



ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER

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Parish Priest: Canon Michael Neylon

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10th February 2019

Mass Times and Intentions

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Confessions	3.45pm – 4.15pm	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Stan Smialowski
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	People of the Parish
	Mass	6.00 pm	Jim Scott
Monday	Mass	10.00 am	Private Intention
<i>Feria</i>			
Tuesday	Mass (STA)	9.15am	Marshlands School
<i>Feria</i>			
Wednesday	Mass (St. Joseph's)	10.30 am	David McCarroll
<i>Feria</i>			
Thursday	Mass (BMT)	9.15 am	Castlechurch School
<i>Sts. Cyril & Methodius</i>			
Friday	Funeral Mass	11.30am	Christopher Marcinski
Saturday	Mass	10.00 am	Mary Monaghan
<i>Feria</i>	Exposition	Until 11.30 am	
	Confessions	10.30 am – 11.30 am	
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday	Confessions	3.45 pm – 4.15 pm	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Bronagh Davies
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	People of the Parish
	Mass	6.00 pm	Eileen McHugh
Primary School Masses: St Austin's (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa's (BMT)			

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: £491.68

Loose: £380.25

Pro Life Charity: £420.98

Many thanks for your offerings last week

Quote from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia"

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

149. Some currents of spirituality teach that desire has to be eliminated as a path to liberation from pain. Yet we believe that God loves the enjoyment felt by human beings: he created us and "richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy" (1 Tim 6:17). Let us be glad when with great love he tells us: "My son, treat yourself well... Do not deprive yourself of a happy day" (Sir 14:11-14). Married couples likewise respond to God's will when they take up the biblical injunction: "Be joyful in the day of prosperity" (Ec 7:14). What is important is to have the freedom to realize that pleasure can find different expressions at different times of life, in accordance with the needs of mutual love.

Anniversaries

Robert Marsden, Gwendoline Morris, Frank Cullum, Daisy Brookes, Annie Donnelly, Annie Preston, William McLennan, Tina Martin, Reginald Perry, Bridie Gillen, Brigid Lynch, Brigid Donaghy, Stan Tilscher, Peter Conway, David Musgrove, Martha Jenkinson, Jennifer Teece, Norah Thompson, Winifred Wearmouth, Patricia Carwardine, Edward Nolan, William Cooke, Matthew Glover, Edwin Dodd, Alwyn Harper, Joseph Whelan, Matthew White, John Nolan, Peter Dale, Lisa Osborne, Mary Gallagher, Charles Purton, Neil Cambridge, Emmie Gore, Jan Stopka, Eugene Garry, Michael Gaul, Pauline Finch, Ray Bell, Margaret Currall, Sarah Parsons, Rosaline Goode,

General Notices

Counters: Group 2 this week. Group 3 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.

Bishop Robert Byrne: It was announced on Monday that Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Robert Byrne to be the next Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. He is at present the Auxiliary Bishop in Birmingham with the pastoral responsibility for the Central Episcopal Area of the Archdiocese. We wish him every blessing and keep him in our prayers.

Deacon Louis Livesey: Deacon Louis continues to be blessed with great love and care in St. Joseph's Convent Nursing Home. We continue to keep him and his family in our prayers as we thank for his ministry among us for over twenty years.

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

Monthly Mass: The monthly Mass at St. Joseph's Convent Nursing Home is on Wednesday next at 10.30 a.m. All are very welcome

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

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.**

We also keep in our prayers the **four children** who died in the house fire on Sycamore Lane on Tuesday last. The Mass at St. Austin's School this Tuesday will be offered for the staff and pupils of Marshland School. The Mass at Blessed Mother Teresa School on Thursday will be offered for staff and pupils of Castlechurch School.
May God grant them eternal peace and rest

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. Our grateful thanks to the Sixth formers for organising this annual event.

Women's World Day of Prayer: There are details on the board in the porch of the Day of 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.

Catholic Stafford Lent Course: From the first Tuesday evening in Lent this year it is proposed to hold a weekly spiritual session based upon the acclaimed and moving film: **'THE WAY'**. Through coming together weekly and following the accompanying book: **'THE LONG ROAD TO HEAVEN'** we can prepare ourselves for our journey through Lent and so look forward to the great feast of the Paschal Mystery. We will be watching clips of the film whilst also referring to the book and scripture. There will be an opportunity for discussion and feedback. Parishioners from the three Stafford parishes are invited, so it is hoped to rotate the venues for the **five sessions** during Lent. **(The venues are: St Anne's 12th March and 2nd April, St Austin's 19th March and 9th April, St Patrick's 26th March)**. Since each participant will need to have their own copy of the book, please include your name on the sheet at the back of each church so we can order the correct number of copies well in time. We hope a good number of parishioners will take up this opportunity. Fr. Michael & Fr. Bob