

PARISH BULLETIN

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

20th May 2018

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST – Year B
DAY OF PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

20/2018/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 May: 1st Prize – Lisa Swift; 2nd Prize – Moira Hewetson; 3rd Prize – George Redfern. 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 – Attendance at two preparatory sessions is required before a Baptism. Please contact a member of the clergy for details.

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.

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 next meeting 22nd May (exercise with Muriel).

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:

Catholic Communications

<u>Meir:</u>	£370.15	of which	£195.00 was gift aided	£ 57.55
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£241.76	of which	£127.10 was gift aided	£140.60
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£184.72	of which	£143.00 was gift aided	£ 3.00

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

WHAT IS PENTECOST?



Today (May 20) is Pentecost Sunday. Unlike Christmas and Easter this day passes with such little fanfare that there is a good chance you will not think about it or be reminded of it. But it is another sign, a remarkable allusion in the unfolding of the Gospel that it does deserve our full attention. However, to see the significance we need to understand its place in the Biblical story.

If you are aware of Pentecost, you will probably know of it as the day when the Holy Spirit of God came down to indwell the followers of Jesus. This is the day that the Church was born. This event is recorded in “Acts of the Apostles” chapter 2. On that day, the Spirit of God

descended on the 120 followers of Jesus and they started speaking out loud in languages from around the world. This created such a commotion that thousands who were in Jerusalem at the time came out to see what was happening and in front of the gathering crowd, Peter spoke the first gospel message and ‘three thousand were added to their number that day’ (Acts 2:41). And the number of gospel followers has been growing continually ever since that Pentecost Sunday. The word ‘Pentecost’ is Greek and it means “50th day”. Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. Pentecost is the Church’s birthday.

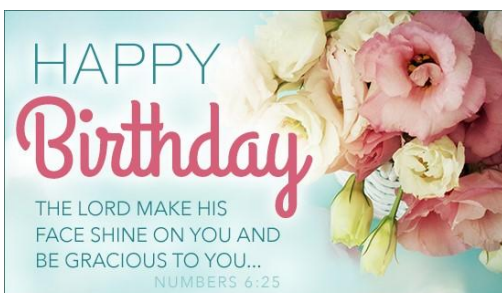
But this understanding of Pentecost, though correct, is incomplete. And it will keep you from seeing the allusion, the Sign. Many people yearn for a return to that Pentecost Sunday to have a similar experience of speaking in languages and dramatic signs of the Holy Spirit. And since the first disciples of Jesus had this Pentecostal experience by ‘waiting for the gift of the Spirit’, today people figure that similarly if we ‘wait’ He will come again in a similar way. And so many people wait and implore God for a similar experience. To think this way is to assume that it was the waiting and yearning that moved the Spirit of God back then. To think this way is to miss the point and overlook the allusion – because the Pentecost recorded in “Acts of the Apostles” was not the first Pentecost. In fact, Pentecost was a regular Old Testament festival. It was the celebration of the beginning of the early weeks of harvest. In Palestine there were two harvests each year. The early harvest came during the months of May and June; the final harvest came in the Fall. Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early wheat harvest, which meant that Pentecost always fell sometime during the middle of the month of May or sometimes in early June. The festival of Passover was the first to be celebrated in the Jewish year. Exactly 50 days after Passover the Jews celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. And they had been doing so yearly for 1500 years by the time the events of “The Acts of the Apostles” happened. In fact, *the reason* that there were people from all languages who were in Jerusalem that day to hear Peter’s message was precisely because they were there to celebrate the Old Testament Pentecost.

The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The colour of Pentecost is red, and the priest wears red vestments on this day. Parishioners are also invited to wear red on this day. Red decorations as well as celebrations are appropriate, similar to any other birthday. Special prayers are often said just for Pentecost. Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church!

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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
19th May Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Molly Crowther Int
20th May SUNDAY PENTECOST SUNDAY - Year B	11:00 - Irene Redfern Intentions	9:00 – Jean Wilson RIP	
21st May Monday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Holy Souls	9:15 – People of the Parish	
22nd May Tuesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Deceased members of Inskip Family <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>	19:00 – Confirmation Mass	
23rd May Wednesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	9:15 – Fr Kaz Int	
24th May Thursday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – H. Nowotnik RIP		
25th May Friday <i>Memorial of St Bede Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30 – 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 – Sid Williamson RIP		
26th May Saturday <i>Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest</i>	9:30 – Fr Paul Int		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – People of the Parish
27th May SUNDAY SOLEMNITY OF MOST HOLY TRINITY - Year B	11:00 – Birthday Intentions	9:00 – Jean Jewell RIP	

 Confessions	<i>Friday:</i> 18:00 – 18:45	<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)