

**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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| 17th March 2019  Mass Times and Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 157| Sunday Cycle: Year C  Psalter: Week 2| Weekday Cycle: Year I | | | |
| ***Second Sunday of Lent*** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | Stephen Prendergast |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Christopher Plant |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday | Mass | 10.00 am | Joe O’Donovan |
| ***St. Cyril of Jerusalem*** |  |  |  |
| Tuesday | Mass **(STA)** | 9.1  9.15 am | Jean Bradley |
| ***St. Joseph*** |  |  |  |
| Wednesday | Mass | 7.00 pm | Graham Powell |
| ***Lent Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 am | J & D Beggan |
| ***Lent Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Friday | Mass | 12.00 Noon | M Moriarty |
| ***St. John of God*** |  |  |  |
| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am | K. Foot |
| ***Lent Feria*** | Exposition | Until 11.30 am | |
|  | Confessions | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | |
| **Third Sunday of Lent** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45 pm – 4.15 pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | Sheila Huckling |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | M. Rogers, I. & A. Dale |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | Alex Findlay |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) | | | |

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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: £551.70  Loose: £373.37        ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

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

***Chapter 4* LOVE IN MARRIAGE*.*** *Violence and Manipulation*

153. On the basis of this positive vision of sexuality, we can approach the entire subject with a healthy realism. It is, after all, a fact that sex often becomes depersonalized and unhealthy; as a result, “it becomes the occasion and instrument for self-assertion and the selfish satisfaction of personal desires and instincts”. In our own day, sexuality risks being poisoned by the mentality of “use and discard”. The body of the other is often viewed as an object to be used as long as it offers satisfaction, and rejected once it is no longer appealing. Can we really ignore or overlook the continuing forms of domination, arrogance, abuse, sexual perversion and violence that are the product of a warped understanding of sexuality? Or the fact that the dignity of others and our human vocation to love thus end up being less important than an obscure need to “find oneself ”?

**Anniversaries**

John Spinetto, Jeremiah Collins, Mary Sankey, Elizabeth Rawlinson, Chris Shortall, Douglas McKay, Terrence Peggs, Arthur Young, Jack O’Toole, Georgina Thew, Alexander Findaly, Barbara Studninska, Douglas Gibson, Patrick Howard, Mary Haynes, George Fabre, Aileen Sima, Doris Butler, Ann Power, Mary Byrne-Quinn, Francesco Petillo, Kevin O’Mahoney, Leonard Anderson, Sydney Elkin, John Mugan, David Sullivan, Patrick Edensor, Thomas Osborne, Anastasia Madigan, Marjorie Holding, Thomas Treadwell, John Mugan, Arthur Meredith, Mary Howard, Hilda Brady.

**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.

**Deacon Louis Livesey:** Deacon Louis continues to be blessed with great love and care in St. Joseph’s Convent Nursing Home. We continue to keep him and his family in our prayers as we thank for his ministry among us for over twenty years.

**Family Fast Day:** Thanks for supporting CAFOD’s Annual Lent Family Fast Day on Friday last.

The CAFOD envelopes will be taken up in the second collection at all Masses this weekend.

Tax Payers can gift aid their donations by signing the appropriate section of the envelope.

Find out more about the issues faced by Mahinur and see how we can help people in her situation. <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar/16-March>.

You might also like to consider taking a CAFOD box at the back of the church for spare change and bring it back during Holy Week.

**Recently Dead:** Please remember in your prayers James (Seamus) Doherty who died on the 5th March

His Funeral is at Stafford Crematorium on Thursday next at 1.30 p.m.

May God grant him eternal peace and rest.

**Support CAFOD:** This Lent CAFOD invites us to reflect, pray and take global action by following CAFOD’s online calendar <https://cafod.org.uk//Pray/Lent-Calendar>

A suggestion will be offered in the Bulletin each week.

**Walk with Me:** There are still some spare copies of the “Walk with Me” Prayer Books and Calendars available in the porch this weekend

**Friday Soup Lunches:** Thanks to all who came to the midday Mass and Soup Lunch on Friday last to support our Loreto Sealda Project in Kolkata. We look forward to another gathering next Friday.

**Stations of the Cross:** All are welcome to join in the Lenten Devotional Prayer of the Stations of the Cross at 7.00 p.m. on the Fridays of Lent.

**Lent Penitential Service:** The Lenten Penitential Service for the Three parishes with opportunities for individual Confession will be held at St. Patrick’s Church on Tuesday 16th April at 7.00 p.m.

**Catholic Stafford Lent Course:** Thanks to all who took part in the first session of our joint Parishes Lenten Course at St. Anne’s School on Tuesday last. We move on to the second session on this Tuesday 19th March in St. Austin’s School at 7.30 p.m. We move to **St. Patrick’s on Tuesday 26th March at 7.30 p.m.** After that we move back to **St. Anne’s on Tuesday** **2nd April** and finally to **St. Austin’s on Tuesday 9th April.**

If anyone would like to view the complete version of the DVD “ The Way”, Fr. Bob is showing it in **St. Anne’s Meeting Room this Sunday at 3.30 p.m.**

**New Envelopes**: Thanks to your generous financial support the Parish was able to reclaim £11,688.96 from HMRC for the 2016 / 17 financial year. Our thanks to Phil Hood, our Gift Aid Organiser, our counters and office staff who look after the monies every week. The Envelopes for the coming financial year beginning on 6th April are now available for collecting in the porch this weekend. If you are a tax payer and would like to be part of the gift aid scheme, please contact Phil Hood on 211701

**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.

**Every Life Matters:** There is a notice on the board in the porch promoting this thought-provoking talk by Life Charity in the Grimshaw Room, St. Chad’s Cathedral, Birmingham on Saturday 23rd March at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome.

**200+ Club:** Congratulations to Chris Heaton whose number 12 was the winner of the February Draw. Subscriptions for those who pay every six months are due before the end of March. Please collect the envelopes in the porch and put the payments through the Presbytery door.

**Christian Food Help:** All at CFH thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled **1148** food parcels to be distributed during **February**.

**Senior Citizens:** The next meeting of St. Austin’s Senior Citizens Group is on Wednesday 3rd April at 2.00 p.m. in the Parish Room when they have a Beetle Drive. All are welcome.

They are also meeting for Lunch on May 1st  at the Riverbank Restaurant, Stafford College at 12.00 Noon.

All senior and retired parishioners are welcome to join the group and hare many talks, day trips and various social events on the first Wednesday of every month. Contact Bryan on (01785) 601802 for further details.