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| **9th February 2020**Mass Times & Intentions  |
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| ***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** |
| Saturday | Confessions |  3.45pm – 4.15pm |
|  | Vigil Mass  |  4.30 pm  | Private Intention |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | People of the Parish |
|  | Mass |  6.00 pm | Margaret Finney |
| Monday***St. Scholastica*** | **Funeral Mass**  | **11.00 am** | **Margaret Finney** |
| Tuesday***Our Lady of Lourdes*** |   Mass **(STA**) | 9.15 am | Cyril Adams |
| Wednesday | Mass  | **10.00 a.m**. | Mary Conlon |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday***Feria*** | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 am | Ada Haycock |
| Friday***Sts. Cyril & Methodius*** | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Maureen Ivers |
| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am  | Christina O’Brien |
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| ***St. Jerome*** | Confessions & Exposition | 10.30 am – 11.30 am |
| **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** |
| Saturday | Confessions |  3.45 pm – 4.15 pm |
| ***Feria*** | Vigil Mass |  4.30 pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | The Grantham Family |
|  | Mass |  6.00 pm | Bronagh Davies |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) |

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Parish Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

**Priest in Residence:** Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi

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Rev. David McCarrol

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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 9UZTelephone: 01785 413276Website: www.bmtschool.co.uk **St. Austin’s Primary**Address: Garden Street, Stafford, ST17 4BTTelephone: 01785 413277Website: www.st-austins.org.uk**Blessed William Howard Catholic High School**Address: Rowley Avenue, Stafford, ST17 9ABTelephone: 01785 244236Website: www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk |
| **Other Catholic Churches in Stafford**St. Anne’s:Parish Priest: Fr. Robert DevaneyAddress: Lynton Avenue, Stafford, ST17 0EATelephone: 01785 661012 Email: stannes.stafford@gmail.comWebsite: www.st-annes-st.org.ukSaturday: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass 6.00pmSunday: Mass 11.15am**St. Patrick’s:** *Served from St Anne’s*Address: 48 Sandon Road, Stafford, ST16 3HFSunday: Confessions 9.00am Mass 9.30am  |
| **Offertory Collection**  **Gift Aid Envelopes: £653.63** **Loose: £326.16** ***Many thanks for your offerings last week***     |
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**Anniversaries**

 Hugh Martin, Anne Baxter, Michael Glover, Victor Lake, Lilian Bagnall-Lamb, Joanna Stubbs, 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,

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

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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Unity is the key

When we married, a new flame was lit in our Church, signified by the lighting of a new candle as we made our vows and became “Little Church” together. Now, as we think of our life up to now, we can see how our love has been reflected on to our children, our family and our Church community.

**Counters:** Group 2 this week. Group 3 next week

**Refreshments:** Refreshments are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday**.** All are very welcome.

**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.

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember in prayer:

**Margaret Finney:** Her Reception is this Sunday 9th February at **5.45 p.m**. Her Funeral Mass is on Monday 10th February at **11.00 a.m**.

May God grant them eternal peace and rest.

**Racial Justice Sunday:** This Sunday the Catholic Church in England and Wales will keep Racial Justice Sunday. The theme for this year is:

 “**You are at the heart of the Church”.**

There is a Poster on the board in the porch with details of Racial Justice Sunday Pledges produced by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales Smaller card copies are on the shelf in the porch.

The second collection this weekend is to support the Church’s work in promoting racial justice.

**Church Cleaning:** All help will be appreciated with the Church Cleaning on Monday from 9.00 a.m. onwards. (Note, Funeral Mass at 11.00 a.m.)

**Parents Meeting:** There is a meeting in Church on **Tuesday at 6.00 p.m**. for the parents of the children preparing for the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

**Mass on Wednesday:** Please note that Mass on Wednesday will be at **10.00 a.m**. as we will be going to Fr. Patrick Farrelly’s Memorial Mass at 7.00 p.m. in St. Mary’s, Cannock.

**Community Party:** The Sixth FormStudentsof Blessed William Howard Catholic High School High School have their Annual Community Party in the School Hall on Friday next. A Student from the school will speak at the end of Masses this weekend to invite parishioners.

**Second Collection:** The second collection next weekend will be the annual one to support the Pro-Life Charities of the Archdiocese

**Christian Food Help:** All at Christian Food Help would like to thank to Peter and Carmel Haddock as they retire from the day-to-day running of the Food Bank. Under their leadership, our volunteers have provided almost 77,000 meals for the people of Stafford since 2012. The management of CFH will now be handled to Adam and Clare Wootton. For any queries, please email cfoodhelp25@aol.com

Thanks also for you for your continuous generous support that enabled **920** meals to be delivered during the month of **January.**

**World Day of Prayer:** There is a poster on the board in the porch with details of the World day of Prayer at Trinity Church, Mount Street Stafford on Friday 6th March at 2.00 p.m. Practising the music for the day will be at 10.30 a.m. on Friday 14th February.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Ladies,you are invited to a Spiritual Spa Day, an opportunity to be refreshed and renewed in God’s love, to be inspired, reflect and pray together and to be affirmed in our faith at St Austin’s Church Hall, Stafford on Saturday May 16th. Put the date in your diary, more details will follow soon.

**Exam Invigilators Required:** The Governors of Cardinal Griffin Catholic College in Cannock are seeking to appoint the following:

Casual Exam Invigilators, and scribes for pupils taking their GCSE and A-Levels this summer.  The working hours are flexible and the rate of pay is £9.18 per hour.  Closing date for applications: 23rd February 2020.

Interested candidates should contact Mrs H Tapper at the College (01543 502215) as early as possible for further details about how to apply or alternatively details can be found on the College website.

**Year of the Word Prayer:**

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.
Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another.
Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.