



**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



25<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Mass Times and Intentions**

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**Solemnity of Christ the King**

Saturday	Confessions	3.45pm – 4.15pm	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Toner and Rowlands families, RIP
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	Howard and Collins families, RIP
	Mass	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>2.30 pm</b>	<b>John Dale</b>
<i>Feria</i>			
Tuesday	Mass ( <b>In Church</b> )	<b>10.00 am</b>	C. & J. Howard
<i>Feria</i>			
Wednesday	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>James Ellis</b>
Thursday	Mass ( <b>BMT</b> )	9.15 am	Eamon McGarrigle
<i>Feria</i>			
Friday	Mass	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Maureen Payne
<i>St. Andrew</i>			
Saturday	Mass	10.00 am	Teresa Livesey
<i>St. Edmund</i>	Exposition	Until 11.30 am	
<i>Campion</i>	Confessions	10.30 am – 11.30 am	
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>			
Saturday	Confessions	3.45 pm – 4.15 pm	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	Mary & Tom Perry
	Mass	6.00 pm	Ann Healy

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: £482.90

Loose: £338.45

**Many thanks for your offerings last week**

**Quote from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia"**  
**Chapter 4 LOVE IN MARRIAGE Dialogue**

140. Show affection and concern for the other person. Love surmounts even the worst barriers. When we love someone, or when we feel loved by them, we can better understand what they are trying to communicate. Fearing the other person as a kind of "rival" is a sign of weakness and needs to be overcome. It is very important to base one's position on solid choices, beliefs or values, and not on the need to win an argument or to be proved right.

**Anniversaries**

Charles Burgess, Christopher Shortall, George & Martha Payne, Tess Moon, Anna-May Smith, Bridget O'Rourke, David Latta, Frederick Vance, Roy Winterton, Iris Burgess, Betty Plant, Michael Begley, Thomas Denham, Edith Cottrill, Shereen Slingsby, Margaret Moore, Edward Smith, Nellie Ferguson, John Lynch, Joan Lea, Joan Williams, Thomas Read, James Nield, Joseph Gray, Margaret Fuller, Joseph O'Shea, Mabel Salmon, Ellen Buckingham, Leslie Parry, Mona Chalmers, Elizabeth Jones, Maureen Payne, Florence Derry, Margaret Sullivan, Clifford Gear, Florence Hill.

## General Notices

**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 the Catholic papers a variety of cards and rosaries are available. Copies of Pope Francis most recent Apostolic Exhortation, "Gaudate et Exultate" (Rejoice and Be Glad) are available.

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember in your prayers **John Dale** whose Reception is this Sunday at 5.30 p.m. and his Funeral Mass is on Monday at **2.30 p.m.** **James Ellis** whose Reception is on Tuesday at 4.00 p.m. and his Funeral Mass is on Wednesday at **10.30 a.m.** **Fr Petroc Howell** whose Reception and Mass is at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday at St. Patrick's Church, Dudley Road, Birmingham B128 7QN. His Funeral Mass is on Friday at 12.00 Noon in St. Chad's Cathedral Birmingham B4 6EU.

**Christ the King:** We keep this Sunday as the Solemnity of Christ the King and also celebrate it as Youth Sunday. We welcome David Hannett, our recently appointed Youth Officer for our area to all the Masses this weekend. He will share with us plans to develop Youth ministry. The second collection this weekend is the annual one to support the Youth Service of the Archdiocese.

**Baptism:** Congratulation to the Clarke family whose daughter Olivia will be baptised and welcomed into the Church this Sunday.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group:** Next meeting will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 am in the Parish Room.

**St Austin's School PTFA Christmas Fair:** This will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 5.00 -7.00 p.m. Refreshments, raffle, tombolas, games and craft stalls. Raffle tickets will be sold after masses in the weekends leading up to the fair.

**St. Austin's Senior Citizens:** All members of the Group are invited to the annual Christmas Lunch at Blessed Mother Teresa School on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15 p.m. Lunch will be followed with entertainment by the pupils. The cost is £7 per person. Those wishing to attend, please contact Bryan on (01785) 601802.

**Diocesan Vacancy: School Finance and Business Adviser,** Diocesan Education Service, Don Bosco House  
<http://www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies.html>

**Christian Food Help:** All at CFH thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled 925 food parcels to be distributed during October.

**Brushstrokes:** Thank you to all who have donated food and toiletries to Brushstrokes. Please note however that we are no longer able to accept clothing apart from babies clothing. We are now appealing for **toys for Christmas for children between the ages of 3 and 11.** We ask that all toys should be new. Boys toys are particularly needed. There is no need to wrap presents as this will be done at Brushstrokes. Could all donations of toys please be in by **SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER** Thank you all for your continued support

**Grateful Thanks:** There are two letters of thanks on the board in the porch. One is from Missio thanking us for the recent collection on World Mission Sunday that raised £342.23. The other is from CAFOD for the recent Harvest Day collection that raised £1321.83.

**Scholarship Offer:** There are details on the board in the porch of a scholarship Offer at Maryvale Institute.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage 2019:** We hope to organise the Annual Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham on the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of July in 2019. A provisional booking of 36 places has been made. If anyone would like to travel on this pilgrimage, please contact Helen Perry on 07837519253.

**Advent:** Next weekend we begin a new year in the life of the Church with the First Sunday of Advent.

Once again Archbishop Bernard invites us to join the Diocesan Family in a programme of Daily Prayer and Reflection by the use of the now familiar "Walk with Me" prayer books and calendars. Copies of these are available at the back of the Church this weekend. Please help yourselves. Also please feel free to take some for friends or anyone you think would benefit from having them.

On the Sundays of Advent there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. to which all are welcome.

On the three Fridays of Advent 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December we have the Soup Lunches in the Parish Hall after the Midday Mass. The proceeds will go to support our friends in Loreto Sealdah in Kolkata.

During Advent we also encourage use of CAFOD's World Gifts Catalogue for the true spirit of Christmas giving. Copies of the catalogue are available at the back of the Church this weekend. Please help yourselves.