



# PARISH BULLETIN

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

25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**PALM SUNDAY – Year B**

12/2018/ks

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## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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Margaret Yates - *Executive Principal*,  
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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.

**EASTER MONDAY** traditional Men's Mass in thanksgiving for the Blessed Sacrament is at Sacred Heart, Tunstall, at 10.00, the Main Celebrant is Bishop McGough

**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:

<u>Meir:</u>	£203.95	of which £100.50 was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£175.54	of which £ 98.00 was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£111.13	of which £ 79.00 was gift aided

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**

*please gift aid, if possible*

**On Good Friday** there will be Collection for the Holy Places and Shrines in the Holy Land

# THE SACRED TRIDUUM: HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER. THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

For Catholics, the **Easter Triduum** (sometimes also referred to as the Paschal Triduum or simply, the Triduum) is the proper name for the three-day season that concludes Lent and introduces Easter. Technically speaking, a triduum refers simply to any three-day period of prayer. *Triduum* comes from Latin meaning ‘three days’. Starting with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday, continuing through the Good Friday service and Holy Saturday, and concluding with Vespers (evening prayer) on Easter Sunday. These most holy days celebrate the Paschal Mystery, first, the passion, suffering, and death of the Lord Jesus, followed by his resurrection, the triumph of the holy cross, and Christ’s decisive victory over sin and death. The Easter Triduum marks the most significant events of Holy Week (also known as Passiontide).

## Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday, the Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, during which bells are rung and the organ played. The bells and organ will then remain silent until the Easter Vigil Mass.

Today we thank Jesus for giving us the Eucharist and the priesthood. Both the Eucharist and the priesthood “were born” during the Last Supper and the two Sacraments of the Eucharist and Holy Orders are so closely linked because without the priesthood we would have no Eucharist.

The Mass of the Lord’s Supper includes a ritual washing of feet in most Catholic churches. The altars are stripped of ornamentation, leaving only the Cross and candlesticks.

## Good Friday

For Catholics, the Good Friday church ceremony is marked by a ritual unveiling of the main Cross near the altar. This is the day that marks the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Today we celebrate the solemn liturgy of the Lord’s Passion. We may ritually kiss the feet of the Jesus figure upon the cross. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence; it is also recommended that Holy Saturday be so observed, in order that the Church with uplifted and welcoming heart be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection.

## Holy Saturday

After dusk on Holy Saturday, we hold an Easter vigil service, which represents the faithful awaiting the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his burial. In some congregations, this vigil service is held before dawn on Easter Sunday. This service includes a ceremony of light and darkness, in which a paschal candle is lit to represent the resurrection of Christ.

The Easter Vigil is considered the pinnacle of the Easter Triduum, especially for Catholics, and is usually celebrated with a devotion equal to that bestowed on Easter itself.

## Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday marks the end of the Triduum and the beginning of the seven-week Easter season that will end with Pentecost Sunday. Easter Sunday Masses are a joyous celebration of resurrection and rebirth of Jesus and mankind.

Popular Easter symbolism includes many images of rebirth as found in the world of nature and from religious traditions through history, including fragrant lilies, new-born animals, and spring plant growth.

## 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

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St. Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St. Mary's CRESSWELL
<b>24<sup>th</sup> March Saturday</b>			18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Neville Mountford RIP
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March SUNDAY PALM SUNDAY - Year B</b>	11:00 – Birthday Intentions	9:00 – People of the Parish	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March Monday <i>Monday of Holy Week</i></b>	9:30 –	9:15 – Annie Duffy RIP	
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March Tuesday <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i></b>	9:30 – Antonio Vetro RIP <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March Wednesday <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i></b>	9:30 –	9:15 – Fr Kaz Ints	
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	20:00 – Mass of the Lord's Supper: Grace Britton RIP		
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March GOOD FRIDAY</b>	15:00 – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	<b>19:00 – Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March HOLY Saturday</b>	20:00 – People received into the Church this Easter		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> April EASTER SUNDAY Year B</b>	11:00 – People of the Parish	9:00 – Mrs E Barber Ints	11:00 - Patrick McVey RIP
 <b>Confessions</b>	<i>Friday:</i> 18:00 – 18:45 <i>Saturday:</i> 10:00 – 10:30	<i>Sunday</i> before Mass 8:15 – 8:45	<i>Saturday</i> before Mass 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))