

PARISH BULLETIN



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

24th February 2019

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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

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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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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.

The Rite of Election will take place on Sunday 10th March at 15:00 in St Chad's Cathedral.

CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS requiring preparation for the Sacraments and **non-Catholic children in Catholic Schools** wishing to become Catholics. Next meeting **Saturday 9th March 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 Wednesday 20th and 27th March at 19:00. Both sessions must be attended by parents before arranging the date of a baptism.

ST AUGUSTINE'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW – February winners: 1st Prize – M. Dovey; 2nd Prize – G. Halliday; 3rd Prize – T. Borthwick. Congratulations! Subscriptions £12 per number for the twelve months in 2019 are now overdue, please.

ST FILUMENA'S 50/50 CLUB DRAW – January winners: 1st Prize – L. Dudley; 2nd Prize – N. Byrne; 3rd Prize – A. Williamson. Congratulations! 2019 subscriptions £12 per number now due, please.

ST FILUMENA - There will be Lenten Lunches at the St. Filumena's Presbytery, Caverswall, each Wednesday of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, 6th March, at 12:30 followed by Stations of the Cross at 14:15.

ST AUGUSTINE'S FUND RAISING UPDATE: To date we have two volunteers to serve on our Fundraising Committee and have received lump sum donations of £100 and £200 towards the debt. **MANY THANKS.** We are calling an initial meeting to discuss the situation on Thursday 7th March at 18:00 in the Sacristy.

RAFFLE AT ST MARY'S to raise funds for a new vacuum cleaner.

PLEASE PRAY

For those who are ill, especially: Pauline Adams, Janice Austin, Marjorie Birks, 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 Gordon Piper, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£322.55	of which	£122.50 was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£	of which	£ was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£163.25	of which	£139.00 was gift aided

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

This weekend there is a second voluntary Collection for the POOR

CATHOLIC PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

All parents are responsible for the health and well-being of their children. Catholic parents are also charged with the obligation to provide moral education and spiritual growth for their children and to educate them in the teachings of the Catholic Church. Although Catholic schools and Church offer religious education programs for the youth of the parish, the primary responsibility rests with the parents.

Setting an Example

As a Catholic parent you have an obligation to discipline your children, teach them to respect others rights and property and provide good examples for them. You also have a responsibility to provide an atmosphere where your children are considered children of God. The “Catechism of the Catholic Church” instructs parents to create a home where tenderness, forgiveness, fidelity and respect are the rule. The Church also expects that you will set a good example for your children by attending Mass, receiving the Church’s sacraments, teaching your children to pray and providing good moral examples for them. Your daily actions should encourage trust, acceptance and forgiveness.

Education

According to the Catholic Church’s teachings, you, as a Catholic parent, have an obligation to provide religious education to your children. The Church teaches that religious education begins at home and it is your responsibility to provide moral education and spiritual formation. The Church expects you to teach your children about God, angels, saints and Catholic traditions. According to the Church, as a Catholic parent, you have a grave primary duty to educate and train your child in the Catholic faith, worship and morality which should begin in the earliest years.

Attending Mass

Your responsibility as a Catholic parent is to see that your child attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Your responsibility includes, not only getting your child to Sunday Mass, but setting an example by attending Mass with your child. Your obligation includes teaching him not just the rituals, but also the meaning of the Mass.

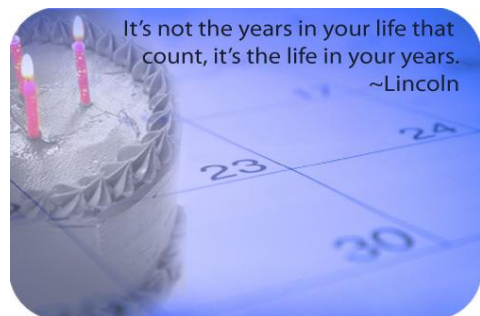
Receiving Sacraments

In addition to providing an education for your child, as a Catholic parent you are also expected to prepare him to receive the Church’s sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. According to Canon Law, infants are to be baptized during the first few weeks of life. When your child reaches 7 years of age, it is time to prepare him for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. This preparation usually takes place at school for children attending Catholic school. If your child attends a non-Catholic school, you are encouraged to enrol your child in religious education classes at your parish for this preparation. Depending on your parish, the sacrament of Confirmation is received between the ages of 7 and 16 years.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN FEBRUARY:

Deacon Trevor, Kaiyan Kahn, Wilf Bentley, Mya Brzoska, Josie Burgess, Molly Goodwin, Tim Halliday, William Perry, Pat Porter, Mark Saxby, Nora Shepard, Pat Swift, Joseph Swinnerton, Mark Swinnerton, Mary Torjussen, Adam Williamson, Andrew Williamson, Anthony Williamson



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, 24th February 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
23rd February Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – John Critchlow RIP
24th February SUNDAY <small>7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C</small>	11:00 – Birthday Intentions	9:00 – Arnold Family RIP	
25th February Monday <small>Feria in Ordinary Time</small>	9:30 – People of the Parish	9:15 – Holy Souls	
26th February Tuesday <small>Feria in Ordinary Time</small>	9:30 – Kaiyan & his family Intentions		
27th February Wednesday <small>Feria in Ordinary Time</small>	9:30 – Albert Dawson & Family RIP	9:15 – All Staff of St Filumena's School	
28th February Thursday <small>Feria in Ordinary Time</small>	9:30 – Janice Austin Int		
1st March Friday <small>Feast of St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH</small>	9:30 – Helena & Kazimierz Kuca RIP 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 –		
2nd March Saturday <small>Feast of St Chad, Bishop</small>	9:30 – Trevor & Elaine Int		18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Thanksgiving
3rd March SUNDAY <small>8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C</small>	11:00 – David Coe RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	

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



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)