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| **2nd February 2020**  Mass Times & Intentions | | | |
| Mass Book: Page 300 | Sunday Cycle: Year A  Psalter: Week 4 | Weekday Cycle: Year 2 | | | |
| ***Presentation of the Lord*** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45pm – 4.15pm | |
|  | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | The Dorset Family |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | People of the Parish |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | Ann O’Donovan |
| Monday  ***Feria*** | **Funeral Mass** | **11.00 am** | **Ada Elizabeth Haycock** |
| Tuesday  ***Feria*** | Mass **(In Church**) | **10.00 am** | Patricia Crehan |
| Wednesday | Mass | 7.00 pm | The Harris Family |
| ***St. Agatha*** |  |  |  |
| Thursday  ***St Paul Miki*** | Mass **(BMT)** | 9.15 am | Mary Conlon |
| Friday  ***Feria*** | Mass | 12.00 Noon | Peter Carolan |
| Saturday | Mass | 10.00 am | Private Intention |
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| ***St. Jerome*** | Confessions & Exposition | 10.30 am – 11.30 am | |
| **Fifth Sunday in ordinary Time** | | | |
| Saturday | Confessions | 3.45 pm – 4.15 pm | |
| ***Feria*** | Vigil Mass | 4.30 pm | Private Intention |
| Sunday | Mass | 10.30 am | People of the Parish |
|  | Mass | 6.00 pm | Margaret Finney |
| Primary School Masses: St Austin’s (STA) & Blessed Mother Teresa’s (BMT) | | | |

**ST. AUSTIN’S NEWSLETTER**

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**Parish Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

**Priest in Residence:** Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi

**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 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: £619.60**  **Loose: £429.50**      ***Many thanks for your offerings last week*** |
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**Anniversaries**

Michael Dolan, John Treadwell, Tilly Dulcamara, George Thompson, Mervyn Greenslade, Joseph Kerr, Stanislaw Spalek, Joseph Dale, Mary Murray, James Bryil, Mary Duffy, Michael McArthur, Gertrude Howard, Sheila Kelly, Harry Rogers, Marie Hawkins, Hildegard Hall, William Brookes, Harold Thorp, Thomas O’Neill, Monica Lesse, Olive Wise, David Cottrill, Gertrude Littlewood, Elsie Ball, Gertrude Howarth, Marian Szymanski, Dora Price, Gladys Henegan, Florence Gallacher, Mary Mugan, John Groves, Florence Aukim, William Gibson, Jason Merricks, Agnes Owen, Joseph Freeman, Agnes Owen, Joseph Feenan .

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

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

**The Presentation of the Lord**

Avoiding issues to ‘keep the peace’

When Mary and Joseph went to the Temple, Simeon blessed them, saying their child would be rejected. When we take our child for baptism, we are given a candle, a reminder ‘to keep the flame of faith alive’. This can be difficult, but let us not avoid the issues ‘to keep the peace’, but grow in listening and trust together.

**Counters:** Group 1 this week. Group 2 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 on sale.

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

**Ada Elizabeth Haycock:** Her Reception is at 5.30 p.m. this Sunday. Her Funeral Mass is on Monday 3rd February at **11.00 a.m**.

**Fr. Brian Doolin:** His Funeral Mass is on Tuesday at 12.00 Noon in St. Chad’s Cathedral, Birmingham

**Margaret Finney:** Her Reception is on Sunday 9th February at **5.45 p.m**. Her Funeral Mass is on Monday 10th February at **11.00 a.m**.

**Fr. Patrick Farrelly:** Priest of the Archdiocese who has died in Ireland. A Memorial Mass will be held for him at St. Mary’s Church in Cannock at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 12th February.

May God grant them eternal peace and rest.

**Senior Citizens:** The next meeting of St. Austin’s Senior Citizens Group is on Wednesday 5th February at 2.00 p.m. in the Parish Room. The Guest Speaker is John Loughran who will talk about his experiences whilst cycling on The Camino Way. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**Quiz Night:** St Austin's School is having a Quiz Night on Friday next 7th February at 7.30pm in the School Hall. Teams of between 4-6 people,

£7 per person which includes a choice of Chip Shop Supper, or £3 for the quiz only.

Feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles. Contact the school on [office@st-austins.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-austins.staffs.sch.uk) if you would like to join us.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Ladies,you are invited to a Spiritual Spa Day, an opportunity to be refreshed and renewed in God’s love, to be inspired, reflect and pray together and to be affirmed in our faith at St Austin’s Church Hall, Stafford on Saturday May 16th. Put the date in your diary, more details will follow soon.

**Racial Justice Sunday:** Next Sunday, 9th February the Catholic Church in England and Wales will keep Racial Justice Sunday. The theme for this year is:

“**You are at the heart of the Church”.**

It will celebrate the contribution the Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to racial justice matters within the church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the Travelling Communities.

To support the Church in its work with Travellers, a second collection will be taken next weekend. Your contributions however great or small will help to make a difference.

**Grateful Thanks:** There is a letter of thanks on the board in the porch from Mary Ward International thanking us for the £888.50 during Advent for our Loreto Sealdah Project in Kolkata.

**CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Could you spare some time to volunteer with **CAFOD and help children and young people** learn about global poverty, and motivate them to take action?

We are looking for **volunteers in the Stafford area**to visit Catholic schools and parish groups. For further information please contact **Joanne O’Meara at CAFOD Walsall on 01922 722944 or email**[birmingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:birmingham@cafod.org.uk)

**Christian Food Help:** All atChristian Food Help wish to thank you for your continuous generous support that enabled **920** meals to be delivered during the month of **January.**

**Year of the Word Prayer:**

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.   
Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another.   
Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.