

**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

Rev. David McCarrol

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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 Thursdayevening at 7.30 p.m.

**Staffordshire County Hospital:**

11.00 a.m. - 12.00 Noon.

**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 413277Website: 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

Sat: 5.30 pm. Confessions before 6 pm. Vigil Mass

Sun: 11.15 a.m. Mass

**St. Patrick’s:** *Served from St Anne’s*

Address: 48 Sandon Road, Stafford, ST16 3HF

Sun: 9.00 a.m. Confessions before 9.30 a.m. Mass.

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| **Thanks for your Offerings last week**  Gift Aid Envelopes: £ 531.20  Loose: £311.04  Catholic Communications:  Gift aid: £291.21  Loose: £132.43 |
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**Quote from Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation, “Amoris Laetitia” (The Joy of Love)**

***Chapter 4.* LOVE IN MARRIAGE.** *Love endures all things*

121 Marriage is a precious sign, for “when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage, God is, as it were, ‘mirrored’ in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God’s love for us. Indeed, God is also communion: the three Persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit live eternally in perfect unity.

And this is precisely the mystery of marriage:

God makes of the two spouses one single existence”.

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**Anniversaries**

Michael Marshall, Clarice Burrows, Frederick Cowcill, Juiseppe di Cillo, Winifred Barlow, William Riley, Wilfred Dench, Peter Craig, Archibald Fanthome, Thomas Slack, May Bullbrook, Minnie Bailey, Patricia Riley, Bridget Brown, Rita Nevin, Thomas, Robert Wearmouth, Patrick Rafferty, Mildred Fenton, Rose Smith, Bridget Wilmott, Benjamin Harper, Annie Connor, Catherine Bott, Fr. Joe Griffin, Fr. Ernest Cook, Fr. William Lyons, Mgr. John Humphreys, Fr. George Boulton, Fr. Thomas Foynes, Mgr.Wilfred Moore, Fr. Thomas Bagnall, Fr. Michael McKenna, Fr. Patrick Taylor, Fr. John Kearns.

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| **20th May 2018** | | | |  |  |
| **Pentecost Sunday** | | | |  |
| Mass Book: Page 287 | | Sunday Cycle: Year B | |  |
| Psalter: Week 3 | | Weekday Cycle: Year 2 | |  |
| **Mass Times** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | Confessions | 3.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. | |  |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 p.m. | People of the Parish |  | - |
| **Sunday** | Mass  Mass | 10.30 a.m.  6.00 p.m**.** | Lilian Handley  Sheila & Jim Scott |  |
| **Monday**  ***Our Lady Mother of the Church*** | Mass | 9.15 a.m. | Hilda Cusack |  |
| **Tuesday**  ***Feria*** | Mass **(STA)** | 9.15 p.m**.** | Joan Hadfield |  |
| **Wednesday *Feria*** | Mass | 7.00 p.m. | Michael Malone |  |
| **Thursday**  ***Feria*** | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 a.m. | Philip Morris |  |
| **Friday**  ***St.Bede*** | Mass | 12.00 Noon. | Private Intention |  |
| **Saturday**  ***St. Philip Neri*** | Mass | 10.00 a.m**.** | Private Intention |  |
| **Exposition & Confessions 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.** | | |  |
| **Trinity Sunday** | | | |  |
| **Saturday** | **Confessions** | **10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m**. | |  |
| Vigil Mass | 4.30.p.m**.** | Austin Saeki |  |
| **Sunday** | Mass. | 10.30 a.m.  6.00 p.m. | Eva & Patrick Devlin  People of the Parish |  |
| ***School Masses:*** (STA) = St. Austin’s, (BMT) = Blessed Mother Teresa’s | | | |  |  |

**Counters:** Group 4 this week. Group 1 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 weekly Catholic papers a variety of cards, rosaries are available.

**Mission Appeal:** This year it is the turn of the Comboni Missionaries (who are better known as the Verona Fathers) for the Mission Appeal throughout the Archdiocese. This weekend we extend a warm welcome Fr. Melaku. He is a Comboni Priest from Ethiopia and will celebrate and preach an appeal at all the Masses this weekend.

The second collection will support their work.

**May Mass:** The Annual May Mass of the Walsingham Association will be on May 23rd at 7.00 p.m. It will be followed with a Bring and Share Supper in the Parish Room and a meeting to plan for the July Pilgrimage.

**Walsingham Association:** This year’s Stafford Pilgrimage is from the 27th to the 29th July. Forty Four (44) places have been booked at Walsingham. Application Forms with details of Single/Double rooms and prices are available in the porch. To book a place, please take a Form and return it to the Parish Office with a non- returnable £40.00 deposit A.S.A.P.

**Twenty (28) people have signed up at this stage.**

**There are still sixteen (16) places available**

**Padre Pio Group:** The next meeting of the Padre Pio Prayer Group is on Friday 25th May in the Parish Room at 10.30 a.m. All are very welcome.

**Cycle Challenge:** Our grateful thanks to the thirty cyclists who took part in the Annual Cycle Challenge to support the work of Katharine House Hospice last Sunday 6th May. Thanks to all who have sponsored us and we look forward to collecting the sponsorship monies in the coming weeks. So far we have collected **£1113.00.**

**Senior Citizens June Meeting:** The June meeting will be in the Parish Room on Wednesday 6th June at 2.00 p.m. It will feature a Beetle Drive.

All are welcome.

**Senior Citizens Coach Trip:** All are welcome to join the Coach Trip to Llandudno on Wednesday 4th July. It will leave from Austin Friars at 9.00 a.m. and depart from Llandudno at 5.00 p.m. The cost will be about £20 if they can fill the coach. There is a list in the porch and contact Bryan on 01785 601802

**Christian Food Help:** Thanks for your continuous and generous support of Christian Food Help that enabled **1104** food parcels to be delivered during April.

**Brushstrokes Message:** Many thanks for all your very generous donations. Food and toiletries are always very welcome and there is a special need at the moment for jars of baby food.

**Welcoming Refugees:** Following the recent talk by Teresa Clement from Fr. Hudson’s Care a number of people indicated a willingness to volunteer and help.

There is a list in the porch to give details of names and contact details and indicate some the following areas of interest.

**1)** Giving lifts to and from the fortnightly Socials at St. Austin’s Parish Hall (DBS required for this). Availability of child booster seats would be helpful.

**2)** Giving lifts for occasional trips out for the families

**3)** Helping at the Socials, e.g. helping with reading, homework and games for the second hour.

**4)** Visiting homes and having conversational English sessions with men and women (DBS required)

**Diary Dates:** Please note the following dates & events:

**Sunday 10th June**: 10.30 a.m. First Communion Mass.

**Sunday 1st July**: Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford.

**Wednesday 4th July**: Bishop David McGough will visit our two Primary Schools.

**Sunday 8th July:** Bishop David McGough will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10.30 a.m. Mass.

**27th – 29th July:** Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham

**21st – 26th August:** The World Meeting of Families in Dublin, The Mackie Family to represent our Deanery

**7th - 9th September, Adoremus:** National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool. More details will follow later.