

PARISH BULLETIN

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

26th August 2018

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

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

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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*

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 11th 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: 1st Prize – Y Beeston; Prize – H Connor; 3rd Prize – R Cripps. Congratulations!



ST FILUMENA'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW - winners in August: 1st Prize – G. Keiher-Knapper; Prize – M Doherty; 3rd Prize – M Bennett. 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 can be arranged. Please contact a member of the clergy for details.

YOUNG AT HEART next meeting August 28th (with singer) – see poster in the porch.

Pilgrimage of the Sick to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford: led by Bishop Robert Byrne for all those who are sick, their families and carers, Chaplains and Chaplaincy Volunteers and Healthcare Workers and Volunteers. On Sunday 16th September at 15:00 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S FUND-RAISING EVENTS (see poster for full list):

- Did you take apples to cook something? Sale of your delicious apple bakes and cakes next **Sunday 2 Sept** 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 –knitted Poppies for a Remembrance Display in **November**.

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:

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| <u>Meir:</u> | £471.60 | of which | £252.50 was gift aided |
| <u>Caverswall:</u> | £281.34 | of which | £181.50 was gift aided |
| <u>Cresswell:</u> | £127.50 | of which | £113.50 was gift aided |

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

This weekend there is a voluntary Second Collection for SVP

Next weekend there will be a voluntary Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service

'BLACK MADONNA' – OUR LADY OF JASNA GÓRA



This Sunday, August 26th, in the country of Poland, they celebrate the Marian feast of Our Lady of Jasna Góra, commonly known as the 'Black Madonna'.

Jasna Góra, which means, "bright hill" is the name of the monastery in the central region of Southern Poland known as Częstochowa. It's one of the most important pilgrimage sites in all of Europe, in comparison to Lourdes, Rome, Fatima, Santiago, and Guadalupe, drawing in nearly 5 million pilgrims from around the globe. Jasna Góra is the spiritual centre, the heart of Poland, and the country's national shrine.

The genesis of the image, which has miracles surrounding it, is not completely known. However, according to some traditions within the Catholic Church, it is believed to be the portrait of Our Lady painted by St. Luke the Evangelist sometime after the Crucifixion of Our Lord.

It is known as the 'Black Madonna' because of the dark colours on Our Lady's face and hands. The colour is ascribed simply not because the image is old but also because it was kept in places where the smoke of votive candles changed the pigmentation of it.

In 1656 King Casimir declared Our Lady of Jasna Góra "Queen of Poland" and made the city of Częstochowa the spiritual capital of the nation. Now Jasna Góra is the third-largest Catholic pilgrimage site in the world. Many Popes, including Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI have travelled to venerate the image.

Our Lady of Jasna Góra, Queen of Poland, I am near you, I remember You, I watch!"

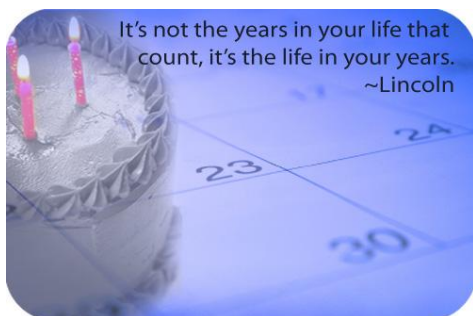
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SAFEGUARDING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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).

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,




Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday, 26th 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 |
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| 25th August Saturday | | | 18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Patrick McVey RIP |
| 26th August SUNDAY <small>21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small> | 11:00 – Intentions of those who celebrate their Birthday in August | 9:00 – Rev Peter's Birthday Intentions | |
| 27th August Monday <i>Memorial of St Monica</i> | 9:30 – People of the Parish | 8:00 – | |
| 28th August Tuesday <i>Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i> | 9:30 – Albert Dawson RIP <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i> | | |
| 29th August Wednesday <i>Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist, Martyr</i> | 9:30 – | 8:00 – Albert Dawson RIP 11:00 – Funeral Service for Albert Dawson | |
| 30th August Thursday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | 9:30 – Holy Souls | | |
| 31st August Friday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | 9:30 – 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 – Betty Williamson Ints | | |
| 1st September Saturday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time or Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i> | 9:30 – | | 18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – People of the Parish |
| 2nd September SUNDAY <small>22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small> | 11:00 – Mary Moreton RIP | 9:00 – Albert Dawson RIP | |
|  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!**

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