

PARISH BULLETIN

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

29th April 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year B

17/2018/ks

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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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 resumes Thursday 3rd May at 19:30.

CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS requiring preparation for the Sacraments and **non-Catholic children in Catholic Schools** wishing to become Catholics. Next session, Saturday 12th May, after 9:30 Mass, in St. Augustine's Presbytery. For more information please contact Gabrielle Halliday on 07764 245344.

THE STAFFORDSHIRE CHILDREN'S CHOIR will present "ONCE UPON A TIME" - nursery rhymes and fairy tales like you have never heard them before - at St Augustine's, Sandon Road, on Sunday 29th April at 15:00. Details on the poster at the back of the church.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW - winners in April: 1st Prize – Marian Dovey; 2nd Prize – Pat Heath; 3rd Prize – Angie Hartley. Congratulations!



ST FILUMENA'S TOTE - winners in April: 1st prize - Riley Macpherson; 2nd Prize - Chris Smith; 3rd Prize – Olivia Thursfield. Congratulations!

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – The second (compulsory) session will take place on Wednesday 16th May, at 19:00, in St. Augustine of Canterbury Church, Sandon Road, Meir. Please inform us of your intention to attend.

PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS FOR PARISH CATECHISTS - All events: 19:00-21:00:

Tuesday 1st May Parish Preparation for First Holy Communion candidates – Holy Trinity, Newcastle

Tuesday 22nd May Parish Preparation for Confirmation candidates – Holy Trinity, Newcastle

Tuesday 10th July R.C.I.A. Welcoming Adults into the Catholic Church – venue to be confirmed

YOUNG AT HEART - There will be NO meeting of next week 1st May. The next meeting will be on 8th May with singers Ray and Lynn.

Archdiocese Pilgrimage to Walsingham: The Annual Pilgrimage is on Saturday 12th May. A coach will depart from Holy Trinity, Newcastle at 19:00 and arrive back at Newcastle at approximately 22:00. the cost will be £15 per person, payable in advance. For more information contact Justin Emery on 01782 616031 or Piers James on 01538 752539 for details of other pick up points.

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, Marian Dovey,



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

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

Priests' Training Fund

<u>Meir:</u>	£226.90	of which	£ 85.00 was gift aided	£178.00
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£332.41	of which	£146.30 was gift aided	£227.90
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£168.91	of which	£106.70 was gift aided	£ 18.00

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY



May, the month in which the earth springs into bloom (at least in the Northern Hemisphere) and we start thinking about planting gardens, family picnics, and making vacation plans. It's also the Month of Mary. Why is May Mary's month?

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of Mary to honour Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day *in* May, mind you, but the entire month.

The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity.

In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. They celebrated *ludi florals*, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms.

In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centring around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1st was considered the start of new growth.

During this period, the tradition of *Tricesimum*, or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary", came into being. Also called, "Lady Month", the event was held from August 15-September 14 and is still observed in some areas.

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honouring Mary.

It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

The ways Mary is honoured in May is as varied as the people who honour her. It's common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May or/ and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (The Litany of Loreto), and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

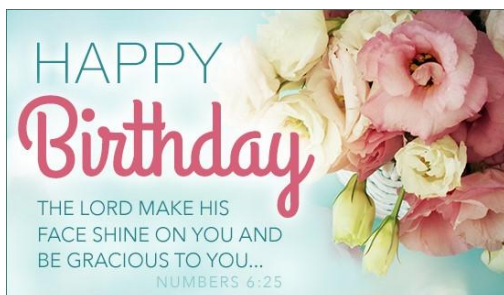
During the month of May, at St Augustine's we will pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary after weekday Masses.

The Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady will take place during Holy Mass next Sunday.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN APRIL:

Henry Gibson, Albert Griffin, Ann Hewetson, Alyssa Oakley, Karyn Oakley, Harry Ridge,
Catherine Swinnerton, Peter Swinnerton,




Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday, 29th April 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
28th April Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Patrick McVey RIP
29th April SUNDAY 5 th SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B	11:00 – Intentions of those who celebrate birthday in April	9:00 – Frank & Mary Simcox RIP	
30th April Monday <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 – People of the Parish	9:15 – Special Intention	
1st May Tuesday <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 – Rufus Halliday Int <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
2nd May Wednesday <i>Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30 – Gabriel and Meilyn Int	9:15 – Special Intention	
3rd May Thursday <i>Feast of SS Philip and James, Apostles</i>	9:30 – Holy Souls		
4th May Friday <i>Feast of English Martyrs</i> FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH	9:30 – 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 –		
5th May Saturday <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 –		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – People of the Parish
6th May SUNDAY 6 th Sunday of Easter - Year B	11:00 – Sean Maloney RIP	9:00 – Mrs Susan Bowyer Int	

 Confessions	<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!