

PARISH BULLETIN

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

14th April 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C
PALM SUNDAY

15/2019/KS

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Margaret Yates - *Executive Principal*,

Rebecca Perkins - *Head of School*

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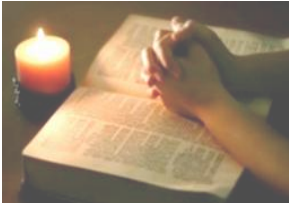
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Claire Tomlinson – *Principal*

**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.

CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS requiring preparation for the Sacraments and **non-Catholic children in Catholic Schools** wishing to become Catholics. Next meeting **Saturday 11th May 2019** following Mass at 9:30 at St Augustine's Church, Meir. For more information please contact Gabrielle Halliday.

VERY MANY THANKS for all the lump sum donations towards our Parish debt.

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 – March winners: 1st Prize – L. Preston; 2nd Prize – P. Bowyer; 3rd Prize – T. Bowen. Congratulations!

ST FILUMENA – We have 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.

READERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER – Would those from our three Parishes who offered to read at the Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Services please take a copy of the schedule. As in previous years, these will be celebrated at St. Augustine's.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – will be re-commissioned during Mass on Holy Thursday. Attendance is necessary if you wish to continue in this important ministry.

ST MARY – Easter Flower Collection begins this week.

EASTER MONDAY TRADITIONAL MEN'S MASS in thanksgiving for the Blessed Sacrament – will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Church, Newcastle, at 10:00; The Main Celebrant will be Bishop David McGough.

NORTH STAFFS AREA PASTORAL COUNCIL invites all to participate in Holy Mass celebrated at Our Lady and St Benedict, Abbey Hulton, on Friday 3rd May at 19:00.

Lenten Penitential Service

(Several priests will be available to hear confessions)

St. Augustine's, Meir - Monday 15th April at 19:00

PLEASE PRAY

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



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

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£306.90	of which	£142.50 was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£301.17	of which	£ 62.90 was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£133.82	of which	£100.00 was gift aided

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

please gift aid, if possible

This weekend there is a second voluntary Collection for the POOR

On Good Friday there will be Collection for the Holy Places and Shrines in the Holy Land

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.



Palm Sunday (first known as Pasha) originated in the Jerusalem Church around the late third or early fourth century. Ceremonies consisted of prayers, hymns, and sermons as people moved through the numerous holy sites within the city. At the last site, the place of Jesus' ascension into heaven, the clergy would read the biblical account of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. Then as evening approached, the people would return to the city reciting: "*Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord*" (Matthew 21:9). By the fifth century, the celebration had spread as far as Constantinople. It wasn't until the sixth and seventh centuries that the ritual blessing of the palms was added. A morning procession replaced the evening one and by the

eighth century, the Western Church was celebrating "Dominica in Palmis" or "Palm Sunday".

Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday in recognition of the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus' final agonizing journey to His crucifixion. Falling on the sixth Sunday in Lent and the Sunday before Easter, Palm Sunday is celebrated in all major Christian churches - Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox. In many Orthodox churches, Palm Sunday is known as *Entry into Jerusalem*. In some countries, the graves of loved ones are decorated with palms. Since palm trees are not indigenous to colder climates, branches of sallow, willow, and yew are often used.

Today, many Palm Sunday traditions remain much the same as those celebrated in the tenth century. Some ceremonies begin with the blessing of the palms. Afterward, many people take the palms home and place them in houses, barns, and fields. In many churches, children serve as an integral part of the service since they enjoy the processions. Children often craft crosses from palm leaves which were used in the Sunday processional. The traditions of Palm Sunday serve as reminders of the life-changing events of Holy Week.

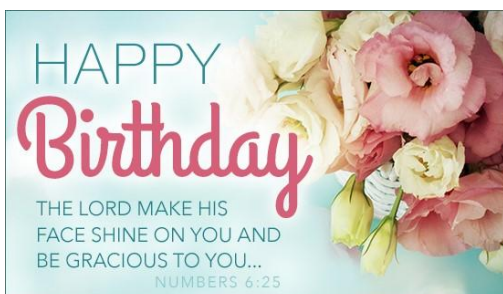
It was traditional in the Near East to place a cover across the path of someone deemed worthy of highest honour. The palm branch was a Jewish symbol of triumph and victory (see Leviticus 23:40; Revelation 7:9). In 2 Kings 9:13, Jehu, son of Jehoshaphat, received the customary announcing of a king with the spreading of cloaks upon the ground. Jesus, the Messianic King, was given a similar honour. "*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*" (Matthew 21:8)

In the simplest of terms, Palm Sunday is an opportunity to reflect upon the final week of Jesus' life. Jesus did not deny the image that the crowd expected – the fulfilment of the hopes of Israel that He would be their earthly king, destroying the Roman government. Instead, Jesus humbly entered Jerusalem to give His life on a cross, saving mankind from sin and death. One day, Jesus will return gloriously as a mighty warrior in battle (Revelation 19:11-16). Palm Sunday serves as a preparation of one's heart for the agony of His Passion and the joy of His Resurrection.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN APRIL:

Henry Gibson, Albert Griffin, Ann Hewetson, Alyssa Oakley, Karyn Oakley, Harry Ridge,
Catherine Swinnerton, Peter Swinnerton,



Holy Mass for the birthday intentions of those listed above will be offered at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday, 28th April 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
13th April Saturday			18:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Patrick McVey RIP
14th April SUNDAY PALM SUNDAY OF LENT Year C	11:00 – David Burgess & Parents RIP	9:00 – Peter Killeen RIP	
15th April Monday <i>of the Holy Week</i>	9:30 – People of the Parish	9:15 – Holy Souls	
16th April Tuesday <i>of the Holy Week</i>	9:30 –		
17th April Wednesday <i>of the Holy Week</i>	9:30 –	9:15 – Peter Killeen RIP 14:15 – Stations of the Cross	
18th April MAUNDY THURSDAY	19:00 – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Private Int		
19th April GOOD FRIDAY	NO Mass 15:00 – SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	19:00 – Stations of the Cross	
20th April HOLY SATURDAY	20:30 – EASTER VIGIL		
21st April EASTER SUNDAY	11:00 –	9:00 – Ivan Wright & Family Int	11:00 – People of the Parish



Confessions

Friday: 17:45-18:30
Saturday: 10:00-10:30

Sunday before Mass
8:15-8:45

Saturday before Mass
17:15-17:45

and *BY REQUEST*



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