

PARISH BULLETIN

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

4th February 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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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 8th February.

CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS requiring preparation for the Sacraments and **non-Catholic children in Catholic Schools** wishing to become Catholics. Next session, Saturday 17th February, 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. All are welcome.

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 January: 1st Prize – J. Thursfield, 2nd Prize – P. Bowen, 3rd Prize – M. Parton. Congratulations!

ST AUGUSTINE'S FUND RAISERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 17th February, 19:00 - QUIZ NIGHT. See Albert for tickets. PLEASE DO SUPPORT.

Sunday 11th March - CAKE STALL. Donations gratefully received.

Saturday 14th April - A RACE NIGHT LIKE YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!!!!!!

LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS COMING SHORTLY

DONATIONS TOWARDS PRIZES/RAFFLES VERY WELCOME.

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

ST FILUMENA'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP - There will be Social Afternoons, at the Presbytery, with various activities, including tea and biscuits, on Monday afternoons from 13:30 to 15:30 commencing February 5th. During Lent, on Wednesdays, there will be served a Soup Lunch beginning from Ash Wednesday at 13:00-14:15, followed by Stations of the Cross in the church at 14:30.



SICK AND HOUSEBOUND – We are concerned that there may be people in our Parishes who are no longer able to come to Mass perhaps because of illness or frailty. If you know of anyone in the Parish who would like a visit from one of the clergy, please let Fr. Kaz know.

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

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, Teresa Key, Ian Halliday



For those who have died recently – Elsie Carter and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£378.90	of which	£132.50	was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£	of which	£	was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£142.50	of which	£ 99.50	was gift aided

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

This weekend there may be a voluntary Second Collection for the LIFE Charity

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XXVI ANNUAL WORLD DAY FOR THE SICK

February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day.

World Day of the Sick was first observed on February 11th, 1993. February 11th is also the Catholic Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which a name is given to the Virgin Mary in honour of the apparitions that were seen in and around Lourdes, France, by a young girl called Bernadette Soubirous. The Church canonized Bernadette as a saint several years later.

People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. Faith organizations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance.

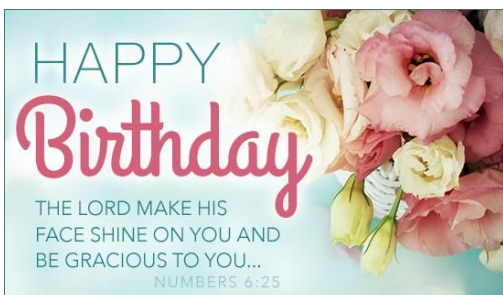
In his message for the XXVI World Day of the Sick, released November 26, 2017, Pope Francis notes that "the Church's service to the sick and those who care for them must continue with renewed vigour, in fidelity to the Lord's command and following the eloquent example of her Founder and Master".

The theme for this year's World Day of the Sick is provided by the words that Jesus spoke from the cross to Mary, his mother, and to John: "*Woman, behold your son... Behold your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home*" (Jn 19:26-27).

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN FEBRUARY:

Deacon Trevor, Kaiyan Kahn, Molly Ball (100!), Wilf Bentley, Mya Brzoska, Molly Goodwin, Tim Halliday, William Perry, Mark Saxby, Nora Shepard, Pat Swift, Joseph Swinnerton, Mark, Swinnerton, Mary Torjussen



Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday, 25th February 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
3rd February Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Elsie Carter RIP
4th February SUNDAY 5 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B	11:00 – Private Intention	9:00 – People of the Parish	
5th February Monday <i>Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i>	9:30 – Ian Halliday Ints	9:15 – John Lewis RIP	
6th February Tuesday <i>Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>	9:30 – Betty Hannan RIP <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		11:30 – Funeral Mass for Elsie Carter RIP
7th February Wednesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Teresa Key Ints	9:15 – Jessie Porter RIP	
8th February Thursday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Holy Souls		
9th February Friday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Roy & Solly Ints 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 – Deacon Trevor's Ints		
10th February Saturday <i>Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin</i>	9:30 – Mary & Aubrey Chetwin RIP		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Ian Halliday Ints
11th February SUNDAY 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B	11:00 – Ronald Torjussen RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	



Confessions

Friday: 18:00 – 18:45
Saturday: 10:00 – 10:30

Sunday before Mass
8:15 – 8:45

Saturday before Mass
17:15 – 17:45

and *BY REQUEST*

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)