

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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| **28th October 2018**  **Mass Times and Intentions** | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 149| Sunday Cycle: Year B  Psalter: Week 2 | Weekday Cycle: Year 2 | | | |
| ***30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | People of the Parish |
| **Sunday** | Mass | 10.30 am | William Heffernan |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | Fernando de Sousa Andrade |
| **Monday** | Mass | 10.00 am | Bernard Moynahan |
| *Feria* |  |  |  |
| **Tuesday** | Mass **(In Church)** | 9.1  **10.00 am** | Oliver Rowland |
| *Feria* |  |  |  |
| **Wednesday** | Mass | **7.00 pm** | William O’Donovan |
| *Vigil of all Saints* |  |  |  |
| **Thursday** | Mass **(In Church)** | **10.00 am** | People of the Parish |
| *All Saints* |  | **7.00 pm** | Jim Barry |
| **Friday** | Mass | **12.00 Noon** | Holy Souls |
| *All Souls Day* | **Funeral Mass** | **2.00 pm** | **Mary Agnes Devoy** |
| **Saturday** | Mass | 10.00 am | J. & F. Gargan |
| *Feria* | Exposition | Until 11.30 am | |
|  | Confessions | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | |
| ***31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 3.45 pm – 4.15 pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | Joe & Ann Clarke |
| **Sunday** | Mass | 10.30 am | A. Rochester, M. Roger & I.Dale |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | Kay & Sean Reilly |
| 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*

137. Take time, quality time. This means being ready to listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say. It requires the self-discipline of not speaking until the time is right. Instead of offering an opinion or advice, we need to be sure that we have heard everything the other person has to say. This means cultivating an interior silence that makes it possible to listen to the other person without mental or emotional distractions. Do not be rushed, put aside all of your own needs and worries, and make space.

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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: £1095.13  Loose: £342.74  MISSIO: £342.23  ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

**Anniversaries:**

Gilmore Webb, Vera Callingham, Bernard Duffy, Ellen Willitt, Archibald Hawkins, Hilda Barnacle, Christopher Shortall, Theresa Moore, Christopher Kolmer, Sister Mary Ursula, Joseph Hudzik, George Dale, Harry & Mary Muldoon, Alfred Coia, Assumta Casser, Thomas Madigan, Paddy Pate, Michael Quinn, Edward Treanor, Eric Cunningham, Edward Headley, Ellen Newsome, Nancy McDonagh, Peggy Rafferty, James Beatty, Donald Howe, Giovanni Ravagnani, Barry Bates, Zigmunt Jagiello, Edna Eley, Fr. Bernard Kelly, Fr. John O’Dwyer, Fr. Henry Taylor, Deacon Paul Grosvenor, Bishop John Barrett, Fr. Louis Moore, Canon Denis Toplass, Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville.

**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. Copies of Pope Francis most recent Apostolic Exhortation, “Gaudate et Exsultate” (Rejoice and Be Glad) are available.

**Recently Dead:** Please remember in your prayers Mary Agnes Devoy whose Reception and Funeral Mass is on **Friday at 2.00 p.m.**

Remember also 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 Reception with Mass is at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 6th November at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Old Oscott Hill, Kingstanding, Birmingham B44 9SP

His Funeral Mass is at 12.00 Noon on Wednesday 7th November at St. Chad’s Cathedral, Birmingham B4 6EU

**Message from the Archbishop Bernard:**

*As many of you will already be aware, the Archdiocese of Birmingham will be participating in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) at a hearing next month (November) in London.*

*IICSA was set up some years ago by the government following a number of high profile and serious cases of historic child abuse. Through its investigations IICSA is seeking to understand “what went wrong and why”.*

*The Archdiocese has been asked to participate in IICSA’s investigations along with other organisations within the Catholic Church.*

*A Pastoral Letter will be read out in all Churches next weekend (3/4 November) on this matter.*

**Baptisms:** Congratulations to the Gilhooly and Ward families whose children Lucy Josephine Patricia and Thomas Joseph will be baptised and welcomed into the Church this weekend.

**All Saints Day:** Thursday next, 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints and a Holyday.

There is a Vigil Mass on Wednesday at **7.00 p.m.** Masses during the day are at **10.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m**.

**All Souls Day:** Friday next, 2nd November is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Masses on that day are at 12.00 Noon and Agnes Devoy’s Funeral Mass at 2.00 p.m.

**November Lists:** Sacred Scripture reminds us thatIt is a holy and a wholesome thought to remember and pray for the dead, and so traditionally we keep November as the month of the Holy Souls.

Please put the names of deceased parishioners, relatives, friends and loved ones in envelopes and place them in the Parish Casket on the sanctuary to be remembered in all the November Masses.

**Annual November Mass:** Our Annual November Mass for deceased relatives, friends and parishioners will be on **Wednesday 21st November at 7.00 p.m.** Invitations will be sent to all families who had a bereavement in the past year.

**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.

**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.

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

**Vacancy at BWH:** There are details on the board of a vacancy for a Science Technician at Blessed William Howard Catholic High School. The Application Deadline is Wednesday 7th November.