

PARISH BULLETIN

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

7th January 2018

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – Year B

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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Claire Tomlinson – *Principal*

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 11th 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 10th & 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 December:

1st Prize – K. Oakley; 2nd Prize – D. Gillen; 3rd Prize P. Murray. 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.

YOUNG AT HEART - St Francis Church Hall Tuesday 9th January 14:00-16:00 (gentle exercise).

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, Jean Dawson, 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** and **Emily Grace Field** and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£301.70	of which	£127.50 was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£297.63	of which	£163.20 was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£171.40	of which	£154.70 was gift aided

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

THE CATHOLIC LITURGICAL CALENDAR

The Church year or the Christian calendar, the Catholic liturgical calendar is the cycle of seasons in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church. The Church year begins each year with Advent, the season of awaiting Christ's coming, and ends with the final Saturday of Ordinary time. Within the standard calendar year, the Church year starts in early December (or sometimes the end of November) – with the First Sunday of Advent - and goes through the following November – Sunday of Jesus Christ King of the Universe.

The important dates from the Calendar till Easter:

- January 1st – Solemnity of Mary The Mother of God
- January 7th, 2018 (Sunday) – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
- January 8th, 2018 (Monday) – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
- January 9th, 2018 (Tuesday) – The Ordinary Time begins (*green colour of the vestments*)
- January 14th, 2018 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- January 21st, 2018 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- January 28th, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- February 4th, 2018 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- February 11th, 2018 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- February 14th, 2018 – **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- February 18th, 2018 – First Sunday of Lent (*violet colour of the vestments*)
- February 25th, 2018 – Second Sunday of Lent
- March 4th, 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent
- March 11th, 2018 – Forth Sunday of Lent
- March 18th, 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
- March 25th, 2018 – Palm Sunday
- April 1st, 2018 – EASTER SUNDAY – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN JANUARY:

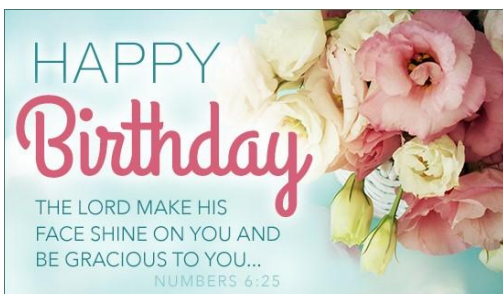
Sue Brady, Vincent Coleman, Shelagh Tomkinson, Julia McVay

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
6th January Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Private Intention
7th January SUNDAY SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Year B	11:00 – Kevin Maleedy RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	
8th January Monday FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9:30 – Maureen Shaw RIP	9:15 –	
9th January Tuesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Deceased members of St Pio prayer group <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
10th January Wednesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	9:15 – Pat Shufflebotham RIP	
11th January Thursday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Jacque Houlihan Int		
12th January Friday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Molly Crowther 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 –		
13th January Saturday <i>Feria or Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9:30 – Sr Augustine Int		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Jim McGowan RIP
14th January SUNDAY 2 nd Sunday of the Year B	11:00 – Maureen Shaw RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	

 Confessions	<i>Friday:</i> 18:00 – 18:45 <i>Saturday:</i> 10:00 – 10:30	<i>Sunday</i> before Mass 8:15 – 8:45	<i>Saturday</i> before Mass 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)