

PARISH BULLETIN

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

11th February 2018

SIXTH 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 15th 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.

THE PARISH WEEKEND VISIT – As you already know NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE DEANERY VISITATION started on 3rd October, 2017, is still ongoing. The Visitation in our three Parishes will take place over the weekend 24th – 25th February, 2018, and we will be visited by Bishop David McGough. The Bishop will say Masses in each Parish and he would like to meet with the faithful.

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 and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

LIFE

<u>Meir:</u>	£378.90	of which	£132.50	was gift aided	
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£361.11	of which	£162.60	was gift aided	£47.34
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£142.90	of which	£ 99.50	was gift aided	

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

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ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". Alternatively, the priest may speak the words: "Repent and believe in the Gospel". Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

The Church emphasizes the penitential nature of Ash Wednesday by calling us to fast and abstain from meat. Catholics who are over the age of 18 and under the age of 60 are required to fast, which means that they can eat only one complete meal and two smaller ones during the day, with no food in between. Catholics who are over the age of 14 are required to refrain from eating any meat, or any food made with meat, on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of LENT, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

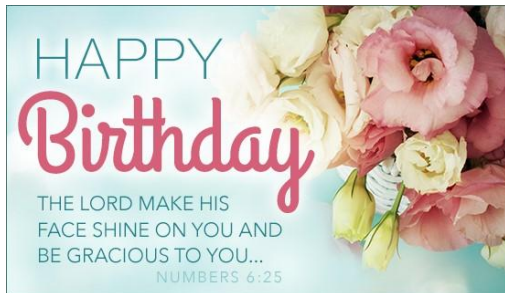
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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN FEBRUARY:

Deacon Trevor, Kaiyan Kahn, Molly Ball (100!), Wilf Bentley, Mya Brzoska, Josie Burgess, Albert Dawson, Molly Goodwin, Tim Halliday, William Perry, Pat Porter, Mark Saxby, Nora Shepard, Pat Swift, Joseph Swinnerton, Mark Swinnerton, Mary Torjussen, Adam Williamson, Andrew Williamson, Anthony Williamson

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
10th February Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Ian Halliday's Ints
11th February SUNDAY 6 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B	11:00 – Ronald Torjussen RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	
12th February Monday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – John & Emma Murray Ints	9:15 – Deacon Peter Ints	
13th February Tuesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – May Farrelly RIP <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
14th February Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY	9:30 – 19:30 – Holy Souls	9:15 – Walker Family RIP 14:30 – Stations of the Cross	
15th February Thursday <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	9:30 – Private Int		
16th February Friday <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	9:30 – Peter & Grace Capper Ints 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 18:30 – Stations of the Cross 19:00 –		
17th February Saturday <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	9:30 – Peter Chetwin RIP		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – People of the Parish
18th February SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B	11:00 – Vera Steele Ints	9:00 – Barbara Wilcox RIP	

 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)