

PARISH BULLETIN

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

4th March 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 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 8th 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 17th 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.

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.

Saturday 14th April - ST. AUGUSTINE'S 'PIG RACE' EVENING. Tickets £5. Held at St. Francis' Church Hall, Sandon Rd., Meir Heath. Sty gates open at 19:00, 'They're Off!' at 19.30. Anyone can Sponsor a Race by Donating A Prize. Buy a Pig for a Race for £5 – if IT wins, YOU get a Prize!!!! 6 Pigs per Race, so your chance of being the Lucky Winner is quite good! 6 Races, followed by a Grand Finale Race. Food included – bring your own Drinks & glasses. Offers of help greatly appreciated. (393568)

MISSIO: A volunteer is required to take over as Parish Organiser for the 'red boxes' for the missions. Many thanks to Kath Häferer for carrying out this important role for many years.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW - winners in February: 1st Prize – M. Hewetson; 2nd Prize – R. Fello; 3rd Prize – A. Hewetson. Congratulations!

ST FILUMENA'S TOTE - winners for February: 1st Prize – Peter McCartney, 2nd Prize – Margaret Cadman, 3rd Prize – Lara Newton. Congratulations!



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 – the Second Session will take place on Tuesdays 6th March, 19:30 – SEE POSTER

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.

YOUNG AT HEART - next meeting Tuesday 6th March at 14:00-16:00 in St Francis Church Hall, Sandon Road - Singer. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer befriender for Father Hudson's Young at Heart team please call 01782 269990 for more information.

DEANERY VISITATION CLOSING MASS: FRIDAY 23rd MARCH 19.00 Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Newcastle

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



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

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

CAFOD

<u>Meir:</u>	£378.20	of which	£129.50 was gift aided	£293.25
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£368.00	of which	£249.00 was gift aided	£179.71
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£126.90	of which	£ 90.00 was gift aided	£ 40.00

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

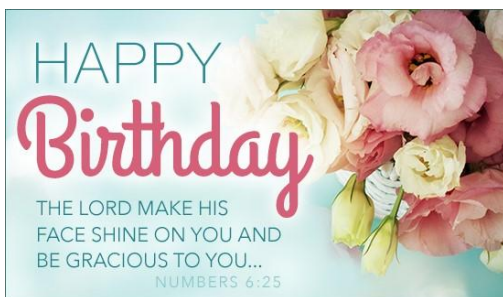
please gift aid, if possible

This weekend there is a Second Collection for CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE

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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
3rd March Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – People of the Parish
4th March SUNDAY 3 rd SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B	11:00 – Fr Kaz's Intentions	9:00 – Holy Souls	
5th March Monday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Private Int (AH)	9:15 –	
6th March Tuesday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Private Int <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>	12:00 – Funeral Service for Gladys Mary Lumley	
7th March Wednesday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Diane Hampton RIP	9:15 – 14:30 – Stations of the Cross	
8th March Thursday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Alice Edwards RIP		
9th March Friday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Lapsed members of the Church 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 18:30 – Stations of the Cross 19:00 – Malcolm Lyth RIP		
10th March Saturday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 –		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Gerald Peter Dovey RIP
11th March SUNDAY 4 th Sunday of Lent - Year B	11:00 – Holy Souls	9:00 – People of the Parish	
 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)