



ST AUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Saturday 27 th	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Monica Kenning
Sunday 28 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Eva & Patrick Devlin
Monday 29 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	The Browne Family
Tuesday 30 th	9.15 a.m. (STA) 10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass Holy Mass	People of the Parish Survivors of Abuse
Wednesday 1 st	12.00 Noon	Holy Mass	Helen Arnold
Thursday 2 nd	9.15am (BMT) 10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass Holy Mass	The O'Leary Family Sally Hughes
Friday 3 rd	9.00 a.m. (BWH) 12.00 Noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Helen Arnold Mary Lynskey

6th Sunday of Easter Year of Mark (Year B)

Saturday 4 th	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Phyllis Whiston
Sunday 5 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Sheila & Bryan Tunney

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

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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: £274.87

Gift Aid: £244.53

Clergy Training Fund: £503.41

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: Sarah Toner, James O'Mara, Alice Wood, Kenneth Wagstaff, Teresa Overson, Helen Arnold, Ann Fitzpatrick, Brendan Costelloe, Madge Challenger, Thomas Barr, Eric Walton, Thomas Grennan, Gustav Parciankowski, Margaret Wykes, Mary Dench, Bridget Knight, Francis Walker, Alastair Arthur, Austin Brookes, Margaret Toner, Jordan Reid, John Keating, Thomas Mitchell, Michael Shelley, Colin O'Gorman, Manoli Voudouris, Albert Bray, Kazimiera Deacon, Chiarah Grantham, Fr. Peter Cooney, Fr. Peter Heath, Deacon James Fantham, Fr. Thomas William O'Connor, Fr. David Duggan.

Welcome: A warm welcome to all as we gather to celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

New Auxiliary Bishops: We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Canon Richard Walker and Monsignor Timothy Menezes who have been appointed Auxiliary Bishops by Pope Francis. Canon Richard is at present the Vicar General of the Archdiocese and Monsignor Timothy is the Administrator and Dean of St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham. We wish them every blessing in their new appointments and offer them our prayerful support.

Urgent Sudan Crisis Appeal: CAFOD has issued an urgent appeal to all parishes in England and Wales to help with the Sudan Crisis. Families in Sudan are facing extreme hunger, and 25 million people need urgent help.

CAFOD has immediately released £150,000 from their funds to support their local partners, including Caritas Sudan, and there is an urgent need for them to scale up their emergency response.

To support this work, we have a second collection this weekend. Apologies for the short notice but we're sure you appreciate the urgency of the situation. Please refer to the CAFOD Poster on the board in the porch.

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

Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy is celebrated at the 11.00 a.m. Sunday Mass. A big thank you to all our catechists and helpers for their dedication and commitment to this ministry.

ALPHA COURSE Monday Nights at 7.00 p.m. in St Anne's Church Hall. It isn't too late to start. Just turn up on the night. There is no need to book. Alpha is a series of Group Conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open and friendly environment. You also get a free meal.

We also have **Youth Alpha** on the same night in a different space for age 11-18 years.

Church Cleaning: All help will be appreciated with the Church Cleaning after the Midday Mass on Wednesday.

May Devotions: As part of our devotion to Mary our Mother, we will pray the Rosary after every weekday Mass during the month of May. All are very welcome.

Piety Room: The Piety Room has recently been restocked with a variety of cards and various items of piety. First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and other gifts will be of special interest at this time.

Missio: Thanks to all who pray and support the missionary work of the Church through Missio, formerly known as the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, (APF).

There are copies of the Spring Edition of its publication Mission Today available in the porch. Please help yourselves or take one for a friend.

Red Mission Boxes: If anyone has a Missio Red Mission Box that needs to be emptied, please let us know or bring it to the Presbytery.

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.

Christian Food Help: We thank all our donors and volunteers for their continuous and generous support. **2726** meals were delivered in **March**. 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.

200+ Club: The 6 Month payments are due now. Please take an envelope from the porch for your contribution and return it through the Presbytery Door as soon as possible.

Day of Prayer: Tuesday next is the Annual Day of Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse. Let us keep them constantly in our prayers.

Diary Dates: This year First Holy Communion for the children and families of our two Primary Schools will be celebrate at the **11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 19th May.**

Sacrament of Confirmation: This year as part of our three parishes working together, we are bringing the pupils of our four primary schools together for one celebration of Confirmation. We will rotate the celebration in each church every year. **This Year it will take place at St. Patrick's Church at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 13th June.**

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.