

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Parish Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

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| **26th April 2020**  Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 258| Sunday Cycle: Year A  Psalter: Week 3| Weekday Cycle: Year 2 | | | |
| ***Third Sunday of Easter*** | | | |
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| Sunday | Mass |  | E. & P Devlin |
|  | Mass |  | People of the Parish |
| Monday  ***Easter Feria*** | Mass |  | B. & M. O’Hara  Bishop Leo McCartie |
| Tuesday  ***Easter Feria*** | Mass |  | Kathleen Boult  Helen Arnold |
| Wednesday  ***St. Catherine of Siena*** | Mass |  | Pauline Hewett  Michael Joyce |
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| Thursday  ***Easter Feria*** | Mass |  | Martin Mulkean  Terry Monaghan |
| Friday  ***St. Joseph the Worker*** | Mass |  | Anthony Donnelly  Fr. Andy Kenny |
| Saturday | Mass |  | Pawlu Grima |
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| ***St. Athanasious*** |  | Francis Walker | |
| **Fourth Sunday of Easter** | | | |
| Sunday | Mass | Tom Johnson | |
|  | Mass |  | People of the Parish |
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| 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: £**  **Loose: £**    ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |
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**Anniversaries**

Andrew Dulmacara, Margaret Mulligan, Philip Ward, Jan Jackson, Olive Janici, Leslie Hawkins, Francis Gillett, Phyllis Whiston, Sarah Toner, James O’Mara, Alice Wood, Kenneth Wagstaff, Teresa Overson, Helen Arnold. Ann Fitzpatrick, Brendan Costelloe, Madge Challenger, Thomas Barr, Eric Walton, Thomas Grennan, Gustav Parciankowski, Margaret Wykes, Mary Dench, Bridget Knight, Francis Walker, Fr. Joseph Bernard Hickson, Fr. Peter Cooney, Fr. Peter Heath, Deacon James Fantham, Fr. Thomas William O’Connor.

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

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

**Third Sunday of Easter**

How well do we listen to each other?

As Jesus walked to Emmaus, he listened carefully to His disciples and experienced their grief. An important part of our relationship is listening. We may disagree with our partner’s thoughts and judgments but they are part of who this person is. We need to experience him/her and convey the joy of discovering the person he/she is.

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

**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.

**Coronavirus Update:** We are still at **Stage 3** of the Guidelines from the Bishops Conference of England & Wales in conjunction with the NHS and the Government.

Please look up on the Parish Website [**www.saintaustins.org.uk**](http://www.saintaustins.org.uk) for details from the Bishops Conference of England & Wales with regard to Liturgical Advice in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

You can also check the Diocesan Website on

[**www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk**](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)for details of various ceremonies at St. Chad’s Cathedral and the many churches throughout the Archdiocese that are live streaming the celebration of Mass.

This Sunday Archbishop Bernard’s celebration of the Mass of the Third Sunday of Easter will be livestreamed at 11.00 a.m.

**We are awaiting delivery of a camera to set up the live streaming of Mass from the church**.

Fr. Michael & Fr. Joseph will celebrate Mass in private every day without a congregation and the intentions requested will be fulfilled. As always they will be printed on the opposite page.

We recognise the difficulties and the challenges of these times. This is particularly difficult as we celebrate the Easter Season.

Let us continue to pay heed to the advice from the medical and scientific experts. May we continue to look out for one another and support each other in prayer.

**Christian Food Help:**All at Christian Food Help thank you for your continued generous support, which enabled us to distribute 1514 meals during March. We will now be discontinuing our regular deliveries until the lockdown has been lifted, but are still accepting food donations and are happy to help anybody who is vulnerable or at risk. If you have any queries, please contact us at [christianfoodhelp@gmail.com](mailto:christianfoodhelp@gmail.com)

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

**Fr. Andrew Kenny:** Retired Parish Priest of the Diocese who died at Redhill Care Home, Worcester on Tuesday 21st April.

**Bishop Leo McCartie,** Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, who died in St. Joseph’s Nursing Home in Harborne, in Birmingham on Thursday on Thursday 23rd April. Many will remember him when he was Parish Priest of St. Austin’s in 1987.

**Terrence Monaghan:** Former parishioner whose Graveside Service is taking place in Cambridge on Thursday. Mass will be offered for him here that day

We remember also the many people who died in recent times as victims of the Covid-19 virus.

May they all rest forever in God’s peace.

**Parish Collections:** Many people have been in touch concerned about the Offertory Collection Envelopes

**PLEASE DO NOT WORRY**. We appreciate the many difficulties and hardships that people are going through with many out of work etc.

If however in your circumstances you feel you can make a contribution, you can do so online.

Simply log on to the Diocesan Website on [www.birminghamdiocesee.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocesee.org.uk) and go to the **DONATE** button on the top right hand corner. You can make a one off payment fill in a Standing Order The donation will initially go to the diocese and will later be transferred to the parish.

From there donations which can also be gift aided can be made to any parish via credit or debit card.

Please note that the **Standing Order** remains the most cost effective way to donate. If you would like to consider using a Standing Order, please contact Phil Hood on 01785 211701 and he will help you.

**Final Thought:**

“Rivers do not drink their own water:

Trees do not eat their own fruit;

The sun does not shine on itself and

flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves.

Living for others is a rule of nature.

We are all born to help each other.

No matter how difficult it is…..

Life is good when you are happy;

But much better when other are happy because of you”. **(Pope Francis)**