



# ST AUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

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**Psalter: Week 2 | Weekday Cycle: Year I**

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Phyllis Whiston
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Sheila & Bryan Tunney
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Anne & Peter Carolan
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7.00 p.m.</b>	Holy Mass	Alice & Tom McCabe
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b> <b>7.00 p.m.</b>	Holy Mass Holy Mass	People of the Parish Kay Savage
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 Noon	Holy Mass	Ann & Leonard Worrall

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year of Mark (Year B)

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Michael Salmon
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Kathleen Sullivan

**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](http://www.blessedmotherteresas.staffs.sch.uk)

### St. Austin's Primary

Garden Street, Stafford, ST17 4BT

Telephone: 01785 413277

Website: [www.st-austins.org.uk](http://www.st-austins.org.uk)

### Blessed William Howard High School

Rowley Avenue, Stafford, ST17 9AB

Telephone: 01785 244236

Website: [www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.bwh.staffs.sch.uk)

## CATHOLIC STAFFORD

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

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Website: [www.st-annes-st.org.uk](http://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](mailto:stannestpatrick.stafford@rcaob.org.uk)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4.00pm

Sunday Mass: 9.00am

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

**Loose Plate: £176.01**

**Gift Aid: £276.66**

**CAFOD Sudan Appeal: £548.30**

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:** Seamus Ludlow, Douglas Gosling, Peter Scahill, Bernard Chadwick, Kazimiera Platek, Kathleen Hall, Elizabeth Beard, Eileen Dempsey, Peter John Godwin, Sarah Davies, James Gallagher, Margaret King, Evelyn Grant, Frederick Dean, Minnie Dyke, Peter Brady, Leonard Worrall, John Keoghan, Patrick Murray, Helena O'Leary, Liam Trainor, Robert Wilcox, Frank Woollaston, George Warde, Catherine Harper, Ken Aukim, Kathleen Sullivan, Jennifer Nelson Taylor, Patricia Watkin, Phillip Wilmott, Fr. Michael Byrne, Canon Bernard Hurrill, Fr. James Dutton, Fr. Donal O'Connor, Bishop Joseph Gray, Fr. Francis Carr, Fr. Walter Joret, Fr. Patrick Cocklin, Deacon James Duffy, Canon Francis Woodward

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

A very special welcome to Sheila and Bryan Tunney to the 11.00 a.m. Mass this Sunday as they celebrate their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary. During the Mass they will renew their marriage promises and receive a blessing. We offer them our congratulations and best wishes.

**Ascension Thursday:** Next Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension as a Holyday.

We have a **Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7.00 p.m.** and Masses on **Thursday at 10.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.**

Masses at our sister parishes are as follows:

**St. Patrick's is at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday.**

**St. Anne's 11.15 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Thursday.**

**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. *A note from the leaders*

*"We welcome children aged 4 years and under, however ONLY if they can be accompanied by a responsible adult - Many Thanks".*

**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.

**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.

**Cursillo Message: Save the date,** All are warmly invited to a Cursillo Encounter Day at St Anne's Parish Hall on **Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>**. A day of fun, fellowship and formation. More details to follow. If you can't wait until July there will be an Encounter afternoon at **Cooloch Newcastle-under-Lyme, Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> with Afternoon Tea.** Further details see the poster in the porch.

**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:** 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. **2712** meals were delivered in **April**. 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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> June.**

**New Publication:** There is a poster on the board in the porch with details of a new publication by Helen Harwood : **"Churches of Staffordshire"** It has features on twelve Catholic Churches including St. Austin's.

*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](mailto:sg.staustin.stafford@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*