



ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER

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13th January 2019

Mass Times and Intentions

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Baptism of the Lord

Saturday	Confessions	3.45pm – 4.15pm	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Stephen Neeson
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	Rogers, Dales & Rochesters
	Mass	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday	Mass	10.00 am	Lilian Warrilow
<i>Feria</i>			
Tuesday	Mass (STA)	9.15 am	Sr. Mary de Lacy
<i>Feria</i>			
Wednesday	Mass	7.00 pm	John DaleS
<i>Feria</i>			
Thursday	Mass (BMT)	9.15 am	Peter Emery
<i>St. Antony, Abbot</i>	Funeral Mass	11.30 am	Lilian Warrilow
Friday	Mass	12.00 Noon	Ann Teresa Gaffney
<i>Feria</i>			
Saturday	Mass	10.00 am	The Gunn Family
<i>St. Wulstan</i>	Exposition	Until 11.30 am	
	Confessions	10.30 am – 11.30 am	
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday	Confessions	3.45 pm – 4.15 pm	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	Phil Terry
	Mass	6.00 pm	H. & J. Kowoloweski
Primary School Masses: St Austin's (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa's (BMT)			

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: £564.60

Loose: £362.80

Many thanks for your offerings last week

Quote from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia"

Chapter 4 LOVE IN MARRIAGE. *The World of Emotion*

146. This being said, if passion accompanies a free act, it can manifest the depth of that act. Marital love strives to ensure that one's entire emotional life benefits the family as a whole and stands at the service of its common life. A family is mature when the emotional life of its members becomes a form of sensitivity that neither stifles nor obscures great decisions and values, but rather follows each one's freedom, springs from it, enriches, perfects and harmonizes it in the service of all.

Anniversaries

Patrick Neary, Agnes Briggs, Carol Evans, Margaret Banks, Thomas Durkin, Alfred Thompson, Aldo Monticorri, Margaret Smith, David Hawkins, Robert Watts, Kathleen Rogers, Juleta Chudynicka, Elizabeth Stubbs, Shaun Payne, Gillian Wright, Rebecca McCleod, Margaret Smith, Eva Wrench, Stanislaw Smialowski, Ellen Keenan, Margaret and Bernard Smith, Jerzy Bogatko, Peter Durkin, Kenneth Wright, Stuart Jenkinson, Ann Gaffney, Doreen Maddock, Bernadette O'Hanlon, Alice Owen, Daniel Twomey, Alice Mayo, Bernard Flynn, John McManus, Christopher Bushe, Andrew Printer, Margaret Bott, Eric Hall, Rosina Hannah, Kathleen Delaney,

General Notices

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 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.

Preparation for the Sacraments: We welcome to 10.30 a.m. Mass this Sunday the families and children preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. Welcome also to the teachers and staff of our schools who have come to support them. During this Mass the parents will renew their Baptismal Promises and along with their children take part in the Ceremony of Enrolment.

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

Recently Deceased: Please remember in Prayer the following who died recently:

Lilian Warrilow: Her Reception is on Wednesday at 4.30 p.m. and Her Funeral mass is on Thursday 17th January at 11.30 a.m.

Ann Cowcill: Her Reception is on Wednesday 23rd January at 6.45 p.m. and her Funeral Mass is on Thursday 24th January at 12.00 Noon.

Crib Offerings: This year the Crib offerings will be shared with two special charities.

"Origins" is part of Father Hudson's Care. As an adoption agency it support people separated from their birth families through adoption or having lived in care.

Friends of the Holy Land helps the poorest Christians in the Holy Land, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan.

So far just over £575.00 has been donated.

This weekend is the last opportunity to make a contribution as the Crib and Christmas decorations will be taken down after the Evening Mass this Sunday.

Walsingham Mass and Meeting: A reminder that the next Mass for the Walsingham Association is on Wednesday 16th January at 7.00 p.m. It will be followed by a Meeting in the Parish Room. All are very welcome.

Peace Sunday: Next Sunday, 20th January, is the annual Sunday to pray for world peace and support the work of Pax Christi. Prayer cards will be available at all Masses and the second collection is the annual one to support the work of Pax Christi.

Youth Group Hub: The meeting that was to take place last Sunday has been rearranged to take place in the Parish Room this **Thursday at 7.00 p.m.** If anyone would like to help with the support of this ministry, please come along.

Quiz Night: St. Austin's School PTA have a Quiz Night in the School on Friday 1st February at 7.30 p.m. for adults only. It costs £7 per person and includes a chip supper or £3 for quiz only. Feel free to bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Enter a team or come along and join a team on the night. Further details from: lisajanesymcox@yahoo.com

Diocesan Directories: Copies of the 2018 Diocesan Directory are now available in the Piety Room. They cost £3.00 each. For those who come first a free copy of last year's Directory is available!!!!

Christian Food Help: All at CFH thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled **835** food parcels to be distributed during **December**.

Brushstrokes: There is a letter on the board in the porch from Brushstrokes thanking us for the support of the Christmas Appeal and our on going support during the year.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2019: We hope to organise the Annual Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham on the weekend of the 26th to the 28th of July in 2019. Please contact Helen Perry on 07837519253.

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.

Additional Readers: If anyone would like to join the Team of Readers to read the Scriptures at weekend Masses, please put your name on the list in the porch. Training will be arranged.

Discernment & Vocation Retreat: There are details of this weekend retreat for young women to reflect on the vocation to the religious life with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ Sisters) in Liverpool from the 15th to the 16th February. Contact Sr. Lynne at lynnefcj@hotmail.com