayer cards will be available at all Masses this weekend and the second collection is the annual one to support the work of Pax Christi.

**Baptisms:** Congratulations to the Devin Family whose daughter Sienna Ivy and the Humphreys Family whose twins Sophia Ivy and Harley Jaxon will be baptised and welcomed into the Church this weekend.

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember in Prayer:

**Ann Cowcill:** Her Reception is on Wednesday 23rd January at 6.45 p.m. and her Funeral Mass is on Thursday 24th January at 12.00 Noon.

**Octave of Prayer:** On Friday last we began the Annual Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.

We continue in that spirit of prayer this coming week and the 7.00 p.m. Mass on Wednesday will be the Votive Mass for the Unity of All Christians.

**Crib Offerings:** Thank you for your very generous Crib Offerings during the Christmas Season that raised **£772.00.** They will be shared with these two charities.

**“Origins”** part of Father Hudson’s Care. As an adoption agency it supports people separated from their birth families through adoption or having lived in care.

**Friends of the Holy Land** helps the poorest Christians in the Holy Land, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan.

**Quiz Night:** St. Austin’s School PTA have a Quiz Night in the School on Friday 1st February at 7.30 p.m. for adults only.

It costs £7 per person and includes a chip supper or £3 for quiz only. Feel free to bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Enter a team or come along and join a team on the night. Further details from: [lisajanesymcox@yahoo.com](mailto:lisajanesymcox@yahoo.com)

**Women’s World Day of Prayer:** There are details on the board in the porch of the Prayer to be held this year at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 1st March at St. Thomas’ and St. Andrew’s Church Doxey, Stafford.

Anyone wishing to join in practising the singing and music please meet at 10.30 a.m. on Friday 25th January at: **TRINITY** **CHURCH STAFFORD** **and every Friday following until 1st March.**

**Grateful Thanks:** There is a Letter of Thanks on the board in the porch from Mary Ward International Ireland thanking us for the recent donation of £1158.00 to support the work of Loreto Sealdah in Kalkutta.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group:** The next meeting of the prayer Group in on Friday 25th January at 10.30 a.m. in the Parish Room. All are most welcome.

**Thanksgiving Mass:** There is a poster on the board in the porch with the invitation to the Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley at St Chad’s cathedral in Birmingham at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 3rd February. Any couple celebrating a milestone anniversary this year or indeed any anniversary are welcome to attend as well as any couple preparing to get married this year.

**Christian Food Help:** All at CFH thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled **835** food parcels to be distributed during **December**.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage 2019:** The Annual Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on the weekend of the 26th to the 28th of July. Application Forms with details of prices and accommodation etc are on the shelf in the porch. Please contact Helen Perry on 07837519253 for further details.

**Discernment & Vocation Retreat:** There are details of this weekend retreat for young women to reflect on the vocation to the religious life with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ Sisters) in Liverpool from the 15th to the 16th February. Contact Sr. Lynne at lynnefcj@hotmail.com

**Birmingham Lourdes Pilgrimage NEEDS YOU!** Joining the annual Birmingham Pilgrimage to Lourdes as a nurse or carer is an opportunity to do something completely different and to make a real difference. Whatever your background if you have an open and caring attitude and a sense of humour you will be welcome. This year several of our regular volunteers are unable to join us and we need you in order to continue to take assisted pilgrims to Lourdes. For more information, check out the website <https://www.birminghamlourdeshospitalite.com>

See the poster in the porch or speak with Rita Mather on 01785 226933.

**Additional Readers:** If anyone would like to join the Team of Readers to read the Scriptures at weekend Masses, please put your name on the list in the porch. Training will be arranged.

**Rearranged Meeting:** The meeting to establish the Youth Hub has been rearranged for Wednesday 20th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room.