

**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

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

Rev. David McCarrol

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**Quote from Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation, “Amoris Laetitia” (The Joy of Love)**

***Chapter 4.* LOVE IN MARRIAGE.** *Love endures all things*

120 (Continued) Infused by the Holy Spirit, this powerful love is a reflection of the unbroken covenant between Christ and humanity that culminated in his self-sacrifice on the cross. ”The Spirit which the Lord pours forth gives a new heart and renders man and woman capable of loving one another as Christ loved us. Conjugal love reaches that fullness to which it is interiorly ordained: conjugal charity.

**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 Thursdayevening at 7.30 p.m.

**Staffordshire County Hospital:**

11.00 a.m. - 12.00 Noon.

**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 413277Website: 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

Sat: 5.30 pm. Confessions before 6 pm. Vigil Mass

Sun: 11.15 a.m. Mass

**St. Patrick’s:** *Served from St Anne’s*

Address: 48 Sandon Road, Stafford, ST16 3HF

Sun: 9.00 a.m. Confessions before 9.30 a.m. Mass.

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| **Thanks for your Offerings last week**  Gift Aid Envelopes: £ 443.46  Loose: £404.15 |
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**Anniversaries**

Jean Reilly, Douglas Gosling, David Rollo, James Kelly, Iris Salmon, Guiseppe Peverelle, Mary Dench, Cyril Sandy, Trevor Finch, John Barry, Norman McMillan, Joseph Grundy, Jan Szumski, Daisy Drew, Francis Calis, Bridget Clay, Marion Machin, Matilda Carolin, Aniela Nahajska, Mary Dawkes, Joseph Page, Bridget Stanley, Lawrence Doyle, June Brown, Helena Zoroch, Cissie Ivens, George Joel, Arthur Gould, Mona Accred, Maureen Ridgeway, Fr. Cathal Cassidy, Fr. Denis Hickling, Fr. Thomas Canning.

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| **13th May 2018** | | | |  |  |
| **Pentecost Sunday** | | | |  |
| Mass Book: Page 283 | | Sunday Cycle: Year B | |  |
| Psalter: Week 3 | | Weekday Cycle: Year 2 | |  |
| **Mass Times** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 3.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. | |  |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | People of the Parish |  | - |
| **Sunday** | Mass  Mass | 10.30 a.m.  6.00 p.m**.** | Evan Tully  Jim Scott |  |
| **Monday**  ***St. Mathias*** | Mass | 9.15 a.m. | In Thanksgiving |  |
| **Tuesday**  ***Easter Feria*** | Mass **(In Church)** | 9.15 a.m. | Bridie McIlindon |  |
| **Wednesday *Easter Feria*** | Mass | **10.30 a.m.** | Philip Morris |  |
| **Thursday**  ***Easter Feria*** | Mass **(In Church**) | 9.15 a.m. | Donna O’Halloran |  |
| **Friday**  ***Easter Feria*** | Mass | 12.00 Noon. | Margaret May |  |
| **Saturday**  ***Easter Feria*** | Mass | 10.00 a.m**.** | **Communion Service** |  |
| **Exposition & Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.** | | |  |
| **Trinity Sunday** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | **Confessions** | **10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m**. | |  |
| Vigil Mass | 4.30.p.m**.** | People of the Parish |  |
| **Sunday** | Mass. | 10.30 a.m.  6.00 p.m. | Lilian Handley  Sheila & Jim Scott |  |
| ***School Masses:*** (STA) = St. Austin’s, (BMT) = Blessed Mother Teresa’s | | | |  |  |

**Counters:** Group 3 this week. Group 4 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 weekly Catholic papers a variety of cards, rosaries are available.

**World Communications Day:** On this World Communications Day, we pray for those who work in the media and also for the valuable work carried out on our behalf by the Communications Office of the Bishops’ Conference. Working with journalists across both national and international outlets, it provides a professional news service to the church and to the world. The second collection this weekend supports its work.

**Church Cleaning:** All help will be appreciated with the Church Cleaning after the 9.15 a.m. Mass on Monday.

**SATS Tests:** We wish all our pupils every blessing and success in their SATS tests this coming week. Please note there will be no Masses in both primary schools this week. Masses on Tuesday and Thursday will be at 9.15 a.m. in church.

**Monthly Mass:** The monthly Mass at St. Joseph’s Convent Nursing Home is on Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. All are very welcome. Please note there will be no evening Mass in Church on Wednesday.

**Mission Appeal:** This year it is the turn of the Comboni Missionaries (who are better known as the Verona Fathers) for the Mission Appeal in the Archdiocese. Next weekend 19th / 20th May Fr. Melaku, an Ethiopian Comboni Priest will visit us and preach an appeal at all the Masses.

The second collection will support their work.

**Cycle Challenge:** Our grateful thanks to the thirty cyclists who took part in part in the Annual Cycle Challenge to support the work of Katharine House Hospice last Sunday. We were blessed with a beautiful day and all the cyclist returned safely. We had only one puncture, which was quickly fixed by Carmel’s back up team. Thanks to all who have sponsored us and we look forward to collecting the sponsorship monies in the coming weeks.

**Marathon Girl:** On April 22nd Emma Kelly completed her London Marathon Challenge and would like to thank all at St. Austin’s for your support and prayers. Your generosity has helped her raise over **£1600.00** for Father Hudson’s Care.

**Walsingham Association:** This year’s Stafford Pilgrimage is from the 27th to the 29th July. Forty Four (44) places have been booked at Walsingham. Application Forms with details of Single/Double rooms and prices are available in the porch. To book a place, please take a Form and return it to the Parish Office with a non- returnable £40.00 deposit A.S.A.P.

**Twenty (28) people have signed up at this stage.**

**There are still sixteen (16) places available.**

**May Mass:** The Annual May Mass of the Walsingham Association will be on May 23rd at 7.00 p.m. It will be followed with a Bring and Share Supper in the Parish Room and a meeting to plan for the July Pilgrimage.

**Christian Food Help:** Thanks for your continuous and generous support of Christian Food Help that enabled **1104** food parcels to be delivered during April.

**Senior Citizens Coach Trip:** All are welcome to join the Coach Trip to Llandudno on Wednesday 4th July. It will leave from Austin Friars at 9.00 a.m. and depart from Llandudno at 5.00 p.m. The cost will be about £20 if they can fill the coach. There is a list in the porch and contact Bryan on 01785 601802

**Diary Dates:** Please note the following dates & events:

**Sunday 10th June**: 10.30 a.m. First Communion Mass.

**Sunday 1st July**: Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford.

**Wednesday 4th July**: Bishop David McGough will visit our two Primary Schools.

**Sunday 8th July:** Bishop David McGough will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10.30 a.m. Mass.

**27th – 29th July:** Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham

**21st – 26th August:** The World Meeting of Families in Dublin, The Mackie Family to represent our Deanery

**7th - 9th September, Adoremus:** National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool. More details will follow later.