

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

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| 1st December 2019Mass Times & Intentions  |
|  Mass Book: Page 82 | Sunday Cycle: Year A Psalter: Week 1 | Weekday Cycle: Year 2 |
| ***First Sunday of Advent*** |
| Saturday | Confessions |  3.45pm – 4.15pm |
|  | Vigil Mass  |  4.30 pm  | Hubert Heenan |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Jimmy Sullivan |
|  | Mass |  6.00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday***Advent Feria*** |  Mass  | **9.15 am** | J & J Stubbs |
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| Tuesday***St. Francis Xavier*** |   Mass **(STA)** | 9.15 am | The Hoyle Family |
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| Wednesday | Mass (**St. Joseph’s)** | **10.30 am** | CD & EG Suillito |
|  ***Advent Feria*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday***St. Birinus*** |  Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 am | S & E Elkin |
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| Friday***Advent Feria*** | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Maureen Payne  |
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| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am  | Mary Conroy |
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| ***St. Ambrose*** | Confessions & Exposition | 10.30 am – 11.30 am |
| **Second Sunday of Advent**  |
| Saturday | Confessions |  3.45 pm – 4.15 pm |
| ***Feria*** | Vigil Mass |  4.30 pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | Francyk Kotara |
|  | Mass |  6.00 pm | Thomas Denham |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) |



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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: £636.20** **Loose: £342.63** **Catholic Youth Service: £474.02** ***Many thanks for your offerings last week***     |
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**The God Who Speaks – The Year of the Word**

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

**First Sunday of Advent**

 *Walk in the light of the Lord*

God’s Word is clear – we can only be certain of each current moment in our day-to-day lives. To live as couples in the ‘present moment’ more often, we need to apply ourselves to today’s call from Jesus to “stay awake”.

Also St Paul tells us, “the time has come: you must wake up now”, because now is all we have.

**Anniversaries**

 Margaret Sullivan, Clifford Gear, Florence Hill, James Bolger, Lucy Walters, Theresa Worsfold, Noreen Gilliatt, Matthew Hyland, John Mullane, Mary Draper, Rosaleen Blackborough, Sydney Martin, William Brown, Ivy Brock, Alice McLoughin, David Allan, Cyril Buckingham, May Lynch, Andrew Russell, Monica Keenan, Patrick McMahon, Geoffrey Nielsen, Catherine Slack, George Monaghan, Reginald Beardmore, Blanche Martin, Linda Pooler, Terry Fitzgerald, Francis Doyle, Elizabeth Fradley, Horst Hupka, John Trainor, Richard O’Callaghan, Bridget Dale, Terry Cosgrove,

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

**Advent “Walk With Me”:** As we begin another new liturgical year, Archbishop Bernard invites us to join the Diocesan Family in the now familiar Walk With Me time of prayer and reflection to prepare for Christmas. Please help yourselves to the Prayer Books and Calendars that are available in the porch this weekend.

**Advent Soup Lunches**: We continue to support our friends in Loreto Sealda in Kolkata with the Soup Lunches in the Parish Hall after the Midday Mass on the Fridays of Advent. All welcome.

**Other Advent Activities:** The “Meeting Jesus in the Gospels” series continues at St. Anne’s Church from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm on Wednesday.

**Messages to the Brave** is a CAFOD project this Advent. Details will be available next weekend.

CAFOD World Gifts catalogues are also available in the porch this weekend.

**Advent Carol Service:** The students and staff of Blessed William Howard Catholic High School will lead the Annual Carol Service here in Church at 7.00 p.m. this Monday 2nd December.

**Please note the Mass on Monday morning will be at 9.15 a.m. to facilitate the rehearsal.**

**General Election Forum:** Details in the porch of the Forum at Elim Hope Church, St. Patrick’s Street ST16 2PL. All welcome to attend.

**Monthly Mass:** The monthly Mass at St. Joseph’s Convent Nursing Home is on Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. All are very welcome.

**Senior Citizens Meeting:** Senior Citizen Members have again been invited to Blessed Mother Teresa School for a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 4th December at 1.15 p.m. Members who wish to attend please put your names on the list in the porch or contact Bryan on 01785 601802.

**Christmas Fayre:** St. Joseph’s Convent Nursing Home has its Annual Christmas fayre on Saturday next 7th December from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. and is always worthy of our support.

**Brushstrokes:** Brushstrokes would like to thank everyone who has donated food, toiletries, baby and children's clothes and equipment over the last months-your donations are very much

appreciated.  They have issued their Christmas appeal for toys, preferably new. Second Hand toys and games in excellent condition and boxed are acceptable. Please see the poster in the back of the church for more details.  Please note this appeal ends on the weekend of 7th /8th DECEMBER

**Christian Food Help:** All at Christian Food Help thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled **934** food meals to be distributed during **November**.

**The God who speaks: The Year of the Word:**

This is the title of the initiative of the Bishops of England and Wales in partnership with the Bible Society to focus on celebrating, living and sharing God’s word throughout the Catholic Church in England and wales in the coming year.

We are encouraged to pray during this special year that we may all be enriched and renewed by the Living Word of God and be moved afresh to share the love of Christ to the ends of the earth.

**Advent Penance Service:** This year our Advent Penance Service with opportunities for individual confession will be held at St. Anne’s Church on **Tuesday 17th December at 7.00 p.m**.

**Poor Mission Parishes**: The second collection next weekend is the annual one to support the Poor Mission Parishes of the Archdiocese.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage 2020:** The 2020 Annual Stafford Pilgrimage will be from the **31st July to the 2nd August.**

At present the costs per person are approximate depending on the numbers and coach size.

 **Standard Accommodation: £150.00 per person**.

 **En-Suite Accommodation: £180.00 per person**.

Please put your name on the list in the porch and state your accommodation preference.

Contact Helen Perry on 07837519253 for details.

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