

# PARISH BULLETIN

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

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

35/2018/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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**Parish Priest:** Fr Kazimierz Stefek *OSPPE* - tel. (office): 01782 313734

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Jan M. Berny *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

(*for Caverswall*) Fiona Richardson - mobile: 07580 551894



This weekend we welcome in our three Parishes **Fr JAN M. BERNY**.

Fr Jan also belongs to the Order of St Paul The First Hermit (*OSPPE*). He was born 01.07.1966; ordained priest 13.06.1992. Fr Jan was General Secretary of the Order for 12 years and for many years he taught philosophy in our Seminary. His monastery in Poland was Jasna Góra. He is coming to us from SS Mary and John's in Wolverhampton where he lived and worked during the last year.

We hope he will be happy with us and fruitfully work to fulfil his pastoral mission. Let us pray today asking God for his blessing upon our new priest.

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

**St. Augustine's Catholic Academy** – Sandon Road, Meir, ST3 7DF; tel. 01782 319504

**Margaret Yates** - *Executive Principal*,

**Rebecca Perkins** - *Head of School*

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

tel. 01782 392367

**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 at St Augustine's Church on 11<sup>th</sup> September at 19:30.

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; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – H Connor; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – R Cripps. Congratulations!



**ST FILUMENA'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW** - winners in August: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – G. Keiher-Knapper; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – M Doherty; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**CHILDREN LITURGY** – at St Augustine's will recommence next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S** - Today sale of apple tarts etc made with the apples that were donated.

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

- 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.**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> September at 15:00 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford.

## **PLEASE PRAY**

**For those who are ill, especially:** Pauline Adams, Susan Brady, Joan Brindley, Michele Yon, Leon Stefek,



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

## Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£	of which	£ was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£359.60	of which	£190.85 was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£	of which	£ was gift aided

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**

*please gift aid, if possible*

This weekend there is a voluntary Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service

## A NEW SCHOOL AND CATECHETICAL YEAR

This week we begin a new School Year. This is also the beginning of a new Catechetical Year. What is catechesis? It comes from the Greek word meaning 'to echo', or 'to resound'. A catechist is one who resounds the authentic teachings of the Church. The major role of parents and teachers as catechists is to lead their children and students to an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ through daily prayer and – most importantly – regular participation in Sunday Mass. This is where it must begin. Once they encounter Jesus and His infinite love and mercy then the door is open; then they will want to further explore His Gospel and the teachings of the Church.



**Dear parents,** you are the first catechists and teachers of your children in the ways of faith. You too are called to embrace our faith with a new enthusiasm and ardour, to be formed in our faith as adults, to enrich your spiritual lives with the Eucharist and prayer, and to witness your faith in joy, passion, commitment and service to God and the world in which we live. Never tire of spending your time and energy by providing your children with what they need most in life: the tools and foundations to encounter the Lord, especially as you teach them to pray and to listen to His Word, and as you bring them to Holy Mass on each and every Sunday. Proclaiming the Gospel and teaching the faith are not always easy.

Sometimes we do not receive the responses we want or the results we wish to see. Thus, we pray today (and every day) for the grace of perseverance and a renewed trust in God's promise that He will never allow our work and effort to be in vain and will use the seeds we plant to produce abundantly and in ways we can never imagine.

As we begin a NEW School and Catechetical Year, may all of us – but especially parents and teachers - be renewed in our commitment to be effective catechists who resound the joy of the Gospel and who, through the example of our lives, lead others to an encounter with Jesus, who is Lord forever and ever.

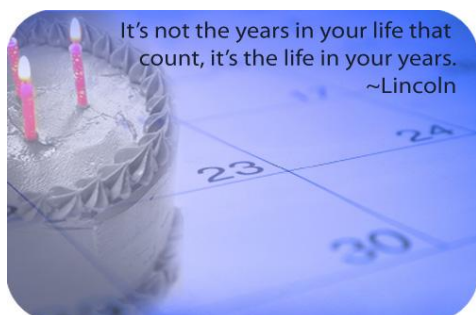
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### SAFEGUARDING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

*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 SEPTEMBER:

**Ezra Eagle, Pamela Minor, Marie Mitchel, Elisabeth Palser,**




**Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 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 !**

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St. Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St. Mary's CRESSWELL
<b>1<sup>st</sup> September Saturday</b>			18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – People of the Parish
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> September SUNDAY</b> <small>22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – Mary Moreton RIP	9:00 – Albert Dawson RIP	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> September Monday</b> <i>Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30 – Fr Paul's Int	9:15 – Holy Souls	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> September Tuesday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Arnold Family RIP <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
<b>5<sup>th</sup> September Wednesday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	9:15 – Zofia Bialkowska RIP	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> September Thursday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Private Int		
<b>7<sup>th</sup> September Friday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> <b>FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH</b>	9:30 – 18:00 – <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</b> 19:00 – Albert Dawson RIP		
<b>8<sup>th</sup> September Saturday</b> <i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:30 –		18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Fr Pawel's Int
<b>9<sup>th</sup> September SUNDAY</b> <small>23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – Albert Griffin Snr RIP	9:00 – Rachel Bowyer 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!