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| 26th May 2019  Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 274| Sunday Cycle: Year C  Psalter: Week 2 | Weekday Cycle: Year I | | | |
| ***Sixth Sunday of Easter*** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | Samantha & Brendan Knight |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Eva & Patrick Devlin |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday  **St. Augustine of Canterbury** | Mass | 10.00 am | Private Intention |
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| Tuesday  ***Easter Feria*** | Mass **(In Church)** | **10.00 am** | Assumpta Mullhuse |
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| Wednesday | Mass | 7.00 pm | Francis Walker |
| ***Ascension Vigil*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday | Mass **(In Church)** | **10.00 am** | Anne English |
| ***Ascension Thursday*** |  | **7.00 pm** | People of the Parish |
| Friday  ***Visitation of the BVM*** | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Louis Livesey |
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| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am | Mary & Peter Godwin |
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| ***St. Justin Martyr*** | Confessions & Exposition | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | |
| **Seventh Sunday of Easter** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45 pm – 4.15 pm | |
| ***Easter Feria*** | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Diocesan Clergy |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | S. Kendrick & D. Preston |
| 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

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**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Mrs. Sue Kelly, 07875549906

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 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: £564.55**  **Loose: £383.14**      ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

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**Anniversaries**

Mildred Fenton, Rose Smith, Bridget Wilmott, Benjamin Harper, Annie Connor, Catherine Bott, Ellen Hodson, Ivan Powell, David Conway, Louis Stephens, Christine Heffernan, Joyce Grundy, Patrick Brady, May Gage, Frederick Whitfield, Terry Grisewood, Dorothy Williams, Anthony Miller, Marion Bloor, Lawrence Adams, Teresa Rafferty, Patrick Flood, Francis Brown, John Keating, Richard Perry, Doris Radford, John Cheshire, James Wilkinson, Eunice Saberton, Josephine Lloyd, Barbara Boon,

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

***Chapter 4* Love in Marriage**, *Marriage & Virginity*

159.(Continued) All the same, he recognized the value of the different callings: “Each has his or her own special gift from God, one of one kind and one of another” (1 Cor 7:7). Reflecting on this, Saint John Paul II noted that the biblical texts “give no reason to assert the ‘inferiority’ of marriage, nor the ‘superiority’ of virginity or celibacy” based on sexual abstinence. Rather than speak absolutely of the superiority of virginity, it should be enough to point out that the different states of life complement one another, and consequently that some can be more perfect in one way and others in another. Alexander of Hales, for example, stated that in one sense marriage may be considered superior to the other sacraments, inasmuch as it symbolizes the great reality of “Christ’s union with the Church, or the union of his divine and human nature”.

**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 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.

**Bon Voyage:** We wish all who are going to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage this weekend blessed pilgrimage and a safe journey to and from Lourdes.

**Ascension Thursday:** The Solemnity of Ascension is on Thursday next and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 10.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. There is a Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7.00 p.m.

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember in prayer, Anne English, a former member of the parish who died on the 15th May in Abbey Well Court Care Home in Chesterton. Her Funeral Mass was held in her home parish of Bohermeen outside Navan, Co. Meath in Ireland. The 10.30 a.m. on Ascension Thursday will be a Memorial Mass for her.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group:** The next meeting of the Prayer Group is on Friday 31st May at 10.30 a.m. in the Parish Room. All are very welcome.

**Cycle Challenge:** Thanks to all who have sponsored the Team. There will be people at the back of the Church after all Masses this weekend to collect sponsor money.

Tax payers can gift aid their donations by giving their name, address and post code. This weekend is the last opportunity for such payments.

**Katharine House Coffee Morning:** To add to the funds raised by the cyclists of Team St. Austin’s in Support of Katharine House Hospice, a Coffee Morning has been arranged in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 2nd June. It will include a raffle and all donations of cakes etc will be appreciated.

**Senior Citizens:** The next meeting of St. Austin’s Senior Citizens is on Wednesday 5th June at 2.00 p.m. in the Parish Room. It will feature a Quiz and Strawberry Tea.

**Message from our CAFOD Group:** Please visit [https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/ Climate-](https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/%20%20Climate-)Change for details of CAFOD’ New Campaign on “Our Common Home” CAFOD will be taking part in the Mass Lobby of Parliament on June 26th. More details later. We hope to arrange a meeting soon to see what we in Stafford can do to celebrate “Our Common Home”.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage 26th – 28th July 2019:** Just a reminder to all Pilgrims to pay the deposits and fees as soon as possible. There is one single and one double sharing place remaining. Please contact Helen Perry on 07837519253 for further details.

**Letter of Thanks:** There is a letter of thanks on the board in the porch from Mary Ward International Ireland thanking us for the donation of £1314.15 for Loreto Sealdah raised through the Lenten Friday

**Brushstrokes**: Many thanks to all who have donated so generously to Brushstrokes.  Your donations have been very much appreciated. There is an ongoing need for food, toiletries and children's clothes-could we also appeal for nappies, kitchenware-pots, pans , crockery and cutlery.  Towels and bed linen would also be gratefully received. Thank you again for your great generosity

**Christian Food Help:** All at CFH thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled **1213** food parcels to be distributed during **April**.

**World Communications Day:** Next Sunday is World Communications Day. Pope Francis invites us to reflect on our ‘being-in-relation’ and to rediscover, in the current communications context, the very human desire not to be left isolated or lonely.

The second collection is the annual one to support the work of the Communications Office of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales.

**Diary Dates:** Please note the following days and dates for forthcoming events:

**Sunday 23rd June**: First Holy Communion at the 10.30 a.m. Mass.

**Sunday 7th July:** Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop David McGough at the 10.30 a.m. Mass.

**Sunday 7th July**: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Hednesford.

**Sunday 14th July**: Cemetery Sunday. Blessing of Graves

**Saturday 20th July:** Mass at St. Thomas Mill Farm.

**Friday 26th – Sunday 28th July:** Annual Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham.