

# PARISH BULLETIN

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

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

**25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

38/2018/KS

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## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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

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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 continue at St Augustine's Church on TUESDAYS at 19:30. All welcome (Catholic or non-Catholic). 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. Introductory meeting 29<sup>th</sup> September following Mass at 9:30 at St Augustine's Church, Meir. For more information please contact Gabrielle Halliday.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW** - winners in September: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – T. Borthwick; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – A. Jewell; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – P. Malcolm. 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.

**ORGAN RECITAL FUND RAISER** - Many thanks to all who contributed towards the success of the recent Organ Recital in St. Augustine's – those who donated, bought tickets and attended. A special 'Thank You' to Ashley for once again helping us to enjoy a splendid evening of music. £400 was raised towards the costs incurred in the ongoing building work.

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S FUND-RAISING EVENTS** (*see poster for full list*) - Crafty Chat Group – sign up with Angie. First project – knitted Poppies for a Remembrance Display in **November**.

**COMBONI MISSIONARIES' APPEAL** – this weekend we welcome a priest from the Society who will be making a mission appeal. Please support the Comboni Missionaries with your prayers and generous donations.

**YOUNG AT HEART**, St Francis Church Hall, Sandon Rd, Meir – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 from 14:00 till 16:00.

## PLEASE PRAY

For those who are ill, especially: Pauline Adams, Susan Brady, Joan Brindley, Leon Stefek, Michele Yon, Betty Walton, Beatrice Wright



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

### Parish Offertory for last weekend:

### Home Mission Sunday

<u>Meir:</u>	£317.50	of which	£155.50 was gift aided	£79.30
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£312.70	of which	£216.50 was gift aided	£88.20
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£179.30	of which	£144.00 was gift aided	£10.00

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**

*please gift aid, if possible*

This weekend there is a Second Collection for FATHER HUDSON'S CARE

## SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL - ARCHANGELS

The liturgy celebrates the feast of **these three Archangels** who are venerated in the tradition of the Church.



St Michael



St Gabriel



St Raphael

**Michael** (Who is like God) was the Archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil.

**Gabriel** (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin: “*Hail, full of grace*”, is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people.

**Raphael** (Medicine of God) is the Archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, “The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition”.

Angels are pure, created spirits. The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings. Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which men can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal. They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person. Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible. In ascending order, the choirs or classes are 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Principalities, 4) Powers, 5) Virtues, 6) Dominations, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim.

Each of the Archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides. Earlier belief that inexplicable events were due to the actions of spiritual beings has given way to a scientific world-view and a different sense of cause and effect. Yet believers still experience God’s protection, communication, and guidance in ways which defy description. We cannot dismiss angels too lightly.

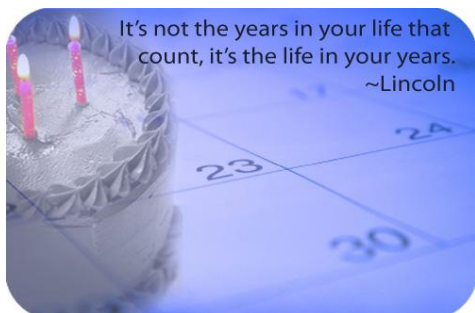
On the feast day of the Archangels, we remember that God’s messengers guide us in our journey to everlasting life with our Father. We can pray to Michael when we face temptation. We can ask to Gabriel to help us say “yes” to God as Mary did so many years ago. We can pray to Raphael when we are ill or know someone who is in need of healing.

We honour the Archangels because they remind us that God is always with us and that God loves us so much that He gives us special helpers to light and guide us to him.

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### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN SEPTEMBER:

Ezra Eagle, Pamela Minor, Marie Mitchel, Ezri Oakley, Elizabeth 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>22<sup>nd</sup> September</b> <b>Saturday</b>			18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Patrick McVey RIP
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> <small>25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – Syd Williamson RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Monday</b> <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	9:30 –	8:00 – Sylvia Wright Int	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
<b>26<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	8:00 – Albert Dawson RIP	
<b>27<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Thursday</b> <i>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	9:30 – Syd Williamson RIP		
<b>28<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Friday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Tony & Edna Murray Int (Golden Wedding) 18:00 – <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</b> 19:00 –		
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>Feast of SS Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</i>	9:30 –		18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Joyce Davies Int
<b>30<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> <small>26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – Intentions of those who celebrated their Birthdays in September	9:00 – People of the Parish	
 <b>Confessions</b>	<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))