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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: £526.15**  **Loose: £271.97**      ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |

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| 2nd June 2019  Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 281| Sunday Cycle: Year C  Psalter: Week 3 | Weekday Cycle: Year I | | | |
| ***Seventh Sunday of Easter*** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Diocesan Clergy |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | S. Kendrick & D. Preston |
| Monday  ***St. Charles Lwanga*** | Mass | 10.00 am | Margaret May |
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| Tuesday  ***Easter Feria*** | Mass **(In Church)** | **7.00 pm** | John Salley |
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| Wednesday | Mass | 7.00 pm | Richard Perry |
| ***St. Boniface*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 am | Jean Bradley |
| ***Easter Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Friday  ***Easter Feria*** | Mass | 12.00 Noon | The McKiernan Family |
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| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am | Private Intention |
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| ***Easter Feria*** | Confessions & Exposition | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | |
| **Pentecost Sunday** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45 pm – 4.15 pm | |
| ***Easter Feria*** | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | Bill Barnes |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | John McNamara |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | People of the Parish |
| 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

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

Rev. David McCarrol

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**Anniversaries**

Marjorie Williams, Elizabeth Dale, John Ritchie, Ellen Oakley, Ann Rudkin, Celilia Joel, Peter Wood, Elizabeth Lawton, Elizabeth Wright, Thomas McCurry, Gordon Davies, Patrick Jocelyn, Lawrence Dowd, Ellen Godwin, Ernest Tyson, John Sandy, John Moran, Ellen Laverty, Gerald Waters, Alice Adams, Charles smith, Michael Curran, Jerome Brookes, Joseph Dooley, Mary Hodgetts, Katie Macken, Fr. John Lane, Fr. Ben Tarbuck, Fr. John Crean, Fr. Harry Bouchier, Fr. Peter Galagher.

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

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

160. Consequently, “it is not a matter of diminishing the value of matrimony in favour of continence”. “There is no basis for playing one off against the other… If, following a certain theological tradition, one speaks of a ‘state of perfection’ (status perfectionis), this has to do not with continence in itself, but with the entirety of a life based on the evangelical counsels”.169A married person can experience the highest degree of charity and thus “reach the perfection which flows from charity, through fidelity to the spirit of those counsels. Such perfection is possible and accessible to every man and woman”

**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 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.

**Welcome Home:** We welcome home the parishioners who went to Lourdes with the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage last week. We thank them for lighting the Parish Candle at the Grotto for us.

**World Communications Day:** This 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

**Baptism:** Congratulations to the Barlow family whose son Oliver James will be baptised and welcomed into the Church this weekend

**Cycle Challenge:** Thanks to all who have very generously sponsored Team St. Austin’s Cycle Challenge. So far £2382.15 has been raised.

**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 this Sunday, 2nd June. It will include a raffle and all donations of cakes etc will be appreciated.

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

**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.

**Justice & Peace Group Meeting:** All are welcome to join the Justice & Peace Group for a meeting in the Parish Room on Wednesday next, 5th June, after the evening Mass to discuss making St. Austin’s Church a Church of Sanctuary

**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 double sharing place remaining. Please contact Helen Perry on 07837519253 for further details.

**Letters of Thanks:** There are two letters of thanks on the board in the porch. The first is from Mary Ward International Ireland thanking us for the donation of **£1314.15** for Loreto Sealdah in Kolkata raised through the Lenten Friday Soup Lunches.

The second is from CAFOD thanking us for the **£1074.00** raised from the Lent Fast Day and the **£1143.83** raised for the Cyclone Idai Appeal.

**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**.

**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.