

PARISH BULLETIN

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

25th February 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 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 1st March.

CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS requiring preparation for the Sacraments and **non-Catholic children in Catholic Schools** wishing to become Catholics. Next session, Saturday 3rd March, after 9:30 Mass, in St. Augustine's Presbytery. For more information please contact Gabrielle Halliday on 07764 245344.



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

THE PARISH WEEKEND VISIT – As you already know NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE DEANERY VISITATION started on 3rd October, 2017, is still ongoing. This weekend we welcome to our three Parishes Bishop David McGough who will celebrate Holy Mass for us. The Bishop will meet the faithful after each Mass.

UPDATE FROM ST. AUGUSTINE'S PREMISES WORKING GROUP - A member of the Archdiocesan Property Services was invited to come and meet with us to discuss the stages of work necessary to prepare the Boiler House for the installation of a new boiler. It was a very positive meeting on Wednesday, and we are looking forward to receiving the ensuing report in the next few weeks, prior to drawing up a detailed plan of action.

ST AUGUSTINE'S FUND RAISERS :

Sunday 11th March (Mothers' Day) - there will be a Raffle and Sale of Plants. The proposed Cake Sale has been postponed.

Saturday 14th April - A RACE NIGHT LIKE YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE! Details coming shortly!
Donations towards prizes/raffles are very welcome.

MANY THANKS FOR ALL THE HELP AND SUPPORT GIVEN FOR RECENT EVENTS.

ST FILUMENA'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP – During Lent, on Monday afternoons from 13:30 to 15:30, at the Presbytery, there are Social Afternoons, with various activities, including tea and biscuits; and on Wednesdays, a Soup Lunch is served at 13:00-14:15, followed by Stations of the Cross in the church at 14:30.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS' Deanery Course at Holy Trinity, Newcastle, on Tuesdays 27th February and 6th March, 19:30 – SEE POSTER

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. And this Lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously.

MARRIAGE CARE in North Staffordshire is looking for volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators locally. They are holding an information evening at St Gregory's Meeting Room, Longton, on April 11th at 19:00 if you would like to know more about the role and what it involves. Otherwise please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk for details.

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, 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, Teresa Key, Ian Halliday

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For those who have died recently Gladys Mary Lumley and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£274.20	of which	£ 57.50	was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£368.00	of which	£249.00	was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£209.25	of which	£164.00	was gift aided

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

This weekend there may be a voluntary Second Collection for CAFOD

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LENT

During the weeks leading up to Easter Christians prepare for it by taking their spirituality particularly seriously. This period is called Lent. It lasts just over six weeks. Christians mark Lent by praying, confessing their failings (sins) and making decisions about how to live in a more godly way. Traditionally this has been made special by fasting. Today it can still involve giving up foods or activities that are in some way luxuries. This discipline makes prayer seem to have a sharper focus. One of the most popular Lenten devotion is The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, or Via Dolorosa (Sorrowful Way). We pray the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays (at St Augustine's) and on the Wednesdays (at St Filumena's) of Lent to call to mind the Passion of Christ, that is, the journey Jesus took from his condemnation to his death.

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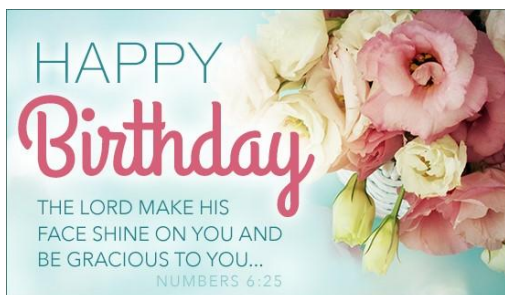
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN MARCH:

Evelyn Barber, Kathy Champion, Norma Coleman, Pam Goodwin, Beulah Gibson, Gabrielle Halliday, Moira Hewetson, Hannah Jagt, Tracy Keeling, Pauline Murray, Mary Owen, Pat Shuff,


Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday, 25th March 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
24th February Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – John Critchlow RIP
25th February SUNDAY 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B	11:00 – Intentions of those who celebrated their Birthday in February	9:00 – People of the Parish	
26th February Monday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Malcolm Lyth	9:15 – Holy Souls	
27th February Tuesday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Private Intention <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
28th February Wednesday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Gladys Beech RIP	9:15 – 14:30 – Stations of the Cross	
1st March Thursday <i>Feast of St David, Bishop Patron of Wales</i>	9:30 – Kathleen Keates RIP		
2nd March Friday <i>Feast of St Chad, Bishop FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH</i>	9:30 – Kazimierz and Helena Kuca RIP 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 18:30 – Stations of the Cross 19:00 –		
3rd March Saturday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Gabrielle & Family Ints		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – People of the Parish
4th March SUNDAY 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year B	11:00 – Fr Kaz's Intentions	9:00 – Holy Souls	
 Confessions	<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 AN ENVELOPE (WITH SUGGESTED DATE AND CHURCH PREFERENCE) 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)