



ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER

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Parish Priest: Canon Michael Neylon

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6th January 2019

Mass Times and Intentions

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Solemnity of the Epiphany

Saturday	Confessions	3.45pm – 4.15pm	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	Mollie & Robert Merredith
	Mass	6.00 pm	Mary Walsh
Monday	Mass	10.00 am	Mary & James Holford
<i>Christmas Feria</i>			
Tuesday	Mass (STA)	9.15 am	Private Intention
<i>Christmas Feria</i>			
Wednesday	St. Joseph's	10.30 am	Trainor, Bowen & Shiels
<i>Christmas Feria</i>			
Thursday	Mass (BMT)	9.15 am	Vincent Roughan
<i>Christmas Feria</i>			
Friday	Mass	12.00 Noon	Private Intention
<i>Christmas Feria</i>			
Saturday	Mass	10.00 am	Private Intention
<i>Christmas Feria</i>			
	Exposition	Until 11.30 am	
	Confessions	10.30 am – 11.30 am	

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday	Confessions	3.45 pm – 4.15 pm	
	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Stephen Neeson
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	Rogers, Dale & Rochester
	Mass	6.00 pm	People of the Parish

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

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: £590.35

Loose: £429.74

Many thanks for your offerings last week

Quote from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia"

Chapter 4 LOVE IN MARRIAGE. The World of Emotion

145(Continued) To believe that we are good simply because "we feel good" is a tremendous illusion. There are those who feel themselves capable of great love only because they have a great need for affection, yet they prove incapable of the effort needed to bring happiness to others. They remain caught up in their own needs and desires. In such cases, emotions distract from the highest values and conceal a self-centredness that makes it impossible to develop a healthy and happy family life.

Anniversaries

Ernest Wood, Kate Burton, Violet Follows, Catherine Hulme, Elizabeth Stubbs, Vincent Thomas, Ronald Eley, Don Treadwell, Francis Thompson, Roger Thow, Grace Fenton, Mable Payne, Peter Ryan, Ena Ellis, John Bayliffe, Joseph Haynes, Michael Loftus, Avis Badger, Barrie Hollinshead, John Edwards, Michael Green, Patrick Fox, William Loughran, Bridget Sharkey, Nellie Howard, Ivy Evans, Edward Behan, Sinead Scott Mullen, Eliza Brookes, Gordon Henry, Edith Smith, Jadwiga Kasinska, Sylvia Lant, Terrence Kehoe, Mary Hawkins, Jean O'Gorman,

General Notices

Counters: Group 1 this week. Group 2 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 the Catholic papers a variety of cards and rosaries are available.

Solemnity of the Epiphany: This weekend is the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the First weekend Mass of the New Year. We wish you all a very happy new year and pray that it will bring us many blessings.

New Term: We also wish a very happy new year to all our teachers, staff and pupils returning to school to begin a new term this Monday.

Church Cleaning: All help will be appreciated with the church Cleaning after the 10.00 a.m. Mass on Monday.

Youth Ministry: Following David Hannett's talk to us on Youth Sunday a number of people have offered to help with setting up the Youth Hub in St. Austin's. If you are an adult who would like to help or a young person who would like to take part you are all welcome to come to a meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.00 p.m. after the evening Mass on this Sunday, 6th January 2019.

Crib Offerings: The Crib helps us to focus on the deeper meaning of Christmas: the love of God embracing our frail humanity, our call to love God and our neighbour as ourselves.

It is customary to place an offering in the Crib. As in previous years the Crib offerings this year will be shared with two special charities.

"Origins" is part of Father Hudson's Care. As an adoption agency it support people separated from their birth families through adoption or having lived in care.

Friends of the Holy Land helps the poorest Christians in the Holy Land, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan.

So far just over £459.00 has been donated.

Senior Citizens: The next meeting of St. Austin's Senior Citizens is on Wednesday 9th January at 2.00 p.m. in the Parish Room. Douglas Grantham will give a presentation on his recent Pilgrimage to Rome. All are very welcome.

Diocesan Directories: Copies of the 2018 Diocesan Directory are now available in the Piety Room. They cost £3.00 each. For those who come first a free copy of last year's Directory is available!!!!

Christian Food Help: All at CFH thank you for your continuous and generous support that enabled **835** food parcels to be distributed during **December**.

Brushstrokes: There is a letter on the board in the porch from Brushstrokes thanking us for the support of the Christmas Appeal and our on going support during the year.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2019: We hope to organise the Annual Stafford Pilgrimage to Walsingham on the weekend of the 26th to the 28th of July in 2019. Please contact Helen Perry on 07837519253.

Walsingham Mass and Meeting: A reminder that the next Mass for the Walsingham Association is on Wednesday 16th January at 7.00 p.m. It will be followed by a Meeting in the Parish Room. All are very welcome.

Birmingham Lourdes Pilgrimage NEEDS YOU! Joining the annual Birmingham Pilgrimage to Lourdes as a nurse or carer is an opportunity to do something completely different and to make a real difference. Whatever your background if you have an open and caring attitude and a sense of humour you will be welcome. This year several of our regular volunteers are unable to join us and we need you in order to continue to take assisted pilgrims to Lourdes. For more information, check out the website <https://www.birminghamlourdeshospitalite.com> See the poster in the porch or speak with Rita Mather on 01785 226933.

Recently Deceased: Please remember in Prayer the following who died recently:

Lilian Warrilow: Her Reception is on Wednesday 16th January at 4.30 p.m. and Her Funeral mass is on Thursday 17th January at 11.30 a.m.

Ann Cowcill: Her Reception is on Wednesday 23rd January at 6.45 p.m. and her Funeral Mass is on Thursday 24th January at 12.00 Noon

Monthly Mass: The Monthly Mass at St. Joseph's Convent Nursing Home is on Wednesday next, 9th January at 10.30 a.m. All are very welcome.

Additional Readers: If anyone would like to join the Team of Readers to read the Scriptures at weekend Masses, please put your name on the list in the porch. Training will be arranged.