



ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER

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Mass Times & Intentions

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Psalter: Week 4 | Weekday Cycle: Year 2

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday	Mass	Tony Grech
	Mass	People of the Parish
Monday <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	Jean Bradley Bernard Ward
Tuesday <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	Bernard Ward Sean Kelly
Wednesday <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Mass	Louis Livesey Margaret Finney
Thursday <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	Brian Silvester Canon Peter Taylor
Friday <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	Molly Rees The Thelwell Family
Saturday <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	Pat Collins Helena Cooney

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday	Mass	Connie Barnes
	Mass	People of the Parish

The God Who Speaks – The Year of the Word

MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Stop and see, be aware

God was aware of David's adultery with Bethsheba, Uriah's wife, and how he arranged Uriah's murder to cover his sin. Amid political and business 'cover ups' in today's world, it's important to 'stop and see' – the beauty of nature, the beauty and goodness of your spouse. Don't be too busy to recall the joys you have brought to each other.

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: £395.96

Loose: £257.91

Many thanks for your offerings last week

Anniversaries

Kevin O'Mahoney, Leonard Anderson, Sydney Elkin, John Mugan, David Sullivan, Patrick Edensor, Thomas Osborne, Anastasia Madigan, Marjorie Holding, Ludmila Gora, Thomas Treadwell, John Mugan, Arthur Meredith, Mary Howard, Hilda Brady, Rose Moran, Daniel Lynch, James Davies, James McGraw, Anne Worrall, Ellen Hall, Margaret Lynch, Margaret Cassidy, John Preston, Audrey Young, Louis Livesey Rita Peggs, Helen Gage, Catherine Bruton, Alice Lewis, Anita sandy, Tony Shelley, Diana Ryan, June Betts, Ian McFie, Mary Nugent, Francis Deverelle, Anne Peake, Lucy McGarry, Wilfred Wilding, John King, Margaret Brisbane, Ursula Prendergast, Constance Barnes, Teresa Weetman, Winifred Sheridan, Ellen Cambridge, Florence Honeyford, Andrew Parcianowski, Philip Healy, Charles Lefebvre.

General Notices

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 have reached **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 for details from the Bishops Conference of England & Wales with regard to Liturgical Advice in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic. They are also posted on the Outside Doors of the Church and on the Notice Board in the porch.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN EVERY DAY FOR PEOPLE TO COME AND HAVE TIME FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND REFLECTION.

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

On this Sunday, Mothering Sunday, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the altar from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 Noon. This is another opportunity for quiet prayer and reflection. However please note there will be no celebration of Benediction.

Mother's Day Flowers: Mothers, please help yourselves to the bunches of daffodils in the box in the porch.

Christian Food Help: All at Christian Food Help thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled **930** food meals to be distributed during **February**. For any queries, please contact us on our new email address: christianfoodhelp@gmail.com

Please continue to bring food donations to the Church during the week.

If you know of anybody in the parish who is vulnerable or at risk of struggling to provide for themselves or their families, then please let us know so that we can try to help.

Brushstrokes: All at Brushstrokes would like to thank you for your ongoing generous donations. They are particularly in need of toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, tinned food, rice and pasta at this time. **Again, they can be brought to the church during the week.**

First Anniversary: Wednesday next, 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation, is the first anniversary of the death of Deacon Louis Livesey. We remember him and his family in prayer on that day and I will offer Mass for his eternal peace and rest.

Recently Deceased: Please remember in prayer Fr. Bob Wright whose Funeral was held in Coventry on Friday last. Remember also Canon Peter Taylor whose Funeral will be held on Thursday next. There will be a Memorial Mass for him at a later date at St. Mary's Parish in Walsall.

New Bishops: Congratulations to Canon David Oakley, former Rector of Oscott College. He was ordained Bishop of Northampton on Thursday.

Congratulations also to our former Parish Priest **Canon David Evans** & our present Vicar General, **Canon Stephen Wright** who have been appointed Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese. Canon David is to succeed Bishop Robert Byrne who moved to Hexham and Newcastle last year and Canon Stephen is to succeed Bishop David McGough who recently reached the retiring age of seventy five. We keep them in our prayers as they take up their new appointments.

We also express our gratitude and appreciation to Bishop David for his great care of us as our Area Bishop for the past nineteen years and wish him every good wish in his retirement.

Walsingham Pilgrimage: The Annual Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham this year will be from Friday 31st July to Sunday 2nd August. We keep our fingers crossed and live in hope.!!!

Finally thank you all for your many calls & messages in recent days with offers of help and support. They are greatly appreciated. **Fr. Michael & Fr. Joseph.**