

# PARISH BULLETIN

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

11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**  
**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

45/2018/KS

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

**St Filumena's**: Blythe Bridge Road, Caverswall. ST11 9EA

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

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## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

**St. Augustine's Catholic Academy** – Sandon Road, Meir, ST3 7DF; tel. 01782 319504

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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 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 November: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Diane Gillen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Anthony Jewell; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Terry Moreton. Congratulations!



**ST FILUMENA'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW** - winners in October: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – T Cadman; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – J Thursfield; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – F Richardson. Congratulations!

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S FUND-RAISING EVENTS** (*see poster for full list*): Crafty Chat Group – sign up with Angie.

**FROG RACE** 17<sup>th</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 year's.

The Archdiocese hearing in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) begins in London on Monday 12 November, and runs until Friday 16 November. The Archdiocese believes that the work being done by IICSA is of great significance and supports the aim of strengthening and improving safeguarding practices and cultures within the Church.

The welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a fundamental priority for the Archdiocese. Fostering a culture which has safeguarding at its very heart remains a key part of our work.

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.

Last weekend's Pastoral Letter on this matter can be found on the Archdiocese website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

## 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>Johnson Fund</u>
<u>Meir:</u>	£349.95 of which £195.50 was gift aided	£43.20
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£303.69 of which £123.50 was gift aided	£72.53
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£148.87 of which £124.95 was gift aided	£36.50

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**

*please gift aid, if possible*

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

**Why do Catholics pray for the Dead?** ‘Praying for the dead’, is a common phrase used among Catholics but it is really a misleading term. From our Earthly view, they are dead, in the sense they are no longer pilgrimaging here with us on Earth. In reality, they are more alive than ever. For that reason, a much better term would be to refer to them as **the Faithful Departed**. Those in Purgatory are part of the saved Church. Out of Christian charity we pray for the Faithful Departed who died in a state of grace but with remaining self-love on their souls. In addition, practicing Jews of Jesus' days thought it was a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead / faithful departed. The “Second book of Maccabees” tell us that “...*Judas assembled his army and went to the city of Adullam. As the seventh day was coming on, they purified themselves according to the custom, and they kept the sabbath there. On the next day, as by that time it had become necessary, Judas and his men went to take up the bodies of the fallen and to bring them back to lie with their kinsmen in the sepulchres of their fathers. Then under the tunic of every one of the dead they found sacred tokens of the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear. And it became clear to all that this was why these men had fallen. So they all blessed the ways of the Lord, the righteous Judge, who reveals the things that are hidden; and they turned to prayer, beseeching that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out. And the noble Judas exhorted the people to keep themselves free from sin, for they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen. He also took up a collection, man by man, to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver, and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering. In doing this he acted very well and honourably, taking account of the resurrection. For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin*” [2 Maccabees 12:38-45].

If someone has fully accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, don't they go straight to Heaven? Yes, if they died in a state of sanctifying grace, and made holy choices on their deathbed. Purgatory has nothing to do with one's salvation or justification. Those in Purgatory are justified; they are saved. Purgatory has to do with one's personal holiness and the burning away of remaining self-love because nothing unclean can enter Heaven (Revelation 21:27). Think of Purgatory as the Holy Hospital of Heaven.

Every year on the second Sunday in November we celebrate **Remembrance Sunday**. On this day we remember the agreement between the Allies and Germany on November 11, 1918, to stop fighting which marked victory for the Allies and defeat for Germany. The agreement was signed in Compiegne in Northern France and came into effect at 11am. On this day we pray especially for those who lost their lives in war. In this exceptional centenary year, in and through our prayers we want to say ‘Thank You’ to all who served, sacrificed and changed our world during the First World War. **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.

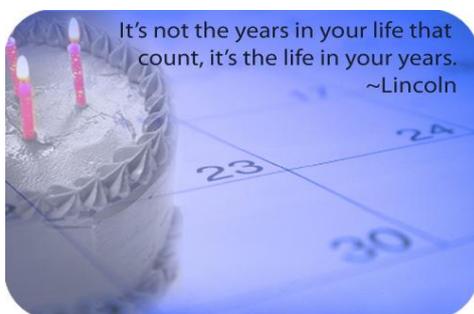
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

*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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St. Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St. Mary's CRESSWELL
<b>10<sup>th</sup> November Saturday</b>			18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – People of the Parish
<b>11<sup>th</sup> November SUNDAY</b> <small>32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – Barbara Allsopp & Parents RIP	9:00 – Private Intention	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> November Monday</b> <small>Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr</small>	9:30 – Torjussen & Kearns Families RIP	9:15 – Bernard Myatt RIP	
<b>13<sup>th</sup> November Tuesday</b> <small>Feria in Ordinary Time</small>	9:30 – Molly Crowther Int <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>		
<b>14<sup>th</sup> November Wednesday</b> <small>Feria in Ordinary Time</small>	9:30 – Holy Souls	9:15 – Rev Fr Bryan Halton RIP	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> November Thursday</b> <small>Feria in Ordinary Time</small>	9:30 – Forgotten Souls		
<b>16<sup>th</sup> November Friday</b> <small>Feria in Ordinary Time</small>	9:30 – Private Int 18:00 – <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</b> 19:00 –		
<b>17<sup>th</sup> November Saturday</b> <small>Feria in Ordinary Time or Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</small>	9:30 – Albert Griffin Snr RIP		18:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Patrick McVey RIP
<b>18<sup>th</sup> November SUNDAY</b> <small>33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – A & J Burgess RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	

 <p style="color: purple; font-size: 1.2em;"><b>Confessions</b></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!