

PARISH BULLETIN



ORDINARY TIME

LIVING THE LIFE OF CHRIST

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

29th July 2018

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

30/2018

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

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

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

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Claire Tomlinson – *Principal*

St Augustine's: Many thanks to all who are helping with the fundraising for the new boiler, the electrical re-wire, removal of asbestos etc., as well as for everyday bills that are getting larger. The Diocese has kindly given the parish a grant of £22,000 from the Poor Parishes' Fund and the remaining £50,000 will be available as an Authorised Overdraft on the parish current account at a very competitive interest rate.

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?

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP meets this Wednesday 1st August at 14:30 in St. Augustine's Presbytery.

JOURNEY IN FAITH – Sessions resume in September. Details from Gabrielle 07764 245344.

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 July: 1st Prize – Vince Lumia; Prize – Terry Moreton; 3rd Prize – Chris Minor. Congratulations!

ST FILUMENA'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW - winners in July: 1st Prize – Louise Preston; 2nd Prize – Sheila Killeen; 3rd Prize – Shelagh Tomkinson. Congratulations!



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Prize

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Attendance at two preparatory sessions is required before a Baptism. Please contact a member of the clergy for more details.

FR.PAWEL: has been notified by the Order's Superiors that he is to be moved. Sadly, he will be leaving us and returning to Poland. It is expected that another priest of the Order will replace him. I am sure you that will keep Fr. Paul in your prayers and wish him well in his future priestly ministry. His final Mass at St Augustine's will be on Sunday 19th August at 11:00.

It is hoped to mark the occasion with a barbeque on that afternoon. PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU INTEND TO COME ALONG (and indicate if you are willing to help - please write your phone number)

HOG ROAST at St Mary's Cresswell on Sunday 12th August at 12:30 tickets £8 (children £5).

YOUNG AT HEART: next meeting Tuesday 31st July singers Ray and Lynne. Tuesday 14th August no meeting, instead a meal out at Royal Oak, Dilhorne at 12.30.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES - In just over 3 week's time Archbishop Bernard will accompany over 100 pilgrims, made up of 20 sponsored families from across the Diocese, to Dublin for the World Meeting of Families. For us all to be part of the preparations for this event there has been a petition box travelling round your deanery collecting petitions which will be taken to Dublin and presented to Pope Francis at the closing Mass. If the box has not been able to get to your parish you can still send in your petitions. Either write them on a piece of paper and hand to a member of the clergy this weekend (July 28th/29th) or email them to Lianne Pap (Diocesan Family Ministry Worker) - lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org by August 19th. Petitions can be for yourself, family, friends or for anyone who may be in need of prayers.

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, Peter Killeen, Frederick Blaize, Michele Yon, 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: Dorothy Vasey and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

Meir: £238.50 of which £112.50 was gift aided
Caverswall: £235.27 of which £131.95 was gift aided
Cresswell: £140.90 of which £107.90 was gift aided

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

please gift aid, if possible

COUNTERS URGENTLY REQUIRED - on a monthly rota

IMPORTANCE OF PARTICIPATION IN HOLY MASS ON SUNDAYS (PART 2)

The “Catechism of the Catholic Church” prescribes that **we must attend Mass on Sundays and all Holy Days of Obligation**. This is one of the Precepts of the Church and we must keep in mind that the Church speaks with the authority of Jesus Christ. The Church is God’s instrument of faith and morality here on earth, so we are to obey its instructions.

The Holy Mass is an important symbol of our Catholic Faith and we get the wonderful opportunity to participate in it every Sunday. The bread and wine, through the power of the Holy Spirit, are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ so when we partake in the Holy Mass, we are actually receiving Jesus Christ.

Being part of a church (a Parish) means we become part of God’s spiritual family. We are all made to be social beings. “No man is an island” as the popular saying goes. When we go to Mass, we grow not just as an individual Catholic but as a member of a bigger Catholic community. It is similar to us being a student of a school. Our education would not be complete without the help of our professors, school administrators and classmates. In the same way, each of us makes up the entire Church and together we help one another reach our full potential. We are accountable for one another, we worship God together and we rebuke one another if we sin. Our spiritual journey is certainly more enriching and insightful when it is shared with other people who share our beliefs.

When we better understand the true purpose and privilege of going to church and participate in Holy Mass, we begin to look forward to it. We no longer feel as if attending Mass is a commandment (obligation!) that we are required to fulfil but a beautiful opportunity to worship God, express our love for him and connect with our fellow Christians. Like the early Christians, we must also be passionate in the way we express our belief in God and one of that is to seek His presence during Mass. By going to church, we open ourselves up to God and receive His word through our local priest. God’s Word is food for our soul and we are nourished by it.

- Learn from God’s Word

The Church can be a place to have a life-changing experience. God’s Word, as delivered by our priest, is a treasure trove of lessons we can use for navigating our life. Don’t just passively listen to the church sermon, find practical ways to apply it in your life.

- Worship from the heart

Music and hymns are a traditional part of Mass. These hymns are a beautiful way for us to express our love to our Heavenly Father. Feel God’s presence the next time you sing at Mass. Use this time to truly worship and reveal our heartfelt devotion to the Almighty.

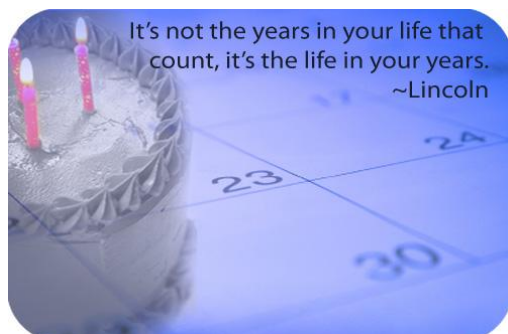
- Fellowship with other church-goers

When in the church talk only to God before the Mass; let God talk to you during the Mass; and talk to one another after the Mass but only outside the church! After the Mass, connect with your fellow church-goers. This is a wonderful time to fellowship with fellow Christians and share what we have learned from the Sunday gathering. Remember that our church is our spiritual family and like any family, we should foster our connection with one another.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN JULY:

**Jude Bowyer, 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,
29th 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
28th July Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – People of the Parish
29th July SUNDAY 17 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B	11:00 – Intentions of those who celebrated Birthday in July	9:00 – Holy Souls	
30th July Monday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	8:00 – Kath Rocky RIP	
31st July Tuesday <i>Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>	9:30 – Dorothy Vasey RIP <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
1st August Wednesday <i>Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30 –	9:15 – Eileen Jones Int	
2nd August Thursday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Ron Torjussen RIP		
3rd August Friday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH	9:30 – Dorothy Vasey RIP 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 –		
4th August Saturday <i>Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest</i>	9:30 –		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Special Int
5th August SUNDAY 18 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B	11:00 – Brundrette & Dean Families RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	

 <p style="color: purple; font-size: 1.2em;">Confessions</p>	<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

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Please send items for the Parish Newsletter by Thursday evening (e-mail: augustineandmary@hotmail.com)