



# PARISH BULLETIN

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

18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Year B

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## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

**St. Augustine's Catholic Academy** – Sandon Road, Meir, ST3 7DF; tel. 01782 319504

Margaret Yates - *Executive Principal*,  
Victoria Brickley - *Head of School*

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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 22<sup>nd</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 21<sup>st</sup> April, after 9:30 Mass, in St. Augustine's Presbytery. For more information please contact Gabrielle Halliday on 07764 245344.

## ST AUGUSTINE'S FUND RAISERS :

**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 March: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Sandra Oakley; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Philip Häferer; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Angela Hartley. 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.

**YOUNG AT HEART** - next meeting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at St Francis Church Hall, 14:00-16:00: Musical Drama Group.

**DEANERY VISITATION CLOSING MASS** will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Newcastle, on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 19:00. All are very welcome to attend.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE** at St Augustine – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 19:00.

## 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, Chelsea Burley, Ian Halliday, Rosalie Summers



**For those who have died recently** and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

## Parish Offertory for last weekend:

Cathedral Maintenance

|                    |         |                                 |        |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------------------|--------|
| <u>Meir:</u>       | £317.15 | of which £145.75 was gift aided | £39.20 |
| <u>Caverswall:</u> | £373.28 | of which £247.70 was gift aided | £69.43 |
| <u>Cresswell:</u>  | £115.10 | of which £ 88.50 was gift aided | £30.20 |

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**

*please gift aid, if possible*

## PALM SUNDAY



Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before He was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the re-enactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter. During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed, and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church or kept for the year. Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the following year's Ash Wednesday observance. The colours of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

## EASTER TRIDUUM TIMETABLE

### at St Augustine's

29<sup>th</sup> March – MAUNDY THURSDAY – Mass of the Lord's Supper – at 20:00

*(followed by Watch until Midnight)*

30<sup>th</sup> March – GOOD FRIDAY – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (NO Mass this day) – at 15:00

31<sup>st</sup> March - HOLY SATURDAY – Easter Vigil Mass – at 20:00

1<sup>st</sup> April – **EASTER SUNDAY** – Masses:

9:00 – St. Filumena's

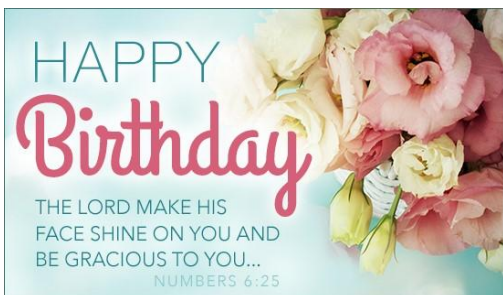
11:00 – St. Mary's

11:00 – St. Augustine's

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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<br>MEIR   | St. Filumena's<br>CAVERSWALL                   | St. Mary's<br>CRESSWELL                              |
|---|---|--|--|
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>Saturday</b>   |   |  | 18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) –<br>Ian Halliday Int  |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>SUNDAY</b><br>5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B                      | 11:00 – Rosa Coronato RIP   | 9:00 – Pat (Shuff) and David<br>Malloy RIP     |  |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>Monday</b><br>SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH<br>Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 9:30 –  | 9:15 – People of the Parish                    |  |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>Tuesday</b><br><i>Lent Feria</i>   | 9:30 – Private Intention<br><i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady<br/>of Perpetual Succour</i>  |  |  |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b><br><b>Wednesday</b><br><i>Lent Feria</i>   | 9:30 – Holy Souls   | 9:15 –<br><b>14:30 – Stations of the Cross</b> |  |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b><br><b>Thursday</b><br><i>Lent Feria</i>  | 9:30 – Lately Dead  |  |  |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> March</b><br><b>Friday</b><br><i>Lent Feria</i>  | 9:30 –<br>18:00 – <b>Exposition of the<br/>Blessed<br/>Sacrament &amp; Benediction</b><br><b>18:30 – Stations of the Cross</b><br>19:00 – |  |  |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>Saturday</b><br><i>Lent Feria</i>  | 9:30 –  |  | 18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) –<br>Neville Mountford |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>SUNDAY</b><br>PALM SUNDAY - Year B   | 11:00 – Intentions of those who<br>celebrated Birthday in March   | 9:00 – People of the Parish                    |  |

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|  | <p><b>Confessions</b></p> | Friday: 18:00 – 18:45   | Sunday before Mass | Saturday before Mass |
|  |                           | Saturday: 10:00 – 10:30 | 8:15 – 8:45        | 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))