

PARISH BULLETIN

The Catholic Parishes of St Augustine of Canterbury, Meir; St Filumena, Caverswall & St Mary, Cresswell

14th January 2018

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

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NEWS FROM THE PARISHES



BIBLE STUDY meets on Thursdays at 19:30 in the St Augustine's Presbytery. We spend time looking at the Mass Readings for the following Sunday – why not join us?

JOURNEY IN FAITH – This course is for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Sessions are on Thursdays in term time at 19:30 in St. Augustine's Sacristy. Next session, Thursday 18th January.

CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS requiring preparation for the Sacraments and **non-Catholic children in Catholic Schools** wishing to become Catholics. Next session, Saturday 20th January, after 9:30 Mass in St. Augustine's Presbytery. For more information please contact Gabrielle Halliday on 07764 245344.



PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will take place at St. Augustine's on January 24th at 19:00. Parents and Godparents are invited. Please inform a member of clergy after Mass on Sunday if you wish to attend.



PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 14:30 in the St Augustine's sacristy.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW - winners in January:

1st Prize – P. Preece; 2nd Prize – E. Borthwick; 3rd Prize T. Moreton. Congratulations! Collecting now for 2018 – only £12 per number for 12 monthly draws – see Albert Griffin.



ST FILUMENA'S TOTE - winners for December: 1st Prize – G. Thorley, 2nd Prize – L. Bennett, 3rd Prize – S. Thursfield. Congratulations!

Thank you for being in the Tote in 2017. We are now collecting for 2018 and would be grateful for your contributions again. Information about the projects you have supported will be announced very soon. The Tote is £12 for the year for each number. Please hand to Mrs Glenis Woolgar or Mr Anthony Williamson.

PLEASE PRAY

For those who are ill, especially: Hollie Tomkinson, Susan Brady, Ursula Grocott, Kathleen Smith, Sarah Stevenson, Dorothy Swift, Josie Coates, Arthur Rushton, Mrs. Burton, Cekeera Grocott, Olivia Killeen, Frederick Blaize, Michele Yon, Dorothy Vasey, Molly Blurton, Margaret Smith, Betty Walton, Margaret Stones, Marjorie Birks, Vincent Coleman, Dorothy Tantrum, Val Emery, Rosa Coronato, Edigio Coronato, Doris Kelly, Dorothy Sawyer, Christopher and Elizabeth Browne, Jane Preston, Molly Crowther, Chris Kelsall, Joyce Brown, Lynn Kent, Christopher and Clifford Browne, Deacon Trevor, Janice Austin, Fr Joseph Tynan, Albert Dawson, Joan Brindley.



For those who have died recently – Pat Shufflebotham, Elsie Carter, Terence Doughty, Ester Brough and Emily Grace Field and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£270.00	of which	£102.50 was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£331.56	of which	£207.50 was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£142.17	of which	£127.50 was gift aided

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

This weekend there may be a voluntary Second Collection for Pax Christi

SAINT PAUL, THE FIRST HERMIT



Every year, on January 15th, the members of the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit (*Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae - OSPPE*) celebrate solemnity of their Patriarch (not the Founder) Saint Paul, known as Paul the First Hermit and Paul of Thebes, an Egyptian hermit and friend of St. Jerome. Paul was born in Lower Thebaid, Egypt. He grew up in an upper-class, Christian family. He was well educated, fluent in Greek and Egyptian. Paul's parents died when the boy was about 15.

During the persecution of the Christians by Caesar Decius in 250, young Paul fled to the Desert in Thebes by the Red Sea and learned to enjoy his solitary life "alone with God alone" so much, that he remained there for the rest of his life. He lived nearly ninety years in prayerful solitude, constant penance, and contemplation of God.

Before he died he was discovered by St Anthony, the Abbot, who spread the news about his holiness.

It is believed that St Paul was kept alive by the fruit of a palm tree and by a raven which daily brought him a piece of bread. He died at the age of 113, at which time, as related by St Anthony, two lions dug a grave for him.

While there is little doubt that Paul lived, the only source for details on his life are found in the "Vita Pauli" written by St. Jerome and preserved in both Latin and Greek versions.

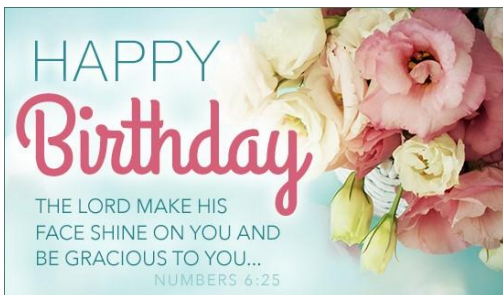
This story is captured in the coat-of-arms of the Order, showing the palm tree, two lions and a raven. The Pauline Order chose St. Paul the First Hermit as its Patron and Patriarch and thus took the name "Order of St. Paul the First Hermit". The feast day of St Paul is celebrated also in the East; and he is commemorated in the Coptic and Armenian rites of the Mass.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN JANUARY:

Sue Brady, Vincent Coleman, Shelagh Tomkinson, Julia McVay

Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday, 28th January at 11:00.


**On your birthday, we pray that God continue to pour out his blessings into your life and to the people you love.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY !**



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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St. Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St. Mary's CRESSWELL
13th January Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Jim McGowan RIP
14th January SUNDAY 2 nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B	11:00 – Maureen Shaw RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	
15th January Monday SOLEMNITY OF ST PAUL THE FIRST HERMIT – PATRIARCH OF THE PAULINE ORDER	9:30 – Rona Brandrick RIP	9:15 – Pat Shufflebotham RIP	
16th January Tuesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Elsie Carter RIP <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
17th January Wednesday <i>Memorial of St Anthony, abbot</i>	9:30 – Anthony Stones RIP	9:15 – Holy Souls	
18th January Thursday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Sister Vera RIP		
19th January Friday <i>Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop</i>	9:30 – Ivan Breese RIP 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 – Dec members of SVP	11:00 - Funeral Mass for Pat Shufflebotham RIP 13:30 - Funeral Service for Terence Doughty RIP	
20th January Saturday <i>Feria or Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9:30 – Trevor & Elaine Int		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Elsie Carter RIP
21st January SUNDAY 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B	11:00 – Dec Parish Priests & Parishioners of St. Augustine's	9:00 – People of the Parish	

 <p style="color: purple; font-size: 1.2em;">Confessions</p>	<i>Friday:</i> 18:00 – 18:45 <i>Saturday:</i> 10:00 – 10:30	<i>Sunday before Mass</i> 8:15 – 8:45	<i>Saturday before Mass</i> 17:15 – 17:45
	and <i>BY REQUEST</i>		

MASS INTENTIONS – PLEASE HAND IN ENVELOPE TO A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY

When in the church
 talk only to God before the service;
 let God talk to you during the service;
 and talk to one another after the service
 but only outside the church!

Please send items for the Parish Newsletter by Thursday evening (e-mail: augustineandmary@hotmail.com)