

BULLETIN

The Catholic Parishes of

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15th September 2024

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

37/2024



You would figure Peter, of all people, would have a solid grasp of God's will. The rock of the church, chosen to witness the transfiguration, Peter was as intimate with Jesus as anyone. For all this, or maybe because of it, he was full of self-will and quick to assert it.

That tension between self-will and

God's will is displayed in today's gospel reading from Mark. On the road, Jesus questions the disciples: "Who do people say that I am?" Peter seems to perceive the truth: "You are the Christ." Jesus then explains how he must suffer to fulfil his mission as the Son of Man. As we might imagine a caring, if somewhat overzealous, friend doing, Peter takes Jesus aside and tries to dissuade him. "Get behind me, Satan!" Jesus answers. "You are not thinking as God does, but as human beings do."

The problem with self-will is its tendency to blur the presence of God here and now. Peter recognized the importance of Jesus but wanted things to coincide with his desires, his vision of how things should stand. By force of will, he tries to steer Jesus away from suffering.

If we envision God's will for us as a labyrinth full of twists and turns that nevertheless lead to the centre? St. Augustine famously preached, "Love, and do what you will." If love is our spiritual centre, then there are ultimately no wrong turns, no dead-ends. Even when we come up against what Sister Constance Fitzgerald terms "impasses," those times in our lives

of faith when we feel trapped with neither a way forward nor a way back, Jesus continues to call: Let go of the life you thought you should be living. Love, then do what you will.

Children Sacramental Preparation Meeting – For Children attending Non-Catholic Schools wishing to receive the sacraments or Non-Catholic children wishing to become Catholic, Saturday 21st September after 9:30 Mass. For more information contact Gabrielle: 07764 245344.

Journey in Faith – Every Tuesday in term time, St Augustine's Presbytery at 7:30 pm. All welcome. For more information: Gabrielle 07764 245344.

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 7th & 14th October at 7:00pm at St Augustine's.

Mass in Preparation for the Jubilee Year – Our Lady & St Werburgh Clayton on the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7:15pm.

St Mary's Red Missio Boxes – Thank you to everyone who has a box at home. They are now due to be collected in for counting. Could you please return to Len Ridge as soon as possible.

50/50 CLUB

ST AUGUSTINE'S – SEPTEMBER winners:

1st Prize – Sara-Jane Bryan; 2nd Prize – Jane O'Beney.
Congratulations!

ST FILUMENA'S – AUGUST winners:

1st Prize – N Washington, 2nd Prize – M Bowyer. Congratulations!

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 – Betty Williamson, Pat Arnold, Ann Williamson, Margaret Evans, Patricia Woolridge, John Newton and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£277.05	of which	£140.00	was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£269.00	of which	£132.00	was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£	of which	£	was gift aided

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

please gift aid, if possible

This Sunday there will be a Second Collection for Catholic Evangelisation.
 Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for Fr Hudson's Society.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St Mary's CRESSWELL
14th September Saturday <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – People of the Parish		17:00 <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i> –
15th September Sunday TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B	11:00 – Betty Williamson RIP	9:00 – Johanna Wilhzmime Barker RIP	
16th September Monday <i>Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	9:30 –	8:00 –	
17th September Tuesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Private Intention		
18th September Wednesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	11:00 – School Mass	
19th September Thursday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –		
20th September Friday <i>Memorial of St Andrew Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	9:30 – School Mass Ian Halliday RIP 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 –	12.30 – Funeral Service for the late Timothy Wilson	
21st September Saturday FEAST OF MATTHEW APOSTLE, EVANGELIST	9:30 – 18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – People of the Parish		17:00 <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i> – Private Intention
22nd September Sunday TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B	11:00 – Betty Williamson RIP	9:00 –	



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**