

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Parish Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

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

**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Louis Livesey

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Rev. David McCarrol

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| 24th February 2019  Mass Times and Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 142| Sunday Cycle: Year C  Psalter: Week 3| Weekday Cycle: Year I | | | |
| ***Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Ann Cowcill |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | Frank Smith |
| Monday | Mass | 10.00 am | M & B Shackleton |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Tuesday | **Mass (In Church)** | 9.1  **9.15am** | Terresa Livesey |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Wednesday | **Funeral Mass** | **12.00 Noon** | **Graham Powell** |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15am | Sue Corbett |
| ***Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Friday | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Bishop Kevin Dunn |
| ***St. David*** |  |  |  |
| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am | Johanna & John Stubbs |
| ***St. Chad*** | Exposition | Until 11.30 am | |
|  | Confessions | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | |
| **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45 pm – 4.15 pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | Fr. Pierce Murphy |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Ken Horton |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) | | | |

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

***Chapter 4* LOVE IN MARRIAGE*.*** *The erotic dimension of love*

151. To those who fear that the training of the passions and of sexuality detracts from the spontaneity of sexual love, Saint John Paul II replied that human persons are “called to full and mature spontaneity in their relationships”, a maturity that “is the gradual fruit of a discernment of the impulses of one’s own heart”.149This calls for discipline and self-mastery, since every human person “must learn, with perseverance and consistency, the meaning of his or her body”.150 Sexuality is not a means of gratification or entertainment; it is an interpersonal language wherein the other is taken seriously, in his or her sacred and inviolable dignity.

**Anniversaries**

James O’Neill, Thomas Dorans, Angela Parciankowska, Daniel O’Rahilly, John Stewart, Anthony Cutayar, Elsie Read, Albert Gusso, Florence Simpson, Mary Holmes, Victor Dunbar, Audrey Young, Beatrice Griffiths, John McLeod, John Harper, Roman Helming, Frank Butler, John Butler, Hannah Woods, Daniel Cambridge, Aidan Sandy, Broncho Bailkoski, Betty Singleton, Anne McGarry, Mary Mountford, William Halpin, Mathew McMahon, Karen Seville, Bishop Kevin Dunn, Ada Mooney, Elizabeth Beardmore, Norah Ireson, Sydney Fenton, Hanna Atkinson, Kathleen Tivenan, Henry Woollaston,

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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: £467.10  Loose: £363.04  Racial Justice: £290.61      ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

**Counters:** Group 4 this week. Group 1 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.

**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.

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

**Graham John Powell** whoseReception is this Tuesday, 26th February at 6.00 p.m. His Funeral Mass is on Wednesday 27th February at **12.00 Noon.**

May God grant him eternal peace and rest.

**Please note no Evening Mass on Wednesday.**

**CAFOD Meeting:** Julia Hood from CAFOD will give a talk in the Parish Room at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 27th February in preparation for Family Fast Day.

**Women’s World Day of Prayer:** There are details on the board in the porch of the Annual Day of Prayer to be held this year at 2.00 p.m. on Friday next, 1st March, at St. Thomas’ and St. Andrew’s Church Doxey, Stafford.

**NEW: Please follow us on Facebook!**

***St Austin’s, Stafford is the name of our new Facebook page. Please like and follow us.***

***We will be using the page to share information about St Austin’s and our sister parishes (and schools).***

***If you have information to share, or an event that needs promoting, please direct message us via the page or speak to Faye Fawcett, Joe McCormick or Gill Venables. The new Facebook page will complement the parish weekly bulletin, the website and Twitter feed (@SaintAustins)***

**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

***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.*

***Each Session will begin at 7.30 p.m.***

***When the list of participants is finalised we can arrange shared transport to the different venues.***

***This weekend is the last opportunity to sign up so that we can order the books for the course. They will be available next weekend. It will be helpful to have read the Introduction in preparation for the course.***

***The Book costs £5.00.***

***Fr. Michael & Fr. Bob.***

**Brushstrokes:** Many thanks for your continued support. Your donations are greatly received and go to help those in desperate need. There is always need for food, toiletries and baby items. For other donations please check with Maureen Alecock as it’s not always possible to accept adult clothes and bedding.

**Christian Food Help:** All at CFH thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled **1400** food parcels to be distributed during **January**.

**Feast of St. Chad:** Saturday next, 2nd March, is the Feast of St. Chad, the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese.

It is custom on the Sunday nearest the feast (Next Sunday) to have the annual collection for the maintenance of St. Chad’s Cathedral in Birmingham which is the Mother Church of the Archdiocese.