

PARISH BULLETIN

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

6th May 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year B

18/2018/ks

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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 continues after mass at St Augustine's on Thursday 10th 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.

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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S FUNDRAISING: Many thanks to all who helped in any way to arrange the recent 'Pig Race' – the total raised was a magnificent £1120. Also, thanks for those who arranged the mini sale last week of books and DVDs which raised £98.30 towards the urgent payment of large utility bills.

St Filumena's Community Support Group Afternoon Teas will recommence from 14:00 to 16:00 commencing 21st May, then on 11th June and 2nd July.

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

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 - 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:

<u>Meir:</u>	£325.85	of which	£125.00 was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£316.21	of which	£210.50 was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£144.30	of which	£109.50 was gift aided

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Forty days after his Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven. During this period between his Resurrection and Ascension, He actually gave the primacy He had promised to Peter, as we read in John 21. The many events between His resurrection and ascension preclude the theory that He ascended at Easter. His ascension does not mean that heaven is somewhere up in space. This was a way of making clear that He was leaving the present mode of existence. St. Paul in Colossians 3:1 urges us to live our lives now as if we had already died, had risen, and had ascended with Him. In a mystical sense we have done that, in that our Head has done that. In the physical sense it is still in the future.

He ascended to receive the glory due to Him as conqueror of sin and death (Philippians 2:8-11); to be our Mediator and advocate with the Father (Hebrews 9:24); to send the Holy Spirit as He had promised at the Last Supper (John 16:7); and to prepare a place for us as He also promised (John 14:2).

Now He is seated at the Father's right hand, which means that, as He said: "*all power has been given to Me in heaven and on earth*" (Matthew 28:18). He always had that power as God, but now He exercises it as man, as King of the Universe, with His Mother beside Him as Queen of the Universe.

As God He is everywhere, but not as man, though He is present on earth most widely in the Holy Eucharist, even as man.

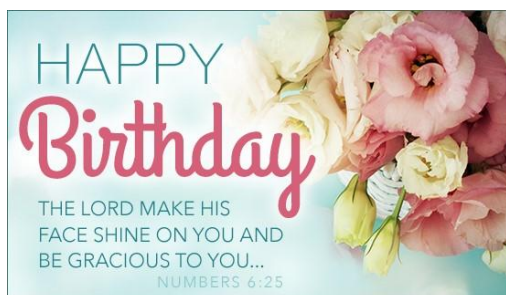
Besides this real bodily presence in the Eucharist, Christ is present on earth in other, lesser ways. Vatican II explained the various forms of presence, in the "Constitution on the Liturgy" #7: "Christ is always present to His Church, especially in liturgical actions. He is present in the Sacrifice of the Mass in the person of the priest; 'He is the same one, now offering by the ministry of priests, who then offered Himself on the Cross [citing the Council of Trent]'. But He is most greatly present under the Eucharistic species. He is present by His power in the Sacraments, so that when anyone baptizes, Christ Himself baptizes. He is present in His word, for He speaks when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church. He is present, finally, when the Church prays and sings the Psalms, He who promised '*Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst*'" (Matthew 18:20).

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**, which means that Catholics are obliged to participate in Holy Mass and if possible, refrain from unnecessary servile work. **Every Sunday is also a holy day of obligation.**

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN MAY:

Pat Bekalo, Paulina Collison, Molly Crowther, Lola Rose Davies, Ruby Goodwin, Lucy Greenhow, Moira Greenhow, Catherine Häferer, Zachary Johnson, Anthony Jewell, Steven McVey, Isabella Oakley, Len Ridge, Ann Williamson, Betty Williamson, Glen Woolgar




Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday, 27th May 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
5th May Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – People of the Parish
6th April SUNDAY 6 th SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B	11:00 – Sean Maloney RIP	9:00 – Susan Bowyer Int	
7th May Monday <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 –	9:15 – Special Intention	
8th May Tuesday <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 – Holy Souls <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
9th May Wednesday <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 –	9:15 – John Killeen RIP	18:00 – Holy Souls
10th May Thursday SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD <i>Holy day of Obligation</i>	9:30 – 19:00 -	9:15 – Olivia Killeen RIP	
11th May Friday <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 – 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 –		
12th May Saturday <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 –		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – David Moore RIP
13th May SUNDAY 7 th Sunday of Easter - Year B	11:00 – People of the Parish	9:00 – Ivan Wright RIP	
 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)