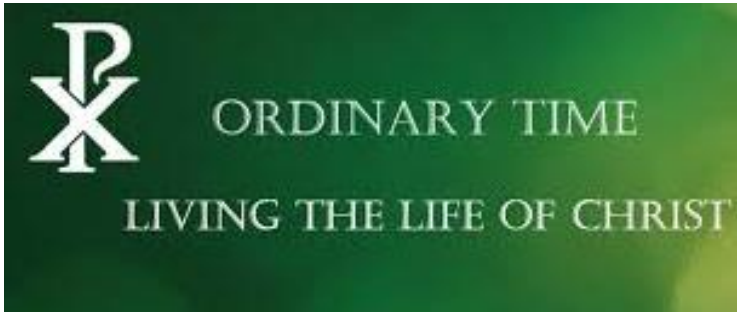


PARISH BULLETIN



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

24th June 2018

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B
SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

25/2018/ks

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

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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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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 – Second introductory session at St Augustine's Church on Tuesday 26th

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 June: 1st Prize – John Farmer; 2nd Prize – Andrew Simpson; 3rd Prize – Liz Yates. 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.

OPEN GARDEN: Thursday 12th July-at Albert & Christine's, 219 Weston Road, Meir, between 14:00 & 17:00. Come along for a relaxing afternoon, admiring and perhaps buying the lovely plants and flowers, whilst enjoying a cuppa and cake. Limited number of Tickets available, costing £5 to include first drink and cake.

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.

Brightlights young adults' festival Holy Daring at Alton Castle: Friday 29th June – Sunday 1st July Weekend.

Are you under 30 and interested in meeting like-minded young adults for a day or weekend of Faith formation, inspiring speakers & live music? Lifts from Uttoxeter train station. For more information about this exciting weekend please visit our website www.brightlights.org.uk or call the office on 0300 075 0115.

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, Marie Mitchell.



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

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

Day for Life

<u>Meir:</u>	£399.80 of which £102.50 was gift aided	£ 45.20
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£200.24 of which £168.10 was gift aided	£146.44
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£169.00 of which £ 40.00 was gift aided	£ 10.00

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

This weekend there is a Second Collection for Peter's Pence

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

On the 29th of June the Church celebrates the **feast day of Saints Peter and Paul**. This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (*Petrus* in Latin), which means 'Rock', because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.



Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "*the Messiah, the Son of the living God*" and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The "Acts of the Apostles" illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord.

He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him: "*Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?*" He answered: "*Who are you, Lord?*" Christ said: "*I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting*".

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized, and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world.

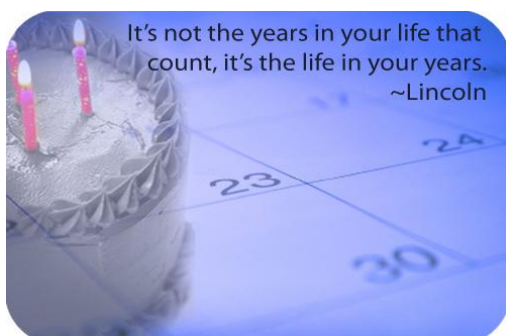
Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Saints Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith".

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN JUNE:

Mary Chetwin, Margaret Mountford, Sebastian Swinnerton, Mandy Walker



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 !

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St. Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St. Mary's CRESSWELL
23th June Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – People of the Parish
24th June SUNDAY SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 12 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B	11:00 – Birthday Intentions	9:00 – Holy Souls	
25th June Monday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Holy Souls	9:15 – NO Mass	
26th June Tuesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Gabriel & Meilyn & Family Int <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
27th June Wednesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	9:15 – NO Mass	
28th June Thursday <i>Memorial of St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr</i>	9:30 – David Burgess RIP		18:00 –
29th June Friday SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	9:30 – 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 – Sid Williamson RIP	11:00 -	
30th June Saturday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Private Int
1st July SUNDAY 13 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B	11:00 – Rachel & Lee Davies Int	9:00 – People of the Parish	

 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!