

# ST. AUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER



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## SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021

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Sunday Cycle: Year B

Psalter: Week 4

Weekday Cycle: Year 1



### THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH



## TWENTY - EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm	Holy Mass †	Thomas O'Leary
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Holy Mass †	Kathleen Walsh
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Blessed William Howard</i>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Holy Mass †	Fr Brian Whatmore
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	12 noon	Holy Mass †	Paul and Rozina Carr
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Marie and Laurie Hawkins
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Teresa of Avilla</i>	12 noon	Holy Mass †	Alan Whiteside

† Masses open  
to the public.

## TWENTY - NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Nuptial Mass for Brydie Peck and Billy Brooke †	
	5.00 pm	Holy Mass †	William O'Hara
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Holy Mass †	K Cooney and J Madden

**A warm welcome to you all.** We pray in a particular way for those of our community who are unable to be here with us and join us via the livestream. Whether here in person or joining in at home, we unite ourselves through the prayers of the Holy Mass.

**The Diocesan Vision Prayer:** Spirit of God, descend on me this day. Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me, the Spirit of hope to inspire me, the Spirit of love to surround me and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path. Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others. Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me. Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you. Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen.

For more information about the Diocesan Vision, please visit the Birmingham Diocesan website at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision)

**We pray for: Mary Shackleton and Alan Whiteside** who died recently; for **Brydie Peck and Billy Brooke** as they prepare for their wedding this coming Saturday and for the families of **Alaia-Mae Whitehouse and Evelyn Butler** as they are prepare for their baptisms this weekend.

**At the start of a new month**, having consulted our Health and Safety Representatives, we are going to try and ‘relax’ certain elements in Mass, whilst still trying to maintain a safe environment for everyone attending. Masses on Saturday and Sunday will now only have two stewards. Hopefully by now, parishioners attending Masses will be familiar with the one-system for receiving Holy Communion. At the appropriate time, we invite you to come forward to receive, whilst still observing the floor markings in the aisle, to ensure that social distancing is kept. During Communion at the 11.00am Sunday Mass, there will be a Communion Hymn (printed on the back of this newsletter) which all are invited to join in with.....*from behind your masks!*



**Katharine House Cycling Challenge:** ‘Team St Austin’ successfully completed the Cycle Challenge last Sunday – just before the heavens opened! Many thanks to all those who sponsored the team. One member completed the 65 mile route; two members the 40 mile route and the other members the 20 mile route. Canon Michael was the last one to complete the route to fulfil what scripture says, *‘the last shall be first and the first last.’* If you haven’t already paid, there will be volunteers as you leave church today, ready and waiting to collect sponsorships.

**This Sunday we begin Prisons Week** when we pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and victims, their families, their communities, those working and volunteering in prisons and the criminal justice system.

**On Monday we keep the Memorial of Blessed William Howard.** He was the grandson of Blessed Philp Howard, Viscount Stafford. Blessed William was accused of complicity in the ‘Popish Plot’ and after two years imprisonment was beheaded at Tower Hill in 1680. On this day, we pray for the school community at Blessed William Howard School.

**This Tuesday** is the sixth anniversary since the death of Fr Brian Whatmore. There will be Mass at 12noon on that day, which we will be open to the public.

**200+ Club:** Membership to the club costs £12 per year. New members are welcome to join. Simply fill in an envelope and include your name, address and contact number, together with payment for either the six or twelve month period.

**Weekly Newsletter via email:** If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, please send your email request to [staustin.stafford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:staustin.stafford@rcaob.org.uk). Of course, if you receive one by email, you don’t need to pick one up after Mass. Our newsletter is also available each week on the parish website.



**Christian Food Help:** The work of CFH continues and we are always happy to receive food donations at the Presbytery. In September we were able to provide 1256 meals for those in need.

**Fr Alex Taylor** will be celebrating Holy Mass on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm at St Austin's. As many were unable to attend his Ordination due to restrictions, this will be our opportunity as a parish to celebrate and congratulate the 'newly' ordained priest of our Archdiocese.

**The Marist Mission** have written to thank everyone for their generosity following the recent appeal here. A total of £491 was donation, which when Gift Aid is added, is in effect well over £500.

**Brushstrokes** are receiving enquires about donations for Afghan refugees. Currently they are asking for donations of warm winter coats (men and women); shoes for (men and women); socks; nappies and rice. As the refugees are yet to be housed, and because Brushstrokes are short of storage space, donations of bedding etc are not needed yet. Many thanks to everyone who can donate any of the above items. **Any items can be dropped off and left at the Presbytery.**

**Bible Alive** is a Catholic scripture magazine which draws its strength, inspiration and direction from the liturgical cycle of the Church Year. To subscribe and receive this publication please visit <https://www.alivepublishing.co.uk/publications/bible-alive/>

**Life in the Spirit Seminar:** The Charis Diocesan Renewal Group will run 'Life the Spirit' Seminars each Wednesday at 7.30pm from 22<sup>nd</sup> September until 3<sup>rd</sup> November, with a Holy Spirit Retreat on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30am – 3.30pm. To register a place please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/life-in-the-spirit-course-with-the-archdiocese-of-birmingham>

**Volunteers needed:** The IMB at Drake Hall Women's Prison is currently recruiting volunteers who help ensure that women in the prison are treated fairly and with humanity. If you are interested in helping, please apply through the website [www.imb.org.uk](http://www.imb.org.uk) using reference 1138/Drake Hall/ 2021. For more information, please phone Tess on 01785 252272.

**Live Stream Changes:** Please note that Masses on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday (i.e. those open to the public) will no longer be livestreamed. We shall continue to livestream the Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Masses (i.e. those not open to the public) together with the 11.00am Sunday Mass but these will not be uploaded and thus not available for later watching.

**Live Streaming of Masses:** We use live streaming to enable housebound parishioners and those unable to attend Mass at this time to join in the various liturgies held at St Austin's. From time to time, at the request of the families, the livestream is also used for funerals and weddings. The new position of the camera means that only those with a need to be on the Sanctuary (e.g. the Clergy, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers) are seen, however when it comes to Holy Communion, people are briefly seen (mainly the back of heads) as they approach the priest. Images are made available live over the internet through Facebook page and can be accessed by anyone who wishes to do so. If anyone would like to clarify live streaming, please do speak with Canon Michael or Fr Simon.

**We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Anthony John Maguire, Winifred McCaffry, Winifred Risdale, Fred Geoghan, Norah Hyland, Anna Cook, Irene Charmiampowicz, Barbara Lewis, Liam Heffernan, John Fallon, Louis Sweeney, Anthony Fillingham, Arthur Roy Taylor, John O'Brien, Linda Lambert, Annette Cox, Alice McMillan, Emma Brookes, John Nelson, Marion Prince, Audrey Horton, John McAuliffe, John Dulcamara, Robert Prendergast, Pat Kehoe, Mary Stubbs, Albert Snape, Doreen Day, Harry Bentley, Patricia Booth, Annette Peake, Claire Goceniowska, Brian Hanson, William O'Hara, Ellen Fairhead, Charles Lakin, Gertrude Coghlan, Mary Vickers, Fr Thomas Power, Deacon Patrick Selwood, Fr Brian Whatmore, Fr Seamus Gilroy, Deacon Louis Kelly, Fr Edmund Cullen, Mgr Cyril Fay, Bishop Michael Glancey, Fr Thomas Rohan, Canon William Withers, Fr Charles Friel, Mgr Paul Watson.

## Hymn for Communion at 11.00am Mass

*Oh the word of the Lord, deep within my being,  
oh the word of my Lord, you have filled my mind.*

## Responsorial Psalm:

Fill us with your love  
that we may rejoice.

1 Before I formed you in the womb  
I knew you through and through,  
I chose you to be mine.  
Before you left your mother's side  
I called to you, My child, to be My sign.

3 And ev'rywhere you are to go  
my hand will follow you;  
you will not be alone.  
In all the danger that you fear  
you'll find Me near, your words my own.

2 I know that you are very young,  
but I will make you strong – I  
'll fill you with My word;  
and you will travel through the land,  
fulfilling my command which you have heard.

4 With all my strength you will be filled:  
you will destroy and build,  
for that is my design.  
You will create and overthrow,  
reap harvests I will sow – your word is mine.

**Prayer to St Roch:** O most merciful God, who through an angel, promised St Roch that all who invoked his name will be preserved from pestilent and contagious diseases. Grant that through his intercession we may be preserved from all dangers both of soul and body. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer to St Joseph:** Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

## COLLECTIONS

**Loose Plate:** £94.75

**Gift Aid:** £263.50

**Fr Hudson's Society:** £151.75

**CAFOD Family Fast:** £254.62

**Thank you for your generosity.** Standing Order remains the most cost-effective way to donate to St Austin's at this time. If you would like to consider using a Standing Order, please contact Phil Hood on 01785 211701 for more information.

**May we remind anyone coming to Mass to observe the following:** wear a face covering whilst in church (unless exempt for medical reasons); enter and exit by separate doors; sanitize hands on entry and exit; observe social distancing at all times; only sit on seats marked with green spots.

Please DO NOT attend church if you, or someone in your household, has: a high temperature or new, continuous cough or loss, or change, to your sense of taste or smell. You must stay at home and arrange a Covid test. Similarly, if anyone is awaiting a test result please do not attend.

The seating capacity at St Austin's is 89. Whilst Places of Worship remain open, we are all reminded of the need and importance for us all to be extra careful and diligent with social distancing and hygiene.

Please remember that the obligation to attend Holy Mass is still suspended.