



THE SEASON OF
EASTER

PARISH BULLETIN

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

13th May 2018

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year B

19/2018/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 New sessions start at St Augustine's Church on Tuesday 19th June at 19:00.



CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS requiring preparation for the Sacraments and **non-Catholic children in Catholic Schools** wishing to become Catholics. 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 £155.50 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.

SVP RECRUITMENT APPEAL - Turn your concern into action - There are many local neighbours who face poverty, loneliness and isolation - and the SVP can give you the means to turn your concern into action by helping them. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, recently said: "The SVP provides much needed practical support to those living in poverty. More members are needed in our parishes to ensure that this work continues to grow and flourish. I urge anyone who has time to offer, to work with the SVP by becoming a volunteer". To find out more about the SVP contact Ken Hartley Tel: 07918 552615.

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

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 – Sid Williamson and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£282.00	of which	£110.00 was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£	of which	£ was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£112.50	of which	£ 86.00 was gift aided

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

This weekend there is a Second Collection for the Catholic Communications Network

WHAT IS THE EASTER DUTY?

The Easter Duty has a long history whose underlying basis is in Scripture (see 1 Cor 11:27-32 and Mat 5:21-26) and whose obligations have been set forth in Ecumenical Councils; the *Code of Canon Law*; the Precepts of the Church and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Easter Duty obligations are part of the Church's teaching authority which is binding on the faithful, recognizing that some adjustments have been made over time related to the Easter Duty's disciplinary practices for pastoral reasons.

In 1215, for example, Easter Duty obligations were set forth in the Fourth Lateran (ecumenical) Council which stated: "Every faithful of either sex who has reached the age of discretion [about age 7 years] should at least once a year faithfully confess all his sins in secret to his own priest. He should strive as far as possible to fulfil the penance imposed on him, and with reverence receive at least during the Easter Time the sacrament of the Eucharist".

With the updated 1983 Code of Canon Law (which sets down the rules for administering and governing the Western Church), the Easter Duty for Catholics currently is stated as an "**obligation for the faithful who are already initiated (that is already baptized Catholics) to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist during the Easter Season. This has been defined to include the days between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday**". It should be noted that a parish "penance service does not satisfy the requirement for sacramental confession. The obligation to "go to confession" is related in the sense that, in order to receive Holy Communion worthily, one might need to go to confession first in order to be **in the state of sanctifying grace** - that is, they need to have repented sincerely of any mortal sin and confessed it, and firmly resolve not to sin again.

Applying the above to this Liturgical Year 2018, then, one would fulfil one's Easter Duty between February 18, 2018 (1st Sunday of Lent) and Trinity Sunday (the first Sunday after Pentecost), celebrated on May 27, 2018. The Church no longer requires that one's Easter Duty be fulfilled in one's home parish. Additionally, reception of the Eucharist can take place within or outside of Mass.

The Church requires one must be in the state of grace (no mortal sin) when receiving Holy Communion.

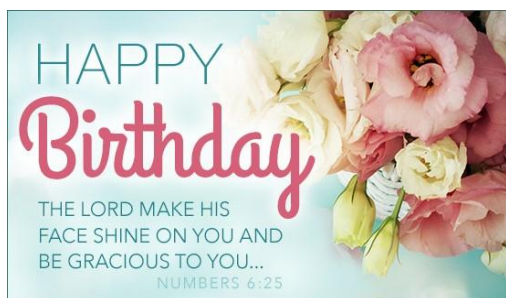
St Paul the Apostle says (1 Cor. 11:29): "*For he that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body*". Therefore, if anyone, while in mortal sin, receives this sacrament, he purchases damnation, by sinning mortally; he is guilty of lying to this sacrament, and consequently of sacrilege, because he profanes the sacrament; and therefore he sins mortally (*Summa Theologica, Whether the sinner sins in receiving Christ's body sacramentally?*).

ALL Catholics must receive Holy Communion at least once per year (at least at Easter time), and when doing so, he or she must be in the state of grace, which can be obtained by making a good confession. Receiving Holy Communion in the state of grace every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation and frequenting the Sacrament of Confession should be the norm for Catholics. To go once a year to sacramental confession and receive Holy Communion at Easter Season (or some other time if need be) is to recognize the Church's role in helping us gain our salvation. To believe otherwise is not Catholic.

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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, Doreen Maloney, 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
12th May Saturday			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	
14th May Monday <i>Feast of St Matthias, Apostle</i>	9:30 –	9:15 – Jean Deakin RIP	
15th May Tuesday <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 – Marie Mitchell's Ints <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
16th May Wednesday <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 – Holy Souls	9:15 –	
17th May Thursday <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 – Irene Redfern's 90 th Birthday Intentions		
18th May Friday <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 – Sisters of Mercy Gravesend Int 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 – Intentions of Betty and her Family		
19th May Saturday <i>Easter Feria</i>	9:30 –		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Molly Crowther Int
20th May SUNDAY SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST Year B	11:00 – Irene Redfern Intentions	9:00 – Jean Wilson 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)