

PARISH BULLETIN

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

9th September 2018

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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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 this week at St Augustine's Church on TUESDAY 11th 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: 1st Prize – Y Beeston; 2nd Prize – H Connor; 3rd Prize – R Cripps. Congratulations!



ST FILUMENA'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW - winners in August: 1st Prize – G. Keiher-Knapper; 2nd 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.

CHILDREN LITURGY – at St Augustine's will recommence this Sunday.

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

- Music by Candlelight with Ashley: **THIS Wednesday 12th September 19:15**. Tickets available today – see Di or Ann.
- Crafty Chat Group – sign up with Angie. First project – knitted Poppies for a Remembrance Display in **November**.

YOUNG AT HEART, St Francis Church Hall, Sandon Rd, Meir – Tuesday 11th September 2018. Starts at 14:00 till 16:00, session costs £2 and includes light refreshment, biscuits and cake with entertainment. Bingo and raffle are separate.

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. Next Sunday 16th 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, Leon Stefek, Michele Yon, Betty Walton,



For those who have died recently – Steve Jones RIP, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£356.00	of which	£140.00 was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£309.40	of which	£188.50 was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£190.15	of which	£138.00 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

TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS

This day is also called the Exaltation of the Cross, Elevation of the Cross, Holy Cross Day, Holy Rood Day, or Roodmas. The liturgy of the Cross is a triumphant liturgy. When Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it was a foreshadowing of the salvation through Jesus when He was lifted up on the Cross. Our Mother Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross.

We made the Sign of the Cross at the beginning of every prayer which helps to fix our minds and hearts to God. When we finish prayer we make the Sign of the Cross to keep close to God. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. At Baptism we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying the fullness of redemption and that we belong to Christ. Let us look to the cross frequently and realize that when we make the Sign of the Cross we give our entire self to God - mind, soul, heart, body, will, thoughts.



O Cross, you are the glorious sign of victory.

Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.

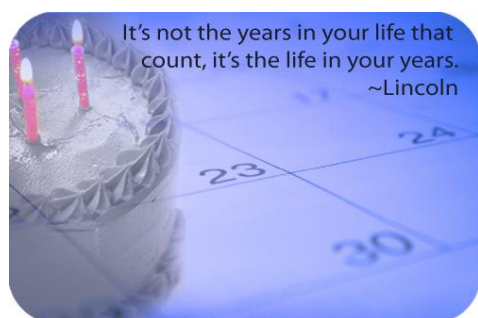
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SAFEGUARDING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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, Elizabeth Palser,




Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday, 30th 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
8th September Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Fr Pawel's Int.
9th September SUNDAY <small>23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – Albert Griffin Snr RIP	9:00 – Rachel Bowyer Int	
10th September Monday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – People of the Parish	8:00 – Peter Bowyer's Ints	
11th September Tuesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Deceased members of Dawson family <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
12th September Wednesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Deacon Neville Dyckhoff Ints	8:00 –	
13th September Thursday <i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30 – Declan & Geraldine Coffey Ints		
14th September Friday <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9:30 – 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 –		13.30 - Funeral Mass for Steve Jones RIP (at OULTON ABBEY)
15th September Saturday <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9:30 –		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Peter Crowther RIP
16th September SUNDAY <small>24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – Rachel, Lee & Lola Int	9:00 – Albert Dawson RIP	

 <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

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!

