

# PARISH BULLETIN



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

1<sup>st</sup> July 2018

**13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

26/2018/ks

**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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## 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** – Third introductory session at St Augustine's Church on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – John Farmer; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Andrew Simpson; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Liz Yates. Congratulations!

**ST FILUMENA'S TOTE** - winners in June: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Susan Bowyer; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Neil Warburton; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Vicky Pitt. 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 AFTERNOON TEA** - Many thanks to all who contributed towards making the recent Afternoon Tea at St. Augustine's such an enjoyable afternoon - those who organised, provided food and attended it. The grand sum of £300 was raised, which will be put towards the essential work which will be starting this week on the presbytery and church. Thank you,

**OPEN GARDEN:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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:**

### **Peter's Pence**

<u>Meir:</u>	£391.75 of which £152.50 was gift aided	£ 59.50
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£263.22 of which £169.10 was gift aided	£183.13
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£116.00 of which £ 88.00 was gift aided	£ 23.75

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**

*please gift aid, if possible*

This Sunday there is a voluntary collection for the Poor  
Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea

## JULY - MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD



The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

“The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Saviour shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it.”

Devotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and that not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. I really believe that one of the symptoms of modern society (and I would even include, sadly, modern Catholic society) one of the symptoms of a growing, gnawing secularism is the lessening and the weakening of devotion to the Precious Blood. Devotion, as we know, is a composite of three elements: It is first - veneration, it is secondly - invocation, and it is thirdly - imitation. In other words, devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God who was slain, is first of all to be veneration on our part, which is a composite of knowledge, love and adoration. We are to study to come to a deeper understanding of what those two casual words, Precious Blood, really mean.

I found this passage in the oldest document, outside of Sacred Scripture, from the first century of the Christian era – to be exact, from Pope St. Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. Says Pope Clement: “Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world”.

To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable.

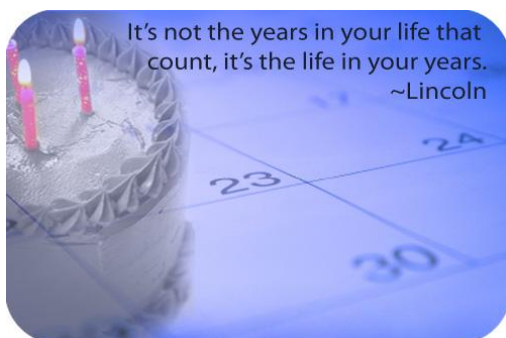
This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood.

*Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity. Amen.* (Excerpted from *The Precious Blood of Christ*, Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J. )

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## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN JULY:

**Roni Brundrett, Louise Eagle, Emma Hartley, Tom Hartley, Gabrielle Johnson, Elizabeth Stone**




**Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 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
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June Saturday</b>			18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Private Intention
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July SUNDAY</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B	11:00 – Rachel & Lee Davies Int	9:00 – People of the Parish	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July Monday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	9:15 – Holy Souls	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July Tuesday</b> <i>Feast of St Thomas, Apostle</i>	9:30 – Cath Rockey RIP <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
<b>4<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	9:15 – Holy Souls	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July Thursday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Holy Souls		
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July Friday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> <b>FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH</b>	9:30 – Holy Souls 18:00 – <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</b> 19:00 –		
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July Saturday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –		18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) –
<b>8<sup>th</sup> July SUNDAY</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B	11:00 –	9:00 – People of the Parish	
 <b>Confessions</b>	<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!**