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| **26th January 2020**  Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
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| ***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | Jerry Bell |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | People of the Parish |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | The Cookson Family |
| Monday  ***Bl. Edward Oldcorne*** | Mass | 10.00 am | Holocaust Victims |
| Tuesday  ***St. Thomas Aquinas*** | Mass **(In Church**)  **Funeral Mass** | 9.15 am  **12.30 pm** | The McGovern Family  **Bridget McCarthy** |
| Wednesday | **Convent Mass** | **10.30 am** | The Mountford Family |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday  ***Feria*** | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 am | Peter Douglas |
| Friday  ***St. John Bosco*** | Mass | 12.00 Noon | The Neenan family |
| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am | The Waters Family |
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| ***St. Brigid*** | Confessions & Exposition | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | |
| **Presentation of the Lord** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45 pm – 4.15 pm | |
| ***Feria*** | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | The Dorset Family |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | People of the Parish |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | Ann O’Donovan |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) | | | |

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Parish Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

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

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Mrs. Sue Kelly, 07875549906

Rev. David McCarrol

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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: £542.65**  **Loose: £368.31**  **Pax Christi: £384.51**    ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |
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**Anniversaries**

Kathleen Quinn, Margaret O’Reilly, Jerry Bell, James Dorans, William Roddis, Edna Grant, Howard Mahon, Lesle Read, Timothy Dempsey, William Bott, Patrick McMahon, Martha St. Clair, Georgina Jordan, Mary Hart, Thomas Doubtfire, Nicolas Watts, Frank Chell, Stuart Halden, Eugincz Burlik, James Hooper, John Moore, Jim Nixon, Mary O’Leary, Thomas Mackin, Violet Boucher, Leo Jordan, Ellen Couchman, Frank Crook, Cecil Meddings, Gladys Arkinstall, Brigid Griffiths, Lina Zids, Bridget Kelly, Edna Chatfield, George Knight, Leonard Gage, Florence Crosby, Alice Wright, Veronica Foster, Christopher Marscinski, Molly Jones, John Hacket, Barry McDonnell, Simon Whitehurst, Denis Hickey, Josephine Kelly. Frs. R Roche, J Heneghan, C Smith, K Good, M Loftus, J Berry, D Condron, M Williams.

**The God Who Speaks – The Year of the Word**

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** ([www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk))

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God has a stake in our marriage

Today, we see two aspects of God’s plan for our marriage: ‘… (I will make) their joy increase’ (Isaiah) and ‘I will make you fishers of men’ (Matthew). God wants us to make our love for each other as close to Jesus’ love for us as possible, that all whose lives we touch might experience how much God loves them.

**Counters:** Group 4 this week. Group 1 next week

**Refreshments:** Refreshments are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday**.** All are very welcome.

**Piety Room:** Thanks for your continuous support of the Piety Room. As well as the Catholic papers a variety of cards, rosaries and other items are available on sale.

**Holocaust Memorial Day:** Monday 27th January is Holocaust Memorial Day. Mass on Monday will be offered for the victims of the Holocaust.

**Extract from the Diocesan Website:**

**The God Who Speaks:** The year 2020 has been earmarked as a focus on the Bible and ‘The God Who Speaks’. We will all be encouraged to celebrate, live and share God’s word throughout this exciting new Scripture initiative led by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and The Bible Society.

2020 has been chosen as it is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI’s Apostolic Exhortation on ‘The Word of the Lord’ and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome’s death. This dedicated section of the website will be developed over the coming months and populated with news, information and events.

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember in prayer the following people who died recently.

**Bridget McCarthy:** Her Reception and Funeral Mass is on Tuesday 28th January at **12.30 p.m**.

**Ada Haycock:** Her Reception is at 5.00 p.m. on Sunday 2nd February. Her Funeral Mass is on Monday 3rd February at **11.00 a.m**.

**Margaret Finney:** Her Reception is on Sunday 9th February at **5.45 p.m**. Her Funeral Mass is on Monday 10th February at **11.00 a.m**.

**Fr. Patrick Farrelly:** Priest of the Archdiocese who has died in Ireland. A Memorial Mass will be held for him at St. Mary’s Church in Cannock at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 12th February.

May God grant them eternal peace and rest

**Padre Pio Prayer Group:** The next meeting of the Group is on Friday 31st January in the Parish Room at 10.30 a.m. All are very welcome.

**Senior Citizens:** The next meeting of St. Austin’s Senior Citizens Group is on Wednesday 5th February at 2.00 p.m. in the Parish Room. The Guest Speaker is John Loughran who will talk about his experiences whilst cycling on The Camino Way. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**Grateful Thanks:** There is a letter of thanks on the board in the porch from Mary Ward International thanking us for the £888.50 during Advent for our Loreto Sealdah Project in Kolkata.

**CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Could you spare some time to volunteer with **CAFOD and help children and young people** learn about global poverty, and motivate them to take action?

We are looking for **volunteers in the Stafford area**to visit Catholic schools and parish groups. For further information please contact **Joanne O’Meara at CAFOD Walsall on 01922 722944 or email**[birmingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:birmingham@cafod.org.uk)

**Bethsaida Parish Youth Group Leader Training Course:** This free course will take you through all you need to know when working with young people in a parish. The six session course will take place at the Soli Centre beginning on Sunday 26th January. Postcards are available with further details. Please contact [anna.howard@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:anna.howard@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) for more information

**Christian Food Help:** All atChristian Food Help wish to thank you for your continuous generous support that enabled **1122** meals to be delivered during the month of **December.**

**Brushstrokes** would like to thank everyone for their magnificent response to the appeal for Christmas gifts and toys. Food, baby clothes and toiletries, will always be welcome. Once again our grateful thanks for all your support throughout the past year

**Year of the Word Prayer:**

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.   
Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another.   
Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.