

ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER

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22nd November 2020

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Book: Page 158. Sunday Cycle: Year A
Psalter: Week 2. Weekday Cycle: Year 2

Solemnity of Christ the King

Sunday	Mass	11.00 am	Deceased Parishioners Ann O'Hara
Monday <i>St. Columban</i>	Mass	10.00 am	Rita Griffin Angela Ravenhill
Tuesday <i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac</i>	Mass	10.00 am	Annie Lee Ann Begley
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	Mass	10.00 am	John Prior Peggy Lee
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.15 am	Pat Short Peter Reilly
Friday <i>Feria</i>	Mass	12.00 Noon	Maureen Hanson Jim Butler
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	Mass	10.00 am	Lily Turley

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday <i>Vigil Mass Sunday</i>	Mass	5.00 pm	Edna Friel
Sunday	Mass	11.00 am	People of the Parish

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

The God Who Speaks – The Year of the Word

MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Solemnity of Christ the King

Called to be symbols of the way Jesus loves

Jesus says that those who respond to others are in effect responding to him. Our call as married couples is to be a symbol of Jesus' love for us. In each small way that we show our love: doing little jobs, spending quality time together, listening, forgiving and making up, we are responding to that call and nourishing one other.

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: stannestpatrick.stafford.org.uk

Website: www.st-annes-st.org.uk

Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass 9.30 am

St. Patrick's: Served from St Anne's

Address: 48 Sandon Road, Stafford, ST16 3HF

Saturday (Vigil Mass) **1.00 p.m.**

Sunday **8.00 a.m.**

Offertory Collection

Gift Aid Envelopes: £130.00

Loose: £120.00

Many thanks for your offerings last week

Anniversaries

Norah Shelley, Wilfred Faulkner, Christine Allen, William Stubbs, John Holford, Maria Kubicka, Peter Conlon, John Harrison, Veronica McLaughlin, Charles Burgess, Christopher Shortall, George & Martha Payne, Tess Moon, Patrick Sheridan, Tereaa Worsfold, Anna-May Smith, Bridget O'Rourke, David Latta, Frederick Vance, Roy Winterton, Iris Burgess, Betty Plant, Michael Begley, Thomas Denham, Edith Cottrill, Shereen Slingsby, Margaret Moore, Edward Smith, Nellie Ferguson, John Lynch, Joan Lea, Joan Williams, Phil Terry, Fr. David Higham, Deacon Pat Linthwaite, Canon Maurice Woulfe, Fr. Michael Connolly, Canon Augustine Emery, Fr. Edward Neary.

General Notices

Message from Archbishop Bernard:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
The Bishops of England and Wales have met in prayer and dialogue to respond to the final IICSA Report into the Catholic Church. The report shows institutional failures on the part of the Church which failed to keep the vulnerable safe from abuse and failed to offer compassionate responses to those who suffered. It is with shame and profound sorrow that we recognise these failures and accept our need for a change of heart. Our first thoughts and prayers must always be for those who have suffered. In their terrible suffering we must also recognise that they are our best teachers on how to improve.

The bishops have also responded to the Elliot Report. This independent review and report was commissioned by the bishops to recommend changes that are necessary to ensure best practice in safeguarding in the Church at every level. Victims/Survivors of abuse in the Church have played a crucial role in presenting the bishops with these necessary recommendations. The bishops have accepted and will implement all the recommendations contained in both the Elliot and the IICSA Reports.

Safeguarding is the work of all of us in the Church. I wish to thank all the volunteers and clergy in our parishes who help to ensure that they are safe places for all-comers. The IICSA Report acknowledges the vast improvements

over the last 20 years in safeguarding practices. The acceptance and implementation of the Elliott Review recommendations will help us all improve further. The Bishops' Conference, under the leadership of Cardinal Vincent, is committed to improve our practices and our responses to those who have suffered.

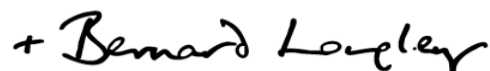
Abuse has no place in the Church. The Archdiocese will always report allegations to and co-operate fully with the police and statutory agencies. I invite anyone who has suffered abuse to contact the police or if appropriate to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team: safeguarding@rc-birmingham.org.

I would encourage you to read the Bishops' Statement in full.

Thank you for your prayers for all those who have suffered abuse, within and beyond the Church, as well as for Cardinal Vincent and the bishops at this important moment.

With my prayers and every kind wish.

Yours devotedly in Christ,



Prayer for the Abused

*Almighty and Everlasting Father,
console the hearts of all victims of abuse within
society.*

*May your compassionate love
and the support of those around them
heal the wounds in their souls.*

*In the midst of their distress,
may their hearts be strengthened
by certainty of your love for them.*

*We also pray that their faith in humanity
may be restored by the many acts of charity
you work through your faithful servants.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.