



ORDINARY TIME
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PARISH BULLETIN

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

18th November 2018

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

46/2018/KS

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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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 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 24th 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: 1st Prize – Diane Gillen; 2nd Prize – Anthony Jewell; 3rd Prize – Terry Moreton. 2019 subscriptions £12 per number now due.

ST FILUMENA'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW - winners in October: 1st Prize – T Cadman; 2nd Prize – J Thursfield; 3rd Prize – F Richardson. Congratulations! 2019 subscriptions £12 per number now due, please.



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

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – Christmas Raffle Tickets are on sale at St Augustine.

YOUNG AT HEART - next meeting Tuesday 20th November 14:00-16:00. Talk on First Aid.

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 !

PLEASE PRAY

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

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

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£390.95	of which	£237.50 was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£	of which	£ was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£198.10	of which	£156.90 was gift aided

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

This weekend there is a Second voluntary Collection for SVP

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

We have access to several keys to help rescue the Holy Souls in purgatory and get them to heaven.

There's only one door out of purgatory for the Holy Souls there. It opens only into heaven. But here's the catch: they can't open it themselves. We have to open it for them. We have the key. The question is, will we help unlock it for some of them during this month of November, which the Church dedicates to the Holy Souls?

Here's the beautiful part: The Church hands us not just one key but a whole ring full of them. We can use any number of them to keep unlocking the door for the single-file line-up of souls who are suffering in purgatory.

They're all waiting to join the saints in heaven on the other side of the door. They can get there a lot quicker if we unlock that door for them. Let's start with some of the main keys the Church gives us to use. Some work every day, and some work only at a certain time or day, like the one that works from November 1-8 specifically for the souls in purgatory.

Every year on these eight days the Church grants a plenary indulgence that can be applied only to the souls in purgatory. The faithful can receive this indulgence each of the eight days to apply to a particular soul - a parent, spouse, relative, friend, or anyone even unknown.

The plenary indulgence to become plenary, which wipes away all temporal punishment due to sin, must fulfil specific requirements. They are:

- Sacramental Confession of your sins.
- The interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin (otherwise, the indulgence becomes partial, not plenary).
- Receiving Holy Communion.
- Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. One *Our Father* and one *Hail Mary* fully satisfies this.

Mighty everyday keys. We can gain the plenary indulgence "each day of the year", but "no more than once a day", by:

- Eucharistic Adoration. Visit the Blessed Sacrament for adoration lasting at least a half hour.
- Praying the Rosary. Devoutly recite the Rosary in a church, or at home, in a family, or in a religious community, or an association of the faithful, and in general when several of the faithful gather for some this purpose.
- Reading or listening to Sacred Scriptures. Read the Sacred Scriptures as spiritual reading, from a text approved by the Church, and with the reverence due to the divine word, for at least a half an hour; if the time is less, the indulgence will be partial. Or listen to it being read.
- Pious exercise of the Way of the Cross. Walk them in church or where legitimately erected.

You choose who the indulgence applies to: either yourself - you cannot give it to another living person - or to a holy soul in purgatory. Remember them this November, and throughout the rest of the year too. Remember that at the same time you are helping the holy souls and getting that indulgence key to quickly open the door to heaven for them, you are progressing in your spiritual life.

The best and the most powerful help we can give Holy Souls in Purgatory is Holy Mass for them. Have a Mass offered for a departed soul and / or participate in one devoutly. What could be more exceptional help for them.

Then there is the St. Gertrude Prayer specifically to release souls from purgatory: "*Eternal Father I offer you the most precious blood of your divine son Jesus, in union with all the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.*"

Once you use these keys and help the holy souls to get through that door in purgatory, they will never forget you. They will become your friends praying for you from heaven - and we certainly can use lots of friends helping us from there.

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.*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St. Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St. Mary's CRESSWELL
17th November Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Patrick McVey RIP
18th November SUNDAY <small>33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</small>	11:00 – A & J Burgess RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	
19th November Monday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	9:15 – Private Int	
20th November Tuesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Eamon Dooley Int <i>Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>	12:00 – Requiem Mass for Bernard Myatt	
21st November Wednesday <i>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:30 – Deceased members Ridge Family	8:00 – Liam Duffy RIP	
22nd November Thursday <i>Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr</i>	9:30 – Deceased members Hewetson & Coffey Families		
23rd November Friday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Patrick & Gordon Birks RIP 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 –		
24th November Saturday <i>Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	9:30 –		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Deceased members Kelsall Family
25th November SUNDAY <small>SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</small>	11:00 – Birthday Intentions	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!**