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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: £493.78** **Loose: £281.87** **Racial Justice: £395.16** ***Many thanks for your offerings last week***     |
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| **16th February 2020**Mass Times & Intentions  |
|  Mass Book: Page 136 | Sunday Cycle: Year A Psalter: Week 2 | Weekday Cycle: Year 2 |
| ***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** |
| Saturday | Confessions |  3.45pm – 4.15pm |
|  | Vigil Mass  |  4.30 pm  | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | The Grantham Family |
|  | Mass |  6.00 pm | Bronagh Davies |
| Monday***Feria*** | Mass  | 10.00 am | The Payne Family |
| Tuesday***Feria*** |   Mass  | **10.00 am** | G. Conlon & P.O’Leary |
| Wednesday | **Mass** **(St. Joseph’s)** | **10.30 a.m**. | Peter Dale |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday***Feria*** | Mass  | **10.00 am** | The Wareham Family |
| Friday***Feria*** | Mass | 12.00 Noon | The Murray Family |
| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am  | The Mitchell Family |
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| ***Chair of St. Peter*** | Confessions & Exposition | 10.30 am – 11.30 am |
| **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** |
| Saturday | Confessions |  3.45 pm – 4.15 pm |
| ***Feria*** | Vigil Mass |  4.30 pm | The Waters Family |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | People of the Parish |
|  | Mass |  6.00 pm | The Morris Family |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) |

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Diocesan Website:** www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

**Parish Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

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

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

Rev. David McCarrol



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

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

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Making the right choices

Choices! How difficult sometimes to make the right choices. What to eat today, how to save money, what clothes to wear, what we or our children need. For Christians, prayer and a set of Christian values influence the choices we make. Why not ask the Lord’s help to decide what issue is uppermost for us today and dialogue about it?

**Anniversaries**

Sarah Parsons, Rosaline Goode, Graham Powell, Violet Proctor, Noel Marshall, George Blagborough, Irene Morgan, Francis Kelly, Veronica Grant, John Rourke, Peter Dale, Georgina Thew, Margaret Peyton, Ernest Hupka, Patrick Reilly, Baby Mackie, Bridie Smith, Marlis Chambers, Doris Potter, Bertram Shotton, John & Mary Melvin, Mieczyslaw Cybowicz, Wilfred Davies, Catherine Brandrick, Hazel Tomkinson, John Caddick, Hilda Hingerty, Rosa Marsh, Charles Conkey, Thomas King, Jessie Studders, Fr. William Conefrey, Fr. Denis McEvilly, Fr. Timothy Healy, Fr. Terence McDonnell, Fr. Francis Jordan, Fr. Alexander McGavin, Canon William Roughan, Fr. Francis Coyle, Canon Sean Farrell, Fr. Sean McTernan, Fr. James Wharton.

**Counters:** Group 3 this week. Group 4 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.

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

**Grateful Thanks:** We are very grateful to the pupils of Blessed William Howard Catholic High School for the wonderful Community Party they organised and presented on Friday last. The food and entertainment were greatly received and appreciated.

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember in your prayers, **Fr. Jim McGloin,** retired Priest of the Archdiocese who has died in Ireland. His Funeral was held on Saturday.

May God grant him eternal rest and peace.

**New Canon:** Congratulations to Fr. Stephen Wright who will be installed as a Canon of the Chapter at St. Chad’s Cathedral in Birmingham on Monday 2nd March. Fr. Stephen wishes to invite people of his home Parish to the Mass and Reception at the 12.00 Noon Mass.

***We hope to bring a coachload. Please put your name on the list in the porch so that we can determine the size of the coach we need***.

**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.**

**Wedding Bells:** Congratulations to Sophie Penny and Jonathon Jurkiewicz who will be married here on Tuesday. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their married life.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group:** The next meeting of the Group is on Friday 28th February at 10.30 a.m. in the Parish Room. All are very welcome.

**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.

**Half Term:** To all our pupils and staff of our schools on half term break this coming week, we wish you a peaceful and restful time

**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.