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# PARISH BULLETIN

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

19<sup>th</sup> August 2018

20<sup>th</sup> 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

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**Assistant Priest:** Fr Paweł Przybyszewski *OSPPE*

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

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

**Safeguarding representatives:** (*for Meir & Cresswell*) Barbara Kitson - mobile: 07796 337075

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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*

**FR. PAWEŁ'S FAREWELL** – Today is Fr. Paweł's last Sunday with us in Stoke on Trent and he is celebrating his final Mass at St Augustine's at 11:00. **We are marking the occasion with a barbeque in the garden behind the church from 13:00.**

On Tuesday he is returning to Poland. It is expected that another priest of the Order will replace him. I am sure that you will keep Fr. Paweł in your prayers and wish him well in his future priestly ministry.

# 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** – Sessions resume on 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW** - winners in August: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Y Beeston; Prize – H Connor; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – R Cripps. Congratulations!

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



**PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** – The sessions will be held at St Augustine's Church on Wednesdays: September 26 and October 3, at 19:00. Attendance at two preparatory sessions is required before a Baptism. Please contact a member of the clergy for details.

## ST. AUGUSTINE'S FUND-RAISING EVENTS:

- Did you take home some apples to cook something? Sale of your delicious apple bakes and cakes on **Sunday 2 September** in the Porch.
- Music by Candlelight with Ashley: **Wednesday 12 September 19:15**. Tickets available each Sunday – see Di or Ann.
- Crafty Chat Group – sign up with Angie. First project – Poppies for a Remembrance Display in **November**. Further details from Angie.
- Raffle – **October**.
- Frog Race – **Saturday 17 November**.
- Grand Christmas Raffle – tickets for sale in **November**.
- Christmas Cracker ii **Friday 7 December 19:00**.

## **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, 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, Janice Austin, Susan Brady, Fr Joseph Tynan, Joan Brindley, Teresa Key, Marian Dovey, Joanne Walker, Marie Mitchell.



**For those who have died recently** – **Albert Dawson** and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

**If your name or the name of a friend or relative of yours is on the parish list of prayers for those who are sick, and you would like that name to remain on the list, would you please contact a member of the clergy.**

**We need to make sure that you or your friend or family member has consented to their name being on that list. This is because the list can be seen by a lot of people, as it is available for anyone to pick up in church and is also published on the internet through the parish website.**

**From the beginning of September, the list will be restarted with the names of all for whom the parish have consent. This is necessary to make sure the church takes proper care of your information and complies with current data protection law.**

## Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£410.60	of which	£172.50 was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£368.83	of which	£275.85 was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£199.20	of which	£171.00 was gift aided

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**

*please gift aid, if possible*

This weekend there is a voluntary Second Collection for The Poor

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, we commemorate **St Pius X, pope** (elected on August 4, 1903; died on August 20, 1914). He was distinguished for his continuous service to the Church and to all souls; first as a priest, later as a bishop and Patriarch Archbishop of Venice, and finally as Roman Pontiff. His overriding concern was to renew all things in Christ.

He strongly defended the purity of Catholic doctrine against modern heretics. Much of his pontificate was spent battling ‘modernism’, which he called “the synthesis of all the heresies”. Modernism began among a loosely linked network of scholars and intellectuals seeking to adapt Catholicism to the currents of secular thinking of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries in Scripture studies, history and other fields. Its main idea was that religious truths were ultimately unknowable and subject to change throughout history. Modernism received its strongest condemnation in his 1907 encyclical “*Pascendi Dominici Gregis*”.

Along with steps aimed at upgrading Catholic intellectual life, restoring the musical tradition of the Church and promoting catechetical instruction, Pius X was notable for encouraging frequent, even daily, Communion and for lowering the age of first Communion to the “age of reason”. His pastoral purpose, he said, was that people should receive “strength to restrain passion, to wash away the little faults that occur daily, and to guard against more grievous sins”.

From St. Pius X we learn again that “the folly of the Cross”, simplicity of life, and humility of heart are still the highest wisdom and the indispensable conditions of a perfect Christian life, for they are the very source of all apostolic fruitfulness. His last will and testament bears the striking sentence: “I was born poor, I have lived in poverty, and I wish to die poor”.

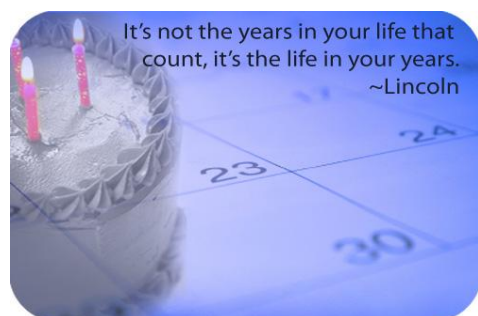
## SAFEGUARDING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

*Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).*

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## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN AUGUST:

**Rev Peter Bowyer, Margaret Evans, John Brundrett, Diane Gillen, Christine Griffin, Ken Hartley, Angela Minor, Rebeca Palser, Margaret Parton, Teresa Swinnerton,**



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, 26<sup>th</sup> August 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>18<sup>th</sup> August Saturday</b>			18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Holy Souls
<b>19<sup>th</sup> August SUNDAY</b> <small>20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – Fr Pawel Int	9:00 – Celia Burke RIP	
<b>20<sup>th</sup> August Monday</b> <i>Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30 – Thomas Hannan RIP	9:15 – Samantha Eastwood RIP	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> August Tuesday</b> <i>Memorial of St Pius X, Pope</i>	9:30 – People of the Parish <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> August Wednesday</b> <i>Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:30 – Terry Thomas RIP	8:00 – Jean Bentley Int	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> August Thursday</b> <i>Feast of St John Wall, Priest, Martyr</i>	9:30 – Vocations to the Priesthood		
<b>24<sup>th</sup> August Friday</b> <i>Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	9:30 – John & Barbara Int 18:00 – <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</b> 19:00 –		
<b>25<sup>th</sup> August Saturday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time or Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9:30 – Scorey Family Int		18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Patrick McVey RIP
<b>26<sup>th</sup> August SUNDAY</b> <small>21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – Intentions of those who celebrate their Birthday in August	9:00 – Rev Peter's Birthday Int	

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

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](mailto:augustineandmary@hotmail.com))