



ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER

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Mass Times, Intentions & Ceremonies

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Psalter: Week 2 Weekday Cycle: Year I

Palm Sunday

Saturday	Confessions	3.45pm – 4.15pm	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	L Gilhooly & M Muldoon
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	Mary Tully
	Mass	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday	Mass	10.00 am	Christina Smith
Holy Week			
Tuesday	Mass	10.00 am	Linda Openshaw
Holy Week			
Wednesday	Mass	7.00 pm	In Thanksgiving
Holy Week			
Thursday	Mass	8.00 pm	Mary O'Hara
Holy Thursday			
Friday		10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Good Friday		3.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion
		7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday		10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Holy Saturday			
	Confessions	10.30 am – 11.30 am	

Easter Sunday

Saturday	Confessions	3.45 pm – 4.15 pm	
	Vigil Mass	9.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	Mark Tully
	Mass	6.00 pm	R & C McMahon

Primary School Masses: St Austin's (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa's (BMT)

Quote from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia"

Chapter 4 LOVE IN MARRIAGE. Violence and Manipulation

156. Every form of sexual submission must be clearly rejected. This includes all improper interpretations of the passage in the Letter to the Ephesians where Paul tells women to "be subject to your husbands" (Eph. 5:22). This passage mirrors the cultural categories of the time, but our concern is not with its cultural matrix but with the revealed message that it conveys. As Saint John Paul II wisely observed: "Love excludes every kind of subjection whereby the wife might become a servant or a slave of the husband... The community or unity which they should establish through marriage is constituted by a reciprocal donation of self, which is also a mutual subjection."

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: £484.30

Loose: £405.28

Many thanks for your offerings last week

Anniversaries

James McKiernan, Mary Fielding, Guiseppine de Matteo, 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, Martin Fitzpatrick, Elsie Riley, Lucy Morris, Benjamin Shelley, Peter Murphy, Nettie Rae, Canon Gerald Hodgson, Fr. Walter Edwards, Fr. Anthony Browne, Fr. Peter Moore, Fr. Reginald Slade, Fr. Patrick Downey.

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 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.

Arrangements for Holy Week: The following are our arrangements for Holy Week:

Palm Sunday: Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses this weekend.

Lenten Penitential Service: The Lenten Penitential Service for the Three Parishes with opportunities for individual Confession will be held at **St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 16th April at 7.00 p.m.**

Mass of the Oils: Archbishop Bernard Longley will celebrate Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham on Wednesday at 11.30 a.m. During the Mass he will bless the Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments the Sick, Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders in the coming year.

The Priests of the Archdiocese will renew their commitment to the Priesthood during the Mass.

Holy Thursday: 8.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper with the welcoming of the Oils, Washing of Feet. Eucharist and Watching until Midnight.

In the spirit of sharing we invite you to bring an appropriate food item for Christian Food Help and Brushstrokes to this Mass.

Good Friday:

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer in Church.

11.30 a.m. Ecumenical Walk of Witness in town.

3.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion.

Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion and the Annual Collection for the upkeep of the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

Good Friday is also a Day of Fast and Abstinence.

7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross, with Veneration of the Parish Relic of the True Cross.

Holy Saturday:

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer in Church.

9.00 p.m. Easter Vigil. Mass of the Resurrection.

Easter Sunday: Masses as usual at 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Holy Week Ceremonies at St. Anne's & St. Patrick's:

Holy Thursday: Mass at **St. Anne's** at **7.00 p.m.**

Good Friday: Liturgy at **St. Anne's** at **3.00 p.m.**

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil at **St. Patrick's** at **8.00 p.m.**

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

Alice Kathleen (Kath) Warde: Her Reception is on Tuesday 23rd April at 6.00 p.m. and her Funeral Mass is on Wednesday 24th April at 11.00 a.m.

Sean McDonnell: His Reception and Funeral Mass is on Thursday 25th April at 11.30 a.m.

Patrick Collins: His Reception is at **St. Patricks Church** at 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 25th April.

His Funeral Mass is at **St Patrick's Church** at 12.30 p.m. on Friday 26th April.

May God grant them eternal peace and rest

CAFOD thought for this week: God knows each of us by name. No one is beyond the reach of God's love.

Try and find time this week to think of those in poverty. Pray for the humility and generosity to share with those in need, with our collection of [prayers on poverty](https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/663/6010/version/7/Prayer_poverty_popular-collection-prayers.pdf).

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Padre Pio Prayer Group: The next meeting of the Group is at 10.30 a.m. on Friday 26th April in the Parish Room. All are very welcome

Senior Citizens: St. Austin's Senior Citizens are meeting for Lunch on May 1st at the Riverbank Restaurant, Stafford College at 12.00 Noon.

All senior and retired parishioners are welcome to join the group and have many talks, day trips and various social events on the first Wednesday of every month. Contact Bryan on (01785) 601802 for further details.

Christian Food Help: All at CFH thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled **1318** food parcels to be distributed during **March**.

Cycle Challenge: This year's Annual Cycle Challenge to support the work of Katharine House Hospice is on Sunday 28th April. There is a list in the porch for all who would like to join the cyclists. **Team Members are collecting sponsor names after Mass this weekend.**

Grateful thanks: Our grateful thanks to everyone who helped in so many ways to organise, prepare and take part in Deacon Louis Livesey's Funeral and Reception on Monday and Tuesday last. May he rest in peace.