

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

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| **12th April 2020**  Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 251| Sunday Cycle: Year A  Psalter: Week 1| Weekday Cycle: Year 2 | | | |
| ***Easter Sunday*** | | | |
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| Sunday | Mass |  | Christina Smith |
|  | Mass |  | Holy Souls |
| Monday  ***Easter Monday*** | Mass |  | Pat Collins  Holy Souls |
| Tuesday  ***Easter Tuesday*** | Mass |  | Fr. Timothy Burke  Rose Mockler |
| Wednesday  *Easter Wednesday* | Mass |  | Patricia Farrelly  Anthony Donnelly |
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| Thursday  ***Easter Thursday*** | Mass |  | The Dowd Family  Sam Taylor |
| Friday  ***Easter Friday*** | Mass |  | Clews & J Misciskas  Bernard Ward |
| Saturday | Mass |  | John Wareham |
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| ***Easter Saturday*** |  | Mary O’Hara | |
| **Second Sunday of Easter** | | | |
| Sunday | Mass | Kath Warde | |
|  | Mass |  | People of the Parish |
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| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) | | | |

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**Anniversaries**

Louisa Cottrill, Richard Borton, Elizabeth Rollo, Henry Gage, Louisa Dewsbury, Rose Osborne, Terence Lenahan, Ellen Eley,

John Richardson, Joseph Owen, Therese Doyle, Elizabeth Mitchell, Margaret Thomas, James McKiernan, Mary Fielding, Guiseppine de Matteo, Margaret King, John Cregan, Norah Curteen-Nurse, William O’Brien, Mary Ackroyd, John Day, Arnold Maddock, William Peake, Ellen Causnett, Agnes Dingham, William Thew, Bernard Griffin, Kenneth Taylor, Catherine Cassidy, Mary O’Hara, Fr. Wilfrid Sheeran, Canon Bernard Hodgson, Fr. Walter Edwards, Fr. Anthony Browne, Fr. Peter Moore, Fr. William Smith.

**The God Who Speaks – The Year of the Word**

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

**Easter Sunday**

Love our spouse just as they are

The different behaviour patterns of Jesus’ friends are well illustrated in these Scriptures. Jesus loved each of them exactly as they were, just as He loves each of us. Our challenge is to really love our spouse, just as they are, with all the differences that we have. It’s a lifelong journey, but like Jesus’ friends, our understanding can grow.

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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: £**  **Loose: £**    ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |
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**Counters:** Group this week. Group next week

**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 on sale.

**Coronavirus Update:** We are still at **Stage 3** of the Guidelines from the Bishops Conference of England & Wales in conjunction with the NHS and the Government. Please look up on the Parish Website [**www.saintaustins.org.uk**](http://www.saintaustins.org.uk) for details from the Bishops Conference of England & Wales with regard to Liturgical Advice in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

You can also check the Diocesan Website on

[**www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk**](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)for details of various ceremonies at St. Chad’s Cathedral and the many churches throughout the Archdiocese that are live streaming the celebration of Mass.

We are hoping to be able to live stream Mass from St. Austin’s by the end of the month.

**Easter Sunday Mass on Radio:** Cardinal Vincent Nicholls will broadcast Sunday Morning Mass on Easter Sunday **at 8.00 p.m. on Local Radio.**

Fr. Michael & Fr. Joseph will celebrate Mass in private every day without a congregation and the intentions requested will be fulfilled. As always they will be printed on the opposite page.

We recognise the difficulties and the challenges of these times. This is particularly difficult as we celebrate the great Feast of the Resurrection which is at the heart of our faith. Let us continue to pay heed to the advice from the medical and scientific experts. May we continue to look out for one another and support each other in prayer.

**Christian Food Help:**All at Christian Food Help thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled **1514** food meals to be distributed during **March**. For any queries, please contact us on our new email address:

[christianfoodhelp@gmail.com](mailto:christianfoodhelp@gmail.com)

**If you know of anybody in the parish who is vulnerable or at risk of struggling to provide for themselves or their families, then please let us know so that we can try to help**.

All are welcome to tune in to the Diocesan Website [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) this Sunday at 11.00 a.m. to the live streaming of Archbishop Bernard Longley celebrating the Mass of Easter Sunday.

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember in prayer the following people who died recently:

**Fr. Timothy Burke:** Retired Parish Priest of Stone Cross, West Bromwich who died on Palm Sunday.

His Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

**Sean Kelly,** who died on March 21st . His Graveside Service took place at Tixall Road Cemetery on Thursday 9th April. A Memorial Mass will be held for him when the churches are open again.

**Thomas Henry Nicholls,** who died on April 3rd. His Graveside Service was held at Tixall Road Cemetery on Friday 10th April. A Memorial Mass will be held for him when the churches are open again.

**William Terence (Terry) Monaghan,** former member of the Parish and Chair of Governors of Blessed Mother Teresa School who died in Cambridge on Monday 6th April. His Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

**Rev. Michael Pope,** Retired Vicar of St. Lawrence Parish in Gnosall who died last week.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and the Anglican Community of St. Lawrence in Gnosall.

May they all rest in peace and rise with the Lord to share in the Glory of the Resurrection.

**Grateful thanks:** My grateful thanks to our good friend and neighbour Fr. Bob Devaney who very kindly stood in for me to conduct the Graveside Services of Sean Kelly and Tom Nicholls during the week as I am in the 70+ group and in Lockdown. I look forward to celebrating Memorial Masses with the families when our churches are open again.

**Final Thought:** As we focus on the Empty Tomb on Easter Sunday we are also conscious of our Empty Churches. From the Empty Tomb the Lord brought New Life.In God’s good time another new life will emerge from the emptiness we are experiencing now. Thanks for your many calls and messages in recent days with offers of help and support. They are greatly appreciated. Can we wish you all a very blessed and joyful Easter. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

***Fr. Michael & Fr. Joseph.***