



# PARISH BULLETIN

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

11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Year B**  
MOTHERING SUNDAY

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**St Filumena's**: Blythe Bridge Road, Caverswall. ST11 9EA

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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> March, after 9:30 Mass, in St. Augustine's Presbytery. For more information please contact Gabrielle Halliday on 07764 245344.

## ST AUGUSTINE'S FUND RAISERS :

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March (Mothers' Day) - there will be a Raffle and Sale of Plants.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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)

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

**ST FILUMENA'S TOTE** - winners for February: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Peter McCartney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Margaret Cadman, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**ST MARY'S** - a basket at the back of church is for Easter flower money donations, please.

**LIST FOR READERS** – At the back of our three churches there is a list for readers to sign if they are available to read at the Triduum this year.

## 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:** Anthony Dennison, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

## Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£284.45	of which	£137.50 was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£	of which	£ was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£ 99.80	of which	£ 73.50 was gift aided

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**

*please gift aid, if possible*

This weekend there is Second Collection for CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent. In our days it's often called Mothers' Day and it is a day when children give presents, flowers, and home-made cards to their mothers.

Traditionally, it was a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family.

Most Sundays in the year churchgoers in England worship at their nearest parish or 'daughter church'.

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area.

Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. And most historians think that it was the return to the 'Mother' church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family. As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.

The food item specially associated with Mothering Sunday is the Simnel cake. A Simnel cake is a fruit cake with two layers of almond paste, one on top and one in the middle. The cake is made with 11 balls of marzipan icing on top representing the 11 disciples (Judas is not included). Traditionally, sugar violets would also be added. Why Simnel? The name Simnel probably comes from the Latin word *simila* which means a fine wheat flour usually used for baking a cake. There's a legend that a man called Simon and his wife Nell argued over whether the cake for Mothering Sunday should be baked or boiled. In the end they did both, so the cake was named after both of them: SIM-NELL.



### God's Masterpiece

*-Herbert Farnham*

God took the fragrance of a flower,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The gentleness of morning dew,  
The calm of a quiet sea.

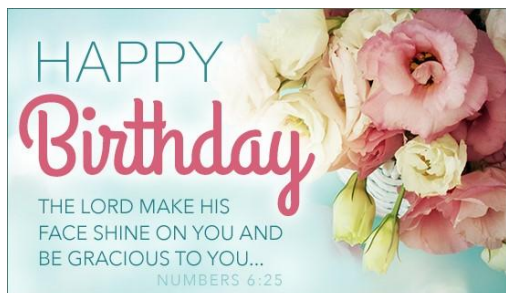
The beauty of the twilight hour,  
The soul of a starry night,  
The laughter of a rippling brook,  
The grace of a bird in flight.

Then God fashioned from these things,  
A creation like no other,  
And when his masterpiece was through,  
He called it simply - Mother.

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## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN MARCH:


**Evelyn Barber, Kathy Campion, Cheryl Clark, Beulah Gibson, Katie Goodwin, Pam Goodwin, Gabrielle Halliday, Moira Hewetson, Hannah Jagt, Tracy Keeling, Vicky McGowan, Pauline Murray, Mary Owen, Dot Ridge, Sue Smith**



**Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 !**

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St. Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St. Mary's CRESSWELL
<b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Saturday</b>			18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Gerald Peter Dovey RIP
<b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B	11:00 – Holy Souls	9:00 – People of the Parish	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Monday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Sr Maureen RIP	9:15 –	
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Pauline Murray Int <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
<b>14<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Ronald Torjussen RIP	9:15 – <b>14:30 – Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Thursday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – David Burgess RIP		
<b>16<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Friday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Marion Pilling RIP 18:00 – <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</b> <b>18:30 – Stations of the Cross</b> 19:00 –		
<b>17<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>Feast of St Patrick, Bishop Patron of Ireland</i>	9:30 – Lately Dead		18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Ian Halliday Int
<b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year B	11:00 – Rosa Coronato RIP	9:00 – Pat (Shuff) and David Malloy RIP	
 <b>Confessions</b>	<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](mailto:augustineandmary@hotmail.com))