

PARISH BULLETIN



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

10th June 2018

10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

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St Augustine's (for Parish Office): 146 Sandon Road, Meir, Stoke-on-Trent. ST3 7DF

St Filumena's: Blythe Bridge Road, Caverswall. ST11 9EA

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Parish Deacon (Meir/Cresswell): **Rev Trevor Borthwick** (*retired*)

Parish Deacon (Caverswall): **Rev Peter Bowyer**

Administration and Social Events: Gabrielle Halliday - *mobile: 07764 245344*

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Augustine's Catholic Academy – Sandon Road, Meir, ST3 7DF; *tel. 01782 319504*

Margaret Yates - *Executive Principal*,

Victoria Brickley - *Head of School*

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St. Filumena's Catholic Academy – Blythe Bridge Road, Caverswall, ST11 9EA;

tel. 01782 392367

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 May: 1st prize – M. Bennett; 2nd Prize – M. Cadman; 3rd Prize – L. Street. 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.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S AFTERNOON TEA - There will be a Traditional Afternoon Tea at St. Augustine's on Thursday, 21st June, starting at 14:15. Tickets will be available on Sunday. Places will be limited, so be sure to book your seat at a table EARLY.

SVP RECRUITMENT APPEAL - 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. 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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Fr. Kaz invites all the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of our 3 Parishes to meet at St Augustine's Church on Friday, 22nd June. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction from 18:00 with Mass at 19:00, followed by our meeting.

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, Joanne Walker.



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

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£402.85	of which	£212.50	was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£380.61	of which	£237.50	was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£178.00	of which	£136.50	was gift aided

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

Next weekend there is a Second Collection for the Day for Life

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is a lifelong and ongoing sacrament, a sign of unity and community. Through the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, Catholics remember the past, celebrate the present, and place their hope in the future. Eucharist is a sacrifice. The Christian family gathers at Mass to remember the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. At Mass we proclaim: *“Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again”*.



The First Eucharist was celebrated by Jesus at the Last Supper. While sharing the Passover supper with his apostles, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them. He told them to take the bread and eat it for *“This is my Body”*. He did the same with the cup of wine, blessing it and sharing it, telling them *“This is my*

Blood”.

It was at the Last Supper that Jesus celebrated the first Mass. That night, the apostles received their First Holy Communion. Jesus also gave them the power to change bread and wine into his Body and Blood; a practice done every time by the priest at Mass.

First Holy Communion will take place at St Filumena’s this Sunday during 12:15 Mass and at St Augustine’s next Sunday, 17th June, during 11:00 Mass. First Holy Communion is a wonderful moment in a child’s life and represents a sign of growth in the knowledge and love of God for each and every child.

All the children, with their families, are expected to attend Sunday Mass regularly. This is especially true of children who seek sacraments from the Church. It is the parent’s responsibility to foster a relationship between their child and God’s Church, fulfilling the promises made at the child’s baptism.

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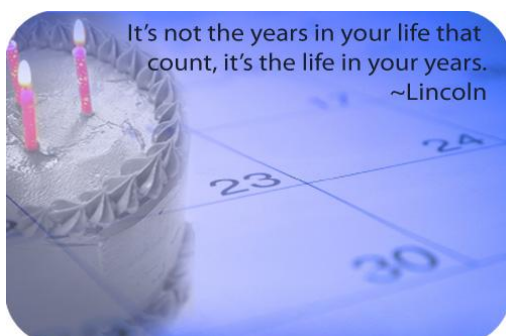
CHURCH DRESS CODES CALL FOR MORE MODESTY AT MASS

In your life, going to Sunday Mass or any Mass is the most important event you can ever attend. The temple of God, your body, needs to be covered in a modest way that you are proud of and will be presentable to God. Yes, you are just going to church, but remember that Jesus said: *“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people?”* [Mark 12:17]. Thus, your parish church is a much more important place to visit than the Buckingham Palace. In that parish church, The Host who waits for you is not the Queen. He is a million times more important. You are actually going to have an encounter with your Creator. Remember that you are going to be in the presence of the One who made you. Don’t disappoint Him. Show Him some reverence. Show Him that you care. If you have any respect for Him, dress appropriately. Don’t let your attire get in the way of experiencing true communion with God. Dress to impress Him! Going to church in skimpy clothes shows disrespect for the people around you and for Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN JUNE:

Mary Chetwin, Margaret Mountford, Sebastian Swinnerton, Mandy Walker



It’s not the years in your life that count, it’s the life in your years.
~Lincoln

Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine’s Church on Sunday, 24th June 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 !