

**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

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

Rev. David McCarrol

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| 27th January 2019  Mass Times and Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 130| Sunday Cycle: Year C  Psalter: Week 3| Weekday Cycle: Year I | | | |
| ***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Mgr. Paul Watson |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | Ann Marie Warren |
| Monday | Mass | 10.00 am | Michael Greenslade |
| ***St. Thomas Aquinas*** |  |  |  |
| Tuesday | Mass **(STA)** | 9.1  9.15 am | David Chisholm |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Wednesday | Mass | **10.00 am** | Halpins & Winterrs R.I.P. |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 am | Samuel Myatt |
| ***St. John Bosco*** |  |  |  |
| Friday | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Louis Livesey |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am | Sheila Chisholm |
| ***Presentation of the Lord*** | Exposition | Until 11.30 am | |
|  | Confessions | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | |
| **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45 pm – 4.15 pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | Ann O’Donovan |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Teresa Lennon |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | People of the Parish |
| 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 ( Continued). He responded that, although there have been exaggerations and deviant forms of asceticism in Christianity, the Church’s official teaching, in fidelity to the Scriptures, did not reject “eros as such, but rather declared war on a warped and destructive form of it, because this counterfeit divinization of eros… actually strips it of divine dignity and dehumanizes it”.

**Anniversaries**

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, Molly Jones, John Hacket, Barry McDonnell, Simon Whitehurst, Denis Hickey, Josephine Kelly,Michael Dolan, John Treadwell, Tilly Dulcamara, George Thompson, Mervyn Greenslade, Joseph Kerr, Stanislaw Spalek, Joseph Dale.

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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: £545.22  Loose: £389.08  Pax Christi: £279.55      ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

**Counters:** Group 4 this week. Group 1 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:** We have all been aware for some time that Deacon Louis has been in declining health. We have observed him bravely carrying on and exercising his ministry with great courage and perseverance. He recently underwent some radiotherapy treatment and spent last week having great care and assessment at Katharine House Hospice. On the advice of his doctors he will move to St. Joseph’s Convent Nursing Home this coming week. We continue to keep him and his family in our prayers as we thank for his ministry among us for over twenty years.

**Baptisms:** Congratulations to the Farrelly-Daly Family whose son Archie Noah and the Ball Family whose son

Rafe Mark Thomas will be baptised and welcomed into the Church this weekend.

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember in Prayer

**Janina Teresa Cymbaluk** whose Reception is on Monday 4th February at 6.00 p.m. and her Funeral Mass is on Tuesday 5th February at 10.00 a.m. Please note this Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Wiktor in the Polish language. May God grant her eternal peace and rest.

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

**Mass on Wednesday:** Please note Mass on Wednesday will be at **10.00 a.m.** and no evening Mass.

**Life Charity:** The second collection next Sunday is the annual one to support the work of LIFE Charity.

**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)

**Senior Citizens:** The next meeting of St. Austin’s Senior Citizens Group is on Wednesday 6th February at 2.00 p.m. in the Parish Room. Collette Mackie will give a talk on experience of the World meeting of Families in Dublin last year. All are very welcome.

**Annual Community Party:** The Annual Party organised by the Sixth formers of Blessed William Howard Catholic High School is on Thursday 14th February from 12.00 Noon to 2.30 p.m. Please put your names on the list in the porch. They will be collected next weekend.

**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**

**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.

**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.