

BULLETIN The Catholic Parishes of

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5th April 2026

EASTER SUNDAY – YEAR A SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

14/2026



Mary of Magdala was first to go to the tomb, before the dawn when it was still dark, and discovered it empty. Jesus was missing — the master who had understood her and cured her, the prophet she had followed faithfully until his death. What have they done with the Risen Jesus?

Mary meets the Risen One when she feels herself personally called by him. That's the core of resurrection faith. Jesus shows himself full of life to us when we feel ourselves called by our own name and we hear the invitation that he makes to each one of us. That's when our faith grows. Our faith in the living Christ won't be revived only by the Easter accounts alone. We won't properly meet him if we don't seek a living, personal contact with him. A combination of the love of Jesus known through the Gospel and sought personally in the depths of our hearts, can best lead us to meet the Risen One.



Divine Mercy Sunday devotions will take place at St Augustine's church next Sunday, from 14:00, followed by chanting of Divine Mercy Chaplet at the Hour of Mercy 3pm, and Holy Mass at 3.30pm. Details on the poster.

Children Sacramental Preparation Meeting – For Children attending Non-Catholic Primary Schools wishing to receive the sacraments or Non-Catholic children wishing to become Catholic, next meeting Saturday 25th April St Augustine's following morning Mass. **Confirmation Classes** begin on Thursday 16th April 17:30. Please contact: Gabrielle.

Journey in Faith – Meets at St Augustine's, every Tuesday in term time, 7:30 pm. For more information contact: Gabrielle.

Baptism Preparation – Parents wishing to arrange a Baptism for their child need to complete two preparation sessions along with Godparents where possible. The next dates are 20th & 27th April at 7:00pm at St Augustine's.

St Augustine's – Piety stall open after Mass and now selling Easter cards, religious cards, rosary beads and candles

Easter Raffle – Sunday 5th April. Raffle tickets £1 a strip. Many lovely prizes.

St Mary's Easter Flower Collection – A basket for all donations for the Easter flowers will be at the back of church. Many thanks in advance Kathryn and Sue.



ST AUGUSTINE'S – APRIL winners:

1st Prize – M. Owen, 2nd Prize – A. Hartley. Congratulations!

ST FILUMENA'S – MARCH winners:

1st Prize – T. Staddard, 2nd Prize – L. Hough. Congratulations!

Happy Easter Dear Parishioners!

PLEASE PRAY

For those who are ill, especially: Giuseppe and Loredana De Cicco, Ron Jones, Pat Bowen, Joanne Coronato, Eamon Dooley, Agnes June Jarville, John Leonard, Pauline Tranter, Beatrice Wright.

For those who have died recently – John Parton; Sheila Killeen, Pat Porter, June Toplass, Dorothy Preece, Peter Davies, Kathleen Margaret Hulme, Liliana Lipiec, Adrian Walley and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Offertory for last weekend:


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| Meir: | £408.40 | of which | £175.00 | was gift aided |
| Caverswall: | £219.00 | of which | £140.00 | was gift aided |
| Cresswell: | £236.00 | of which | £202.00 | was gift aided |


MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

please gift aid, if possible

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

| | St. Augustine's MEIR | St Filumena's CAVERSWALL | St Mary's CRESSWELL |
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| 5th April EASTER SUNDAY <small>SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR A</small> | 11:00 – Gabriel Litavec Intention | 9:00 – People of the Parish | 11.00 – The Living & Deceased of the Arnold Family |
| 6th April Monday <i>Easter Monday, Solemnity</i> | 9:30 – Ryszard Frankow Birthday Intention | 8:00 – Halliday Family Intention | |
| 7th April Tuesday <i>Easter Tuesday, Solemnity</i> | 9:30 – Pauline Murray Special Intention | | |
| 8th April Wednesday <i>Easter Wednesday, Solemnity</i> | 9:30 – Ewa Wein Intention | 11:00 – Rev Deacon Peter Bowyer | |
| 9th April Thursday <i>Easter Thursday, Solemnity</i> | 9:30 – Bozena Zal-Krychowska RIP | | |
| 10th April Friday <i>Easter Friday, Solemnity</i> | 9:30 – Bozena Zal-Krychowska RIP 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 – Halina Starostka Birthday Intention | | |
| 11th April Saturday <i>Easter Saturday, Solemnity</i> | 9:30 – Ken & Lynne Martin RIP 18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – People of the Parish | | 17:00 – (Sunday Vigil) – Patrick & Kitty M ^c Vey RIP |
| 12th April DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <small>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year A</small> | 11:00 – Pauline Murray Special Intention 14.00 – Divine Mercy Devotion 15:00 – Chaplet 15.30 – Mass – | 9:00 – Millicent Warrilow RIP | |

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|  Confession | <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> 16:15-16:45 |
| | and BY REQUEST | | |



PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!

The Rosary means “Crown of Roses”. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions, and it is therefore the most important one.

Mass intentions please hand in an envelope to a member of the clergy

Church offerings can be made directly to each parish account:

St Augustine's - Acc No **04763483** Sort code **01-05-27**
 St Filumena's - Acc No **03392775** Sort code **01-05-27**
 St Mary's - Acc No **15628833** Sort code **01-05-27**