

PARISH BULLETIN

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

3rd June 2018

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST** – YEAR B

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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 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.

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 on 11th June and 2nd July.

YOUNG AT HEART - next meeting 5th June. Music with Matt.

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>	£376.55	of which	£195.00 was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£281.70	of which	£178.60 was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£ 98.65	of which	£ 73.00 was gift aided

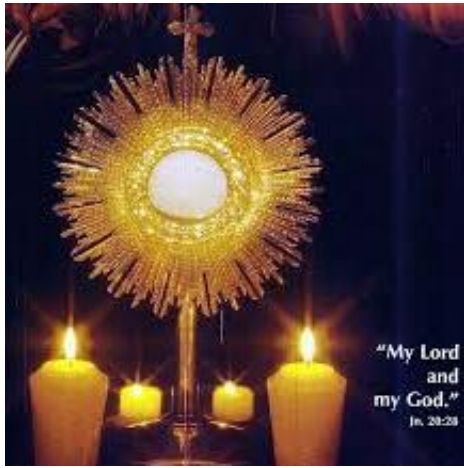
MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

St Augustine's Voluntary Collection this week is for the SVP

CORPUS CHRISTI: THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. This feast is celebrated in the Latin Church on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday to solemnly commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist.



The Feast of Corpus Christi goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. While Holy Thursday is also a celebration of this mystery, the solemn nature of Holy Week, and the focus on Christ's Passion on Good Friday, overshadows that aspect of Holy Thursday.

In 1246, Bishop Robert de Thorete of the Belgian diocese of Liège, at the suggestion of St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon (also in Belgium), convened a synod and instituted the celebration of the feast.

From Liège, the celebration began to spread, and, on September 8, 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the papal bull "Transiturus", which established the Feast of Corpus Christi as a universal feast of the Church, to be celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday.

At the request of Pope Urban IV, St. Thomas Aquinas composed the office (the official prayers of the Church) for the feast. This office is widely considered one of the most beautiful in the traditional Roman Breviary (the official prayer book of the Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours), and it is the source of the famous Eucharistic hymns *Pange Lingua Gloriosi* and *Tantum Ergo Sacramentum*.

For centuries after the celebration was extended to the universal Church, the feast was also celebrated with a Eucharistic procession, in which the Sacred Host was carried throughout the town, accompanied by hymns and litanies. The faithful would venerate the Body of Christ as the procession passed by. In recent years, this practice has almost disappeared, though some parishes still hold a brief procession around the outside of the parish church.

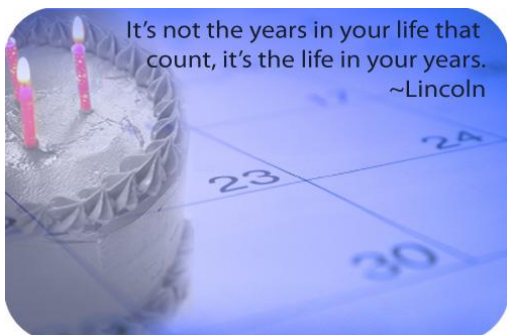
Since the Sacred Host contains the real presence of Christ, it is treated as Christ in human form would be treated, with reverence, ceremony and adoration.

The feast of Corpus Christi is one time when our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed not just to faithful Catholics but to all the world. This is a time when Catholics can show their love for Christ in the Real Presence by honouring Him in a very public way. It is also a wonderful way in which we can show our love for our neighbours by bringing Our Lord and Saviour closer to them. So many conversions are a result of Eucharistic Adoration experienced from inside the Church. How many more there would be if we could reach those who only drive by the church in worldly pursuits.

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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 !

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St. Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St. Mary's CRESSWELL
2nd June Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Marion Dovey Int
3rd June SUNDAY SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Year B	11:00 - Frank Higginson RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	
4th June Monday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – H. Nowotnik RIP	9:15 –	
5th June Tuesday <i>Memorial of St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr</i>	9:30 – Sid Williamson RIP <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i> 11:00 – Funeral Service for Sid Williamson		
6th June Wednesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Margaret Brock RIP	9:15 –	
7th June Thursday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Forgotten Souls		
8th June Friday SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	9:30 – Margaret Hewetson Int 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 –		
9th June Saturday <i>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	9:30 –		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – People of the Parish
10th June SUNDAY TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B	11:00 – Sid Williamson RIP	9:00 – Holy Souls	
 Confessions	<i>Friday:</i> 18:00 – 18:45 <i>Saturday:</i> 10:00 – 10:30	<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)