



ST AUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

Address: 82 Wolverhampton Road, Stafford, ST17 4AW

Telephone: 01785 223553

Email: staustin.stafford@rcaob.org.uk

Facebook: St. Austin's, Stafford **Twitter:** @SaintAustins

Parish Website: www.saintaustins.org.uk

Diocesan Website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Parish Priest: Canon Michael Neylon **Curate:** Fr. Steven Fleming
Parish Safeguarding Representative: Mrs. Sue Kelly, 07875549906

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No 234216



Sunday 10th December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Book: Page 85 | Sunday Cycle: Year B

Psalter: Week 2 | Weekday Cycle: Year I

Saturday 9 th	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Thomas O'Donovan
Sunday 10 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	The Skelton Family
Monday 11 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	The Payne Family
Tuesday 12 th	9.00 a.m. (BWH) 6.00 p.m.	Holy Mass Holy Mass	The Norman Family Carmel Dickens
Wednesday 13 th	12.00 Noon.	Requiem	Carmel Dickens
Thursday 14 th	9.15 a.m. (in Church) 11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass Requiem	The Adams Family Anna Sliwinska
Friday 15 th	9.15 a.m. (BMT) 12.00 Noon.	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Marie Ainsworth Paul Nulty

Third Sunday of Advent Year of Mark (Year B)

Saturday 16 th	5.00 pm	Holy Mass	Rita & James King
Sunday 17 th	11.00 am	Holy Mass	Graham Doust

Prayer for the People of Ukraine: O God, merciful and strong, who crush wars and cast down the proud, look with mercy upon the Ukrainian people. Protect them from aggression. Grant them peace and steadfast trust in your love. Give them courage to defend what is good, right, and holy; and provide for all their needs. Through the powerful intercession of the Mother of God, Protectress of Ukraine, and St Michael the Archangel, Patron of Kyiv, banish violence swiftly from their midst and wipe away all tears. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata Primary

Somerset Road, Stafford, ST17 9UZ

Telephone: 01785 413276

Website: www.blessedmotherteresas.staffs.sch.uk

St. Austin's Primary

Garden Street, Stafford, ST17 4BT

Telephone: 01785 413277

Website: www.st-austins.org.uk

Blessed William Howard High School

Rowley Avenue, Stafford, ST17 9AB

Telephone: 01785 244236

Website: www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk

CATHOLIC STAFFORD

St. Anne's: Parish Priest: Fr. Robert Devaney

Lynton Avenue, Stafford, ST17 0EA

Telephone: 01785 661012

Email: stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk

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

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday Mass: 10.00am

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

48 Sandon Road, Stafford, ST16 3HF

Email: stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4.00pm

Sunday Mass: 9.00am

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Loose Plate: £167.36

Gift Aid: £256.50

Thank you for your generosity. Standing Order remains the most cost-effective way to donate to St Austin's at this time. If you would like to consider using a Standing Order, please contact Phil Hood on 01785 211701 for more information.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Matilda Scarlett, Ellen Duggan, Mary Doherty, Michael Molloy, Jean Harrison, John Shortall, Wladyslaw Gratoski, Jean Bradley, Cyril Campbell, Valentine O'Toole, Louis Good, Rose Beardmore, Helen Sefton, John Livesey, Frank Turner, John Moore, Gladys Honeyford, Ted Gough, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Carmel Norman, Magda Barea, Mary Brookes, Florence Betteridge, William McGraney, Frederick Key, George Brasiwsskas, Doris Sillito, William Dench, Rachel Foreman, Leonard Gibson, Mary Martin, Laura Ross, Tony Rogers, John Stubbs, Mary McIlree, Jeanie Hales, Monica Currall, Pauline Adams, Christine Merricks, Agata Herus, Rose English, Rose Winters, Patrick Smith, Macauley Gilbert, Brenda Dodd, Arnold Jones, Joseph Bishop, George Oliver, Patricia Thomas, Brenda Green, Fr. Vincent Lucas, Mgr. Canon Francis Harold Drinkwater, Fr. William Henry Browne, Fr. John Ellis, Fr. Cyril Barlow, Fr. Joseph Rowland, Fr. Denis Ryan, Deacon Bryan Salter, Deacon Henry Atkinson, Fr. Fergus O'Connell, Fr. John Dewis.

Welcome: A warm welcome to all as we gather in faith to celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent.

“Walk With Me” Once again Archbishop Bernard invites us to join the Diocesan Family in the now familiar daily programme of Prayer and Reflection during Advent. ***Please help yourselves to copies of the “Walk with Me” Prayer Books at the back of the Church.***

Poor Mission Parishes: The second collection next weekend is the annual one for the Poor Mission Parishes of the Archdiocese

Golden Jubilee: Congratulations to Mary and Robert Skelton celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend. We welcome them along with family and friends to the 11.00 a.m. Mass this Sunday.

Advent Carol Service: All are welcome to our Annual Advent Carol Service this Monday 11th December at 7.00 p.m. We look forward to the students and Staff of Blessed William Howard Catholic High School leading us In Scripture Readings, Prayer and Song.

Children’s Liturgy: The Children’s Liturgy is celebrated in the Parish Room at the 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Our grateful thanks to our catechists and parents for their dedication and commitment.

Holy Hour: There is a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday with opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

Bible Timeline: The Bible Timeline programme continues this **Wednesday** in the Parish Room at 7.00 p.m. All are very welcome. ***Please note change of day.***

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

Carmel Dickens: Reception with Mass is on Tuesday at **6.00 p.m.** Funeral Mass on Wednesday at **12.00 Noon.**

Anna Sliwinska: Reception is on Wednesday at **6.00 p.m.** Funeral Mass on Thursday 14th at **11.00 a.m.** May they rest in peace.

Advent Soup Lunches: Thanks to all who came to the Soup Lunch on Friday after the Midday Mass. Thanks also to the team who made and served the lunch. The funds raised support Loreto Sealdah in Kolkata. Stars for the Christmas Tree will be on sale after the Masses on the weekend 9th / 10th and 16th / 17th December.

Rosary Prayer Group: All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group who meet every Monday at **2.00 p.m.** in the Chapel of St. Joseph’s Convent Nursing Home.

Christmas Mass Arrangements: The Vigil Mass on Saturday 23rd December and the Morning Mass on Sunday 24th December will be celebrated as the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Eve Masses Sunday 24th December:

6.00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick’s

7.00 p.m. Mass at St. Anne’s

9.00 p.m. Mass at St. Austin’s

Christmas Day Masses Monday 25th December:

9.00 a.m. St. Patrick’s

10.00 a.m. St. Anne’s

11.00 a.m. St. Austin’s

The Universe: Copies of the Catholic weekly are on sale in the Piety room at £3.50 each.

Christian Food Help: We thank all our donors and volunteers for their continuous and generous support. **3130** meals were delivered in November. As you consider what donations to make, be aware that a typical family food parcel will include pasta, tinned meals, tinned vegetables, tinned soup, beans, tinned puddings, tea, milk & cereal. Many thanks.

Grateful Thanks: There are letters on the board in the porch from Missio thanking us for the World Mission Sunday collection that raised £330.75. Also one from CAFOD for the £738.50 raised from the October Family Fast Day.

Handel’s Messiah: Stafford Choral Society will be giving a charity performance of Handel’s Messiah on Tuesday 19th December at 7.15 p.m. in the Collegiate Church of St. Mary’s Church, Stafford. There are details on the board in the porch.

World Gifts: Please help yourselves to a copy of CAFOD’s World Gifts in the porch. It features the true spirit of Christmas giving.

Missio Calendars 2024: Please help yourselves to the Missio 2024 calendars in the porch.

Church Decorations: All help will be appreciated with decorating the Church for Christmas from Midday onwards on Wednesday 20th December.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mrs Sue Kelly. They can be contacted at: sg.staustin.stafford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.