

PARISH BULLETIN

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

17th March 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

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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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Parish Deacon (Meir/Cresswell): **Rev Trevor Borthwick** (*retired*)

Parish Deacon (Caverswall): **Rev Peter Bowyer**

Safeguarding representatives: (*for Meir & Cresswell*) Rachel Davies - *mobile*: 07815 647060

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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*

**When in the church
talk only to God before Mass;
let God talk to you during Mass;
and talk to one another after Mass
but only outside the church!**

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 are on **Tuesdays** at 19:30 (in term time). This course is for those who want to know more about the Catholic Church and 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 6th April 2019** following Mass at 9:30 at St Augustine's Church, Meir. For more information please contact Gabrielle Halliday.

BAPTISM PREPARATION – at St. Augustine's Church on **Wednesdays 20th and 27th March at 19:00**. Both sessions must be attended by parents before arranging the date of a baptism.

ST AUGUSTINE'S FUND RAISING UPDATE: Last Friday we had further meeting to form a new Fundraising Committee and LESLEY POWELL was elected Chair and TONY JEWELL agreed to be Minute Secretary. All parishioners are asked to support future fundraising events and are more than welcome to attend future meetings. The next meeting will be on Monday 1st April at 19:30.

To date we have received lump sum donations of £100, £200, £150 & £100 towards the Parish debt. **MANY THANKS.**

ST AUGUSTINE'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW – March winners: 1st Prize – G. Halliday; 2nd Prize – B. Holland; 3rd Prize – K. M. Oakley. Congratulations!

ST FILUMENA'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW – February winners: 1st Prize – K. Burnley; 2nd Prize – F. Campbell; 3rd Prize – L. Street. Congratulations!

ST FILUMENA - There will be Lenten Lunches at the St. Filumena's Presbytery, Caverswall, each Wednesday of Lent, at 12:30 followed by Stations of the Cross at 14:15.

THREE PARISHES ACCOUNTS SUMMARY FOR 2018: There is a copy of income and expenditure of our three parishes posted on our noticeboards.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Evening of training and reflection at Holy Trinity Church, Newcastle, on Tuesday 2nd April 19:00. All Extraordinary Ministers are asked to attend this important event.

READERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER - Would those from our three Parishes who are available to read at the Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Services please sign the lists by 24th March. As in previous years, these will be celebrated at St. Augustine's.

YOUNG AT HEART - next meeting Tuesday 19th March, 14:00-16:00, with singer Tommy King.

PLEASE PRAY

For those who are ill, especially: Pauline Adams, Janice Austin, Mollie Blurton, Joan Brindley, Ruth Brock, Eamon Dooley, Leon Stefek, Margaret Stones, Doreen Thomson, Michele Yon, Fiona Borthwick, Beatrice Wright



For those who have died recently - Elizabeth Mary Heath, Marjorie Birks and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

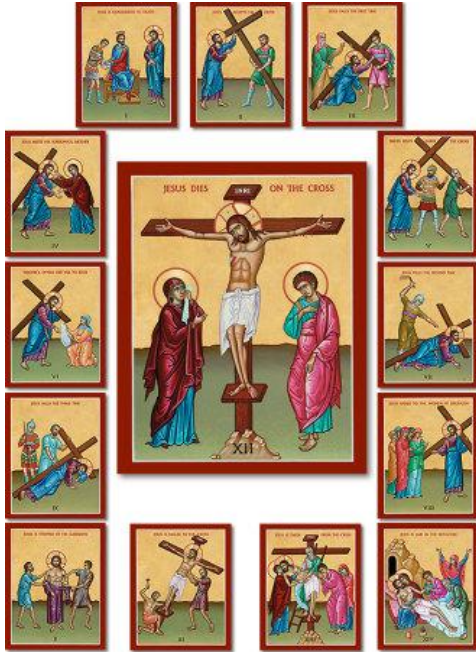
		<u>Cathedral Maintenance</u>
<u>Meir:</u>	£336.15 of which £202.50 was gift aided	£ 26.30
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£357.22 of which £200.70 was gift aided	£214.81
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£185.16 of which £153.00 was gift aided	£ 5.00

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

This weekend there is a second Collection for LENT FAST DAY (CAFOD)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. Stations of the Cross, also called Way of the Cross (*Via Dolorosa*), are a series of 14 pictures or carvings portraying events in the Passion of Jesus, from his condemnation by Pontius Pilate to his entombment. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.

From the earliest of days, followers of Jesus told the story of his passion, death and resurrection. When pilgrims came to see Jerusalem, they were anxious to see the sites where Jesus was. These sites become important holy connections with Jesus. Eventually, following in the footsteps of Jesus, along the way of the cross, became a part of the pilgrimage visit.

The stations, as we know them today, came about when it was no longer easy or even possible to visit the holy sites. It was the Franciscans who first promoted the use of scenes from the last journey of Jesus to the cross. This was no doubt inspired by the Crusaders who often erected tableaux of places they had visited in the Holy Land. In the 1500's, villages all over Europe started creating 'replicas' of the way of the cross, with small shrines commemorating the places along the route in Jerusalem.

The seventeenth century marks the time at which 'stations' were placed on church walls. These 'stations' or 'gathering places', were centred around wooden crosses, with a scene from the last journey of the Passion placed beneath them. Over the years there have been as few as five, or over 30 'stations'. In 1731 the number was fixed by Clement XII at fourteen. Nine of these commemorated events in the Gospels and five were taken from early tradition. The traditional stations have been recently supplemented with the 'Way of Light' (*Via Lucis*), in which the meditations focus on the resurrected Christ.

The most important reason for reviving the practice of making the Stations of the Cross is that it is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. It takes the reflection on the passion out of my head, and makes it an imaginative exercise. It involves my senses, my experience and my emotions. To the extent I come to experience the love of Jesus for me, to that extent of the gratitude I feel will be deep. Deep gratitude leads to real generosity and a desire to love as I have been loved.

The Stations can be taken alone or in the context of a church service, when a verse from the hymn *Stabat Mater* is sometimes sung between each of the stations.

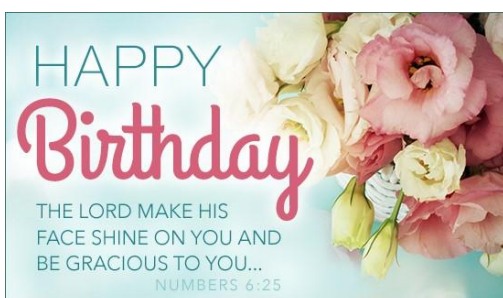
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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN MARCH:

Evelyn Barber, Kathy Champion, Pam Goodwin, Gabrielle Halliday, Moira Hewetson, Hannah Jagt, Tracy Keeling, Pauline Murray, Mary Owen,


Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday, 31st March 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
16th March Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – People of the Parish
17th March SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Year C	11:00 – Sean Maloney RIP	9:00 – Pat Shufflebottom RIP	
18th March Monday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 –	8:00 – Cyril Kelly Int	
19th March Tuesday <i>SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:30 – Vincent Coleman RIP		
20th March Wednesday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Private Int 11:00 - Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Mary Heath RIP	8:00 – Fr John Bentley 14:15 – Stations of the Cross	
21st March Thursday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Fr Kaz Int		11:00 - Funeral Service for Marjorie Birks RIP
22nd March Friday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Christina Pyatt Int 17:45 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 18:30 – Stations of the Cross 19:00 –		
23rd March Saturday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 –		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Neville Mountford RIP
24th March SUNDAY 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C	11:00 – People of the Parish	9:00 – Gordon Piper RIP	

 Confessions	<i>Friday:</i> 17:45-18:30 <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>		



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

MASS INTENTIONS

**PLEASE HAND IN AN ENVELOPE
(WITH SUGGESTED DATE AND CHURCH PREFERENCE)
TO A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY**

Please send items for the Parish Newsletter by Thursday evening (e-mail: augustineandmary@hotmail.com)