



# ST AUSTIN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

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**Psalter: Week 3 | Weekday Cycle: Year I**

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
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Sally Hughes
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 Noon	Holy Mass	Pam Knowles
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	Krysten Snyder
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 a.m. (BWH)	Holy Mass	Sally Carter
	12.00 Noon	Holy Mass	Private Intention

## Pentecost Sunday Year of Mark (Year B)

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 p.m.	Holy Mass	Christopher Salmon
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

**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

Lynton Avenue, Stafford, ST17 0EA

Telephone: 01785 661012

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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: £ 229.5**

**Gift Aid: £ 403.38**

**CAFOD Appeal: £ 103.00**

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:** Norah Williams, Stan Szarfanski, Joyce Gibbons, Clarice Leeson, William Allardice, Jean Reilly, Douglas Gosling, David Rollo, James Kelly, Matthew McKiernan, Iris Salmon, Guisepe Peverelle, Mary Dench, Cyril Sandy, Trevor Finch, John Barry, Norman McMillan, Joseph Grundy, Jan Szumsk, Daisy Drew, Francis Calis, Bridget Clay, Elise Spilsbury, Marion Machin, Matilda Carolin, Aniela Nahajska, Mary Dawkes, Joseph Page, Bridget Stanley, Fr. Cathal Cassidy, Fr. Denis Hickling,

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

It is also World Communications Day. It is a day to pray and thank God for the gifts associated with the media of social communication and to pray for their use in making the Good News of the Gospel known to the world. The Second Collection this weekend is the annual one to support the work of Catholic Communications.

**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 they 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.

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

**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.

**Amendment Vote:** On May 15<sup>th</sup> MPs will vote on Liam Fox's Down's Syndrome equality amendment to stop abortion up to birth for Down's Syndrome. We are encouraged to urge our MPs to support the amendment. It can be done online. For more details go to:  
[www.dontscreenusout.org/timeforchange](http://www.dontscreenusout.org/timeforchange)

**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.

**New Candidate:** Our congratulations and best wishes to Tenny Anthony now in his fourth year of training for the Priesthood at Oscott College. He had a Parish Placement with us in January 2022. He received Candidacy along with four other students at Oscott College last Wednesday.

**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.

**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.

**First Holy Communion:** On Sunday next, Pentecost Sunday we will celebrate First Holy Communion with **TWENTY THREE** children from our two parish schools at the 11.00 a.m. Mass. As we anticipate a larger than usual congregation of families and visitors some people may prefer to attend the Vigil Mass on Saturday or Mass at St. Anne's or St. Patrick's on Sunday.

*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.*