



PARISH BULLETIN

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

14th October 2018

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

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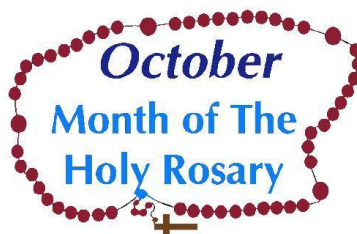
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NEWS FROM THE PARISHES



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; 2nd 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!



ST AUGUSTINE'S - Could holders of red APF Mission boxes please bring them in to be emptied. Please see Sue Smith at 11.00 mass. If it is difficult to bring them in please ring her and she will collect 396241.

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:

		CAFOD
<u>Meir:</u>	£304.95 of which £157.50 was gift aided	£ 67.70
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£230.38 of which £ 99.50 was gift aided	£ 89.90
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£125.70 of which £ 96.00 was gift aided	£177.42

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

USE OF WEALTH

The term "wealth" is not used here in the technical sense in which it occurs in treatises on economic subjects, but rather in its common acceptance, synonymous with riches. The purpose of this article is not to discuss the various uses to which wealth may be put with advantage to the public wealth or that of the individual, but to determine whether and how far there is any employment of it which is obligatory, i.e. is the subject matter of a positive precept. It is unusual with writers on spiritual subjects to say that the possessors of wealth hold it in trust. This does not mean that they are not in any true sense owners, but only that their ownership is not unqualified to the extent of being unburdened by certain duties in its use. To say that one may act as he likes with his own brings forth the obvious rejoinder, what value is then to be attached to the word *own*? If it be regarded as that which one may dispose of according to his good pleasure, we have a crude instance of a vicious circle. If it be identified simply with the entire store of a rich man's belongings, then the only sufficient defence of individual ownership fails by proclaiming it to be unrestricted. The beneficiaries in part, at any rate, of that trust are the poor. The command to bestow alms applies with special emphasis to those who have an abundance of this world's goods.

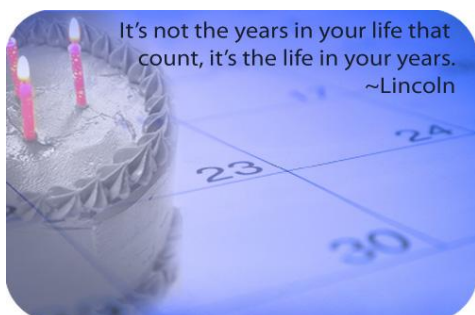
In attempting in general to define the validity and quantity of this obligation theologians have recourse to many distinctions. They separate carefully the various degrees of distress to be relieved and put stress upon the actual financial standing of those who are to afford the succour. Thus the differences are noted between extreme, grave, and ordinary necessity. Likewise, in the condition of those whose duty to give aid is to be ascertained discrimination is made between: those who have only what is barely required to maintain themselves and family; those who over and above the mere necessities of life are provided with what is needed to keep their present social status but nothing more: those who have a real surplus. The wealthy may be deemed to belong to this third class. It is a pagan and selfish view that all of a rich man's income or holdings is demanded for the upkeep or betterment of his social position and that thus he cannot be said to ever have anything beyond his needs. The accepted Catholic teaching is that those who have a real superfluity of goods (as many other than multi-millionaires have) are bound to help those in want, whatever be their grade of misery. So much at least seems plain from the words of Christ (Matthew 25:41-46). It is not so easy to define precisely when this obligation is a grave one. Some hold that it is only so in cases of extreme necessity, i.e. when a person is so situated as to be unable to escape death or some equivalent evil without assistance from others. However, Christ threatens eternal damnation (Matt., la. cit.) for the neglect to succour needs such as those which constantly exist in human society. St. John (I Epist., iii, 17) asks the pertinent question: "He that hath the substance of this world, and shall see his brother in need, and shall shut up his bowels from him: how doth the charity of God abide in him?"

The more probable opinion seems to be that a wealthy man is bound under pain of grievous sin to help those in want, whether the need be grave, i.e. such as would compel descent from one's actual social condition, or merely of the ordinary type, such as is experienced by the general run of the poor. A rich man does not, however, incur the guilt of grievous sin through failure to render aid in each and every instance, but only by habitually refusing to answer the appeals of the unfortunate. The Fathers, such as Basil, Gregory of Nyssa, Ambrose, and Augustine, characterize such persons as false to their trust and robbers of what has been given to them to distribute. The judgment of theologians is, however, not unanimous in this matter. Hence, the confessor could not impose a strict obligation as binding under pain of grievous sin, nor could he consequently refuse absolution because of unwillingness to fulfil this duty.

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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




It's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years.
~Lincoln

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
13th October Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Joyce Davies Int
14th October SUNDAY <small>28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – Anthony Baxter RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	
15th October Monday <i>Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus Virgin, Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30 – Alan Jones RIP	8:00 –	
16th October Tuesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Trevor & Elaine Int <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
17th October Wednesday <i>Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch Bishop, Martyr</i>	9:30 –	8:00 – Holy Souls	
18th October Thursday <i>Feast of St Luke, Evangelist</i>	9:30 – Borthwick Family RIP		
19th October Friday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 –		
20th October Saturday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time or Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9:30 –		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Private Intention (MD)
21th October SUNDAY <small>29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – Josie O'Flynn RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	
 Confessions	<i>Friday:</i> 18:00 – 18:45 <i>Saturday:</i> 10:00 – 10:30	<i>Sunday</i> before Mass 8:15 – 8:45	<i>Saturday</i> before Mass 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!**