



### ST. AUSTIN'S NEWSLETTER

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**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Neylon

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#### 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020

##### Mass Times & Intentions

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##### **Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul**

Sunday	Mass	10:30am	People of the Parish Special Intention
Monday <i>Feria</i>	Mass	10.00 am	Private Intention Kevin Godwin
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	Mass	10.00 am	Margaret Treadwell Private Intention
Wednesday <i>St. Oliver Plunkett</i>	Mass	7.00 pm	Christina Smith Michael Joyce
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	Mass	10.00 am	Biddy Treadwell Maureen Bergin
Friday <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i>	Mass	12.00 Noon	Terence Morgan Special Intention
Saturday <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	Mass	4.30 pm	Matt. McKiernan Mary Conlon
<b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
Sunday	Mass	10.30 am	People of the Parish  Peter Farrell
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: £360.00**

**Loose: £210.00**

**Many thanks for your offerings last week**

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

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

#### Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul

#### The Power of Love

Peter, the denier, and Paul, the persecutor, both familiar with failure, were overwhelmed by the power of love and gave up their own lives. Let us rejoice in our calling to love as Jesus did, to lay down our lives for each other, willingly and gladly. Our lives might be the only Bible that some people will ever read.

#### Anniversaries

Cecilia Smallwood, Winifred Parsons, Christina Howard, Mary Allen, Mary O'Brien, Christina Smith, Eileen Clowes, William McLaughlin, Isabella Adamson, William Howard, Frank Cunnion, Tad Cymbaluk, Margarie Maguire, Margaret Hogan, Ann Johnson, Ruth Abrahams, Winifred Cullum, Fr. John McMorro, Fr. William O'Malley, Mgr. Patrick Corrigan, Canon Francis Dudley, Fr. Michael Cullinan.

## General Notices

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember in your prayer our two parishioners who died last week after long battles with illness. They are:

**Maureen Bergin & Margaret (Biddy) Treadwell.** Our thoughts and prayers are with their families. There are no details of Funeral arrangements as yet but Fr. Joseph and I will offer Mass for them on Thursday. May they rest in God's peace.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Our thoughts and prayers are with the pupils and families who were to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop Bernard Longley this Sunday. We know it is a big disappointment for everyone. A very special word of thanks to the teachers and staff of our two primary schools who have continued the work of preparation with the pupils of Year 6. We will have a special prayer for them at Mass this weekend and rearrange their Celebration at a later date when we can safely open our churches for public worship.

**Reopening of Churches:** Thanks to the trojan work of our Health & Safety Representatives along with the Volunteer Cleaners and Stewards. We look forward to opening our three churches in Stafford for Private Prayer this coming week.

We have made the following arrangements  
Monday: St. Austin's 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.  
Tuesday: St. Patrick's 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.  
Wednesday: St. Anne's 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.  
Thursday: St. Patrick's 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.  
Friday: St. Anne's 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.  
Saturday: St Austin's 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.  
We will review the situation from time to time depending on responses and any changes that may be announced by the Government or the Bishops Conference. For the present be aware of the following arrangements:

The church is open **ONLY** for **PRIVATE PRAYER**.

Entry and Exit by separate doors

Sanitize hands on entry and exit

**Toilets will NOT be open**

Seating arrangements for twenty six (**26**) people at one time, observing social distancing.

Follow the Stewards instructions.

Most of all enjoy being back in church.

**Diocesan Position:** The Archdiocese is seeking a voluntary part time Trust Secretary to assist the Trustees in good "corporate practices".

Details can be found on the diocesan website [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs) and on the parish website.

**Reopening Churches for Mass:** There is a letter on the Parish Website from the Four Archbishops of England following the announcement on Tuesday that places of worship may open for prayer and services from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July onwards.

As with the reopening for Private Prayer certain guidelines and instructions must be followed. We will keep you informed of developments

**Christian Food Help:** We are now discontinuing our regular deliveries until the lockdown has been lifted, but are still accepting food donations and are happy to help anybody who is vulnerable or at risk. If you have any queries, please contact us at [christianfoodhelp@gmail.com](mailto:christianfoodhelp@gmail.com)

**Mental Health Tips for Lockdown:** These have been provided by Paul Farmer who is the Chief Executive of MIND, the Mental Health Charity.

**Sleep well,**

**Eat well,**

**Exercise well,**

**Meditate and pray well,**

**Identify** someone you trust who you can talk to -  
**Really talk to,**

**Improve** your listening skills

**Avoid** social media and too much news

**Take up** or revive a pastime or hobby