



ORDINARY TIME
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PARISH BULLETIN

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

7th October 2018

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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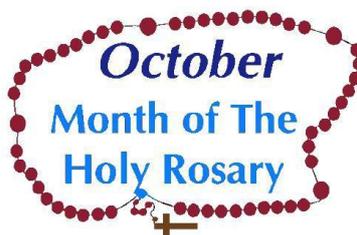
Rebecca Perkins - *Head of School*

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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 at St Augustine's Church on TUESDAYS at 19:30. This course is for those who want to know more about the Catholic Church and Faith. It is aimed at Catholics who want to deepen their faith and for those who are not Catholic who are interested in finding out about the Church & Faith.

CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS requiring preparation for the Sacraments and **non-Catholic children in Catholic Schools** wishing to become Catholics. Next meeting Saturday 20th October 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: 1st Prize – T. Borthwick; Prize – A. Jewell; 3rd Prize – P. Malcolm. Congratulations!

ST FILUMENA'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW - winners in September: 1st Prize – Robert Bowen; 2nd Prize – Amelia Williamson; 3rd Prize – Jacob Oakes. Congratulations!

YOUNG AT HEART - at St Francis' Hall, next meeting 9th October 14:00-16:00 The George Formby Story.

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**.



HOLY ROSARY - October is the month of the Holy Rosary, a great opportunity to restart or begin the devotion of praying the Rosary. If you have no time to come to Holy Mass weekdays or to stay after Mass to pray the Rosary in the church, I would like to invite you to and introduce to you a **“living Rosary”**. How do we pray the living Rosary?

At the beginning of the month each person who joins our Parish 'Living Rosary Group' will receive a card with a short meditation on just ONE decade of the Rosary. The person promises to say this specific decade of the Rosary every single day, at their convenience, for a month. At the beginning of the next month those who want to continue will swap the mystery of the Rosary. If you want to join 'Living Rosary Group' please see one of the clergy.

The Rosary is the compendium of the entire Gospel. That is to say, that each decade is dedicated to a single and significant moment in salvation history. Although the prayers of the Rosary are Marian, the devotion is very Christocentric and nourishes our interior and spiritual life in a way that non-meditative prayer does not. It is important for the faithful to find opportunities to incorporate meditation into their prayer life, and the Rosary is a wonderful way to do this. With its meditative nature, your daily prayer will increase in abundant graces and spiritual benefits.

The present crisis in the Catholic Church, that strikes so centrally at the integrity of the Church, goes beyond the recent scandals to the underlying crisis of faith that has weakened the Church as a whole. This necessitates a response from each one of us. Let us pray the Rosary for Holy Mother Church, for Her renewal, and the victory of Christ over sin and error. Let us beg God to increase our faith.

PLEASE PRAY

For those who are ill, especially: Pauline Adams, Mollie Blurton, 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:

Father Hudson's Care

<u>Meir:</u>	£308.05 of which £157.50 was gift aided	£ 47.50
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£357.02 of which £177.50 was gift aided	£144.49
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£159.00 of which £110.00 was gift aided	£ 29.51

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

This weekend there is a voluntary Second Collection for CAFOD

COHABITATION AND THE CHURCH'S TEACHING

What is cohabitation?

"Cohabitation" is commonly referred to as "living together". It describes the relationship of a man and woman who are sexually active and share a household, though they are not married.

Couples who are living together but are not married; Catholics who are civilly married, but not married in the Catholic Church, and Catholics who, after being married in the church, have divorced and remarried civilly fall into this same category – **cohabitation**.

Why is cohabitation such a concern for the Church?

The Catholic Church insists that couples who live together without being married are not allowed to receive Holy Communion. The Church does not impose this as a punishment, but because the way of life of such people goes against the Sacrament of Marriage and Church teaching that those who receive the Eucharist have to be one in unity with Christ and the Church.

The main objection to cohabitation is that it almost invariably involves fornication, which is an intrinsic moral evil (CCC 2353), meaning that it is always and everywhere gravely immoral. Sexual intercourse outside of a marriage is a serious sin and couples who sin in this way cannot receive Holy Communion in church. Conjugal love is meant to express the marital covenant between a husband and wife and is meant to be a mutual giving that is truly free, unreserved, faithful, and fruitful.

The Church is particularly concerned about cohabitation because the practice is so common today and because, in the long run, it is causing great unhappiness for families in the Church. This is true, above all, because - even though society may approve of the practice - cohabitation simply cannot be squared with God's plan for marriage. This may be why some couples who live together before marriage find married life difficult to sustain for very long.

The Church does not invent laws. It passes on and interprets what God has revealed through the ages. No one in the Church has the right to change what Jesus has taught. To do so would be to deprive people of saving truths that were meant for all time. Our Christian faith teaches that a sexual relationship belongs only in marriage. Sexual intercourse outside of marriage shows disrespect for the sacrament of marriage, the sacredness of the sexual act, and human dignity.

Our culture has convinced itself that living together outside of marriage is perfectly natural. In reality, it is anything but natural. It causes great separation, division, and harm to the dignity of the parties involved. While parties who cohabit may love one another on some level, they are inherently in a disordered arrangement that denies the very dignity of the two people involved, the good of the two involved, and violates God's designs for men and women. Cohabitation by its very nature does not resemble marriage. Cohabitation is to will sin on one another and to remain separated from one another.

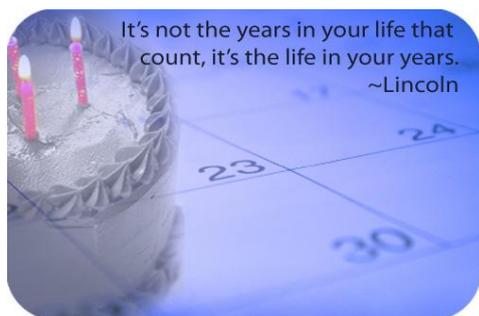
"We know that the Law is good, provided one uses it in the way law is supposed to be used - that is, with the understanding that it is aimed, not at good men but at the lawless and unruly, the irreligious and the sinful, the wicked and the godless, men who kill their fathers or mothers, murderers, fornicators, sexual perverts, kidnappers, liars, perjurers, and those who in other ways flout the sound teaching that pertains to the glorious gospel of God - blessed be he - with which I have been entrusted" [1 Timothy 1:8-11].

"Let Marriage be honoured in every way and the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge fornicators and adulterers" [Heb 13:4].

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER:

Damian Bowyer, Flynn Bowyer, Anya Bowyer, Solomon Bowyer, Sheila Killeen, Doreen Peacock, Paul Richards, James Richards, Dorothy Tantrum, Robyn Branbury, Jack Palmer, Hannah Palser, Lisa Swift, Rachel Davies



Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday, 28th October 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
6th October Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Marilyn Walters RIP
7th October SUNDAY 27 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B	11:00 – Sean Maloney RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	
8th October Monday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Private Int	9:15 –	
9th October Tuesday <i>Feast of the Blessed John Henry Newman, Priest</i>	9:30 – Molly Crowther <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
10th October Wednesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	8:00 – Fred Toplass RIP	
11th October Thursday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –		
12th October Friday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Doris Dean RIP 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 –		
13th October Saturday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time or Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9:30 –		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Joyce Davies Int
14th October SUNDAY 28 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B	11:00 – Anthony Baxter RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	



Confessions

Friday: 18:00 – 18:45
Saturday: 10:00 – 10:30

Sunday before Mass
8:15 – 8:45

Saturday before Mass
17:15 – 17:45

and *BY REQUEST*

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!**