

BULLETIN

The Catholic Parishes of

St Augustine of Canterbury, 146 Sandon Road, Meir, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7DF

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9th March 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

11/2025



Jesus “was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.” Why would the Spirit lead Jesus into the desert knowing he

would be tempted? If you think of being tempted as a bad thing, you might question the benevolence of God. However, I think of this movement as an opportunity that Wisdom offers Jesus and all of us.

Have you ever gone through a dry period or “dark night of the soul?” Maybe you’ve been through many. Perhaps you are in one now and know they usually last longer than one night. We could, and do, think of these times as unwanted and awful. At least, that is how it usually feels when I’m in the middle of such times. At these times I may question whether a loving God even exists. I feel alone, isolated and separated.

The darkness and suffering make me question who I am and what life is. In these difficult periods, I often come face-to-face with my humanity and the lies that keep me from knowing the truth. It becomes an opportunity to become aware of what separates me from God and to shed what keeps me from embodying my divinity.

This Lent, how might you be, what might you do or refrain from doing that will support connection with the Source of all Being, who is alive in every being?

Baptism Preparation – Parents wishing to arrange a Baptism for their child need to complete two preparation sessions along with Godparents where possible.

The second session is on **10th March** at 7:00pm at St Augustine’s.

Journey in Faith – Meets at St Augustine’s, every Tuesday in term time, 7:30 pm.

For more information contact: Gabrielle. 07764 245344

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 session is **15th March** at St Augustine’s, 11:00 am.

Confirmation Class, Thursday 13th March at 6pm.

For more information contact Gabrielle. 07764245344

50/50 CLUB

ST AUGUSTINE’S – MARCH winners:

1st Prize – E. Borthwick, 2nd Prize – J. Brundrett. Congratulations!

ST FILUMENA’S – FEBRUARY winners:

1st Prize – A Preston, 2nd Prize – G Woolgar. Congratulations!

Thank you for your contribution to this invaluable fund. I am now collecting for March 2025/26. Please see Glenis with any queries. Thank You

PLEASE PRAY

For those who are ill, especially: Joanne Coronato, Eamon Dooley, Agnes June Jarville, Pat Porter, Dorothy Preece, June Toplass, Pauline Tranter, Beatrice Wright.

For those who have died recently – Denice Culley, Pat Powell, Margaret Mulley, Frank Nixon, Dennis Cuningham, Betty Kay, Marian Dovey, Betty Williamson and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£361.90	of which	£125.00	was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£220.00	of which	£124.00	was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£194.50	of which	£181.00	was gift aided

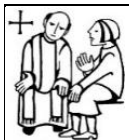
MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

please gift aid, if possible

Next Sunday there may be a voluntary Second Collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St Mary's CRESSWELL
8th March 2025 Saturday <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – People of the Parish		17:00 <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i> – Private Intention
9th March Sunday FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C	11:00 – Alison Irvine	9:00 – Deceased Members of the Consall Walker family	
10th March Monday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 –	8:00 –	
11th March Tuesday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Private Intention		
12th March Wednesday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 –	11:00 – School Mass – Wilfred Bentley Intention 15:00 – Stations of the Cross	
13th March Thursday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – P. Murray Birthday Intention		
14th March Friday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – School Mass 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 18:30 – Stations of the Cross 19:00 –		
15th March Saturday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – 18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – Doreen Maloney Intention		17:00 <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i> –
16th March Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C	11:00 – Pauline Murray Birthday Intention	9:00 People of the Parish	



Confession

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

Sunday before Mass
8:15-8:45

Saturday before Mass
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**

Please send items for the Parish Newsletter by Thursday evening (e-mail: saoc.meir@rcaob.org.uk)