

**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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| 3rd February 2019  Mass Times and Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 133| Sunday Cycle: Year C  Psalter: Week 4| Weekday Cycle: Year I | | | |
| ***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | Ann O’Donovan |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Teresa Lennon |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday | Mass | 10.00 am | Julia Walker |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Tuesday | **Polish Funeral Mass** | 9.1  **9.30 am** | **Janina Teresa Cymbaluk** |
| ***St. Agatha*** |  | **12.00 Noon** | Rita Matesic |
| Wednesday | Mass | 7.00 pm | Emma Rose Herbert |
| ***St. Paul Miki*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 am | Peter Carolan |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Friday | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Catherine Bloom |
| ***Sr. Josephine Bakhita*** |  |  |  |
| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am | Rita Mather |
| ***Feria*** | Exposition | Until 11.30 am | |
|  | Confessions | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | |
| **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45 pm – 4.15 pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | Stan Smialowski |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | People of the Parish |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | Jim Scott |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) | | | |

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**Anniversaries**

Mary Murray, James Bryil, Mary Duffy, Michael McArthur, Gertrude Howard, Sheila Kelly, Harry Rogers, Marie Hawkins, Hildegard Hall, William Brookes, Harold Thorp, Thomas O’Neill, Monica Lesse, Olive Wise, David Cottrill, Gertrude Littlewood, Elsie Ball, Gertrude Howarth, Marian Szymanski, Dora Price, Gladys Henegan, Florence Gallacher, Mary Mugan, John Groves, Florence Aukim, William Gibson, Jason Merricks, Agnes Owen, Joseph Feenan, Hugh Martin, Anne Baxter, Michael Glover, Victor Lake, Lilian Bagnall-Lamb, Joanna Stubbs, Fr. Joseph Connelly, Fr. T. O’Carroll, Archbishop W. Keating, Fr. J. Watkins.

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

***Chapter 4* LOVE IN MARRIAGE*.*** *God loves the joy of his children*

148. Training in the areas of emotion and instinct is necessary, and at times this requires setting limits. Excess, lack of control or obsession with a single form of pleasure can end up weakening and tainting that very pleasure and damaging family life. A person can certainly channel his passions in a beautiful and healthy way, increasingly pointing them towards altruism and an integrated self-fulfilment that can only enrich interpersonal relationships in the heart of the family. This does not mean renouncing moments of intense enjoyment, but rather integrating them with other moments of generous commitment, patient hope, inevitable weariness and struggle to achieve an ideal. Family life is all this and it deserves to be lived to the fullest.

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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      ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

**Counters:** Group 1 this week. Group 2 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.

**Thanksgiving Mass:** This Sunday we unite in prayer with all who are celebrating the Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage with Archbishop Bernard Longley at St Chad’s Cathedral in Birmingham at 11.00 a.m.

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

**Deacon Louis Livesey:** Deacon Louis moved into St. Joseph’s Convent Nursing Home on Wednesday and has settled in very well. We continue to keep him and his family in our prayers as we thank for his ministry among us for over twenty years.

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

**Janina Teresa Cymbaluk:** His Reception is on Monday 6.00 p.m. and her Funeral Mass is on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. **Please note this Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Wiktor in the Polish language**.

**Christopher Marcinski:** His Reception is on Thursday 14th February at 6.00 p.m. and his Funeral Mass is on Friday 15th February at **11.30 a.m.**

May God grant them eternal peace and rest.

**Masses on Tuesday:** Please note there is no Mass in St. Austin’s School on Tuesday. The Funeral Mass at 9.30 a.m. will be celebrated in Polish by Fr. Wiktor Ostrowski. Fr. Joseph will celebrate Mass in Church at 12.00 Noon.

**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. **Please note they will be collected after the 6.00 p.m. Mass this Sunday**

**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**

**Christian Food Help:** All at CFH thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled **1400** food parcels to be distributed during **January**.

**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.

**St. Josephine Bakhita Day:** Friday 8th February is the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita – the Patron Saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. On this day Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime. This year the particular focus is on those who are caught up in forced labour and labour exploitation both in the UK and beyond. See the board in the porch for more details

The Santa Marta Group is an initiative of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales whose mission is to bring the global Church and law enforcement together to combat and eradicate modern slavery.