

PARISH BULLETIN

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

4th November 2018

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

44/2018/KS

St Augustine's (for Parish Office): 146 Sandon Road, Meir, Stoke-on-Trent. ST3 7DF

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St Mary's: Cresswell Old Lane, Cresswell. ST11 9RF

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Parish Deacon (Caverswall): Rev Peter Bowyer

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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*



At St Augustine's we pray the Rosary weekdays after the 9:30 Mass.

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.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Attendance at two preparatory sessions is required before a Baptism can be arranged. Next sessions 5th & 12th December, at St Augustine's at 19:00. Please contact a member of the clergy for details.

CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS requiring preparation for the Sacraments and **non-Catholic children in Catholic Schools** wishing to become Catholics. Next meeting Saturday 10th November 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 October: 1st Prize – M. Chetwin; 2nd Prize – V. Brickley; 3rd Prize – D. Tantrum. 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 FUND-RAISING EVENTS (*see poster for full list*): Crafty Chat Group – sign up with Angie.

FROG RACE 17th November: A Race Evening with a difference –The Stoke on Trent Catenians have very kindly offered to arrange and organise this event to support our Parish. This time YOU will have control of the frogs as they race – or hop – towards the finishing line! Needless to say, the frogs are made of wood. Come along to find out more!!!! Adults £5, Children £1 – WOW!! Refreshments included.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER II – Back by popular request! Friday, 7th December, 19:00 in the School Hall. A box will be in the church porch for donations of bottles, raffle prizes, etc., towards making this occasion as successful as last years.

PADRE PIO'S Prayer Group meets at St Augustine's Sacristy next Wednesday, 7th November at 14:30.

YOUNG AT HEART: next meeting Tuesday 6th November 14:00 to 16:00 singing with Rockin Johnny.

This weekend Archbishop Bernard Longley will personally be addressing the Archdiocese involvement in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) when an open pastoral letter is read out in all churches.

The letter is available on the Archdiocese website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**.

If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**.

Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry.

PLEASE PRAY

For those who are ill, especially: Pauline Adams, Janice Austin, Mollie Blurton, Susan Brady, Joan Brindley, Leon Stefek, Doreen Thomson, Michele Yon, Betty Walton, Beatrice Wright

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

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£274.75	of which	£142.50 was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£372.35	of which	£251.20 was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£111.80	of which	£ 81.50 was gift aided

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

As from September 2019, the admissions process for St Joseph's is changing, i.e. for those applying during the Academic Year 2018-19. Every Catholic child applying for a place will be asked to produce a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice', this their parents will have to obtain from their Parish Priest. The guidelines from the Bishops of England & Wales state that **the Certificate can only be given if the child and their family regularly attend Sunday Mass (attendance once a month or once a fortnight is regarded as being insufficient)**. **Please do not ask for such a Certificate if you cannot meet the criteria.**

This may come as a surprise to some families but please understand that this has been agreed at a high level of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. The requirement of the Church that Catholic families attend Mass on a Sunday and Holyday of Obligation has not changed. (See "The Church Precepts" in the "Catechism of Catholic Church") I will endeavour to work with any Catholic family in our parishes but please understand the responsibility and the authority of the Parish Priest, and the rules by which we are bound. (See St Gregory's Newsletter, Longton, for the 26th Sunday of the Year B, 30th September 2018)

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NOVEMBER, MONTH FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

The month of November is traditionally dedicated by the Church to offer suffrages for all the faithful departed and holy souls in Purgatory.

A suffrage is an intercessory prayer on behalf of someone, in this case, of our dear brothers and sisters who have gone before us. Through the communion of saints, we here on earth could "expedite" the entry into heaven of all our faithful departed brothers and sisters who are still in Purgatory, purifying themselves from the temporal punishment left by their sins which were already forgiven in the Sacrament of Confession, by praying for them.

As the "Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church" teaches us:

"Because of the communion of saints, the faithful who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in Purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic Sacrifice. They also help them by almsgiving, Indulgences, and works of penance" (n. 211).

Let us have the noble desire to "EMPTY" Purgatory this month of November, pleading for God's abundant mercy for our faithfully departed brothers and sisters in need. Blessed Virgin Mary, intercede and pray for your suffering children in Purgatory so that they may quickly be purified and enter into the heavenly vision of the Most Blessed Trinity as soon as possible!

At St Augustine's during November, we will be remembering and praying for our departed loved ones. A small poppy or trinket will be available at the back of church for you to buy and place on a tree. The name of your loved one will then be written in a special Book of Remembrance. At the end of November their names will be read out during Mass. The trinkets are available from Angie, Roni or Elaine for £1 each.

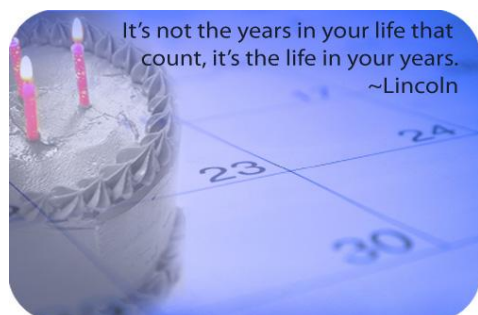
Also, on the Sanctuary there is a bowl for you to place your own list of departed loved ones.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.
And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN NOVEMBER:

John Arrowsmith, Matthew Bowyer, Roy Cripps, Harriet Perry, Peter Richards, Amelia Williamson



Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday, 25th November 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 !

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St. Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St. Mary's CRESSWELL
3rd November Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Halliday & Shaw family RIP
4th November SUNDAY <small>31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – Ann Leonard RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	
5th November Monday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	9:15 – Graham Jones RIP	
6th October Tuesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
7th November Wednesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	9:15 – Holy Souls	
8th November Thursday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –		
9th November Friday <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9:30 – 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 – Deceased of SVP		
10th November Saturday <i>Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30 –		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – People of the Parish
11th November SUNDAY <small>32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – Barbara Allsopp & Parents RIP	9:00 – Private Intention	

 <p style="color: purple; font-size: 1.2em;">Confessions</p>	<i>Friday:</i> 18:00 – 18:45	<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!