

BULLETIN

The Catholic Parishes of

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

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4th January 2026

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY – YEAR A

1/2026

Happy New Year 2026!

On New Year we feel the mystery of time more powerfully than at any other time. We feel, in other words, that its flow – in which we live and in which everything constantly vanishes as the “past” and constantly places us face to face with the unknown future – essentially contains within itself the main question that everyone is called to answer with their lives.

I was not, now I am, and I will not be; thousands of years passed before me, and thousands will come after... On the surface of this unimaginably infinite ocean, I am but a fleeting bubble, into which a ray of life flashes for a split second, just to be extinguished and disappear then and there.

Therefore, regardless of whatever we were taught by pathetic prophets of a pathetic happiness, only one real question stands eternally before man: does this ever-so-brief life have any meaning? What does it mean, when compared with the boundless abyss of time, that this flash of consciousness, this ability to think, rejoice, and suffer, this extraordinary life that, however seemingly futile and random, is still looked upon by us as a gift?

St Augustine's: Piety Stall open.

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 10th January following morning Mass. Please contact: Gabrielle. 07764 245344

Journey in Faith – Meets at St Augustine's, every Tuesday in term time, 7:30 pm. For more information contact: Gabrielle. 07764 245344



ST AUGUSTINE'S – DECEMBER winners:

1st Prize – F. Campbell, 2nd Prize – R. Taylor. Congratulations!

ST FILUMENA'S – DECEMBER winners:

1st Prize – M Scally, 2nd Prize – F Campbell. Congratulations!

PLEASE PRAY

For those who are ill, especially: John Parton, Pat Bowen, Joanne Coronato, Eamon Dooley, Agnes June Jarville, John Leonard, Pauline Tranter, Beatrice Wright.

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

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£	of which	£	was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£	of which	£	was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£	of which	£	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
3rd January 2026 Saturday <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – Patricia, Kathleen Arnold & Family RIP		17:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Halliday Family Intentions
4th January Sunday SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY – Year A	11:00 – People of the Parish	9:00 – Anne & John Gibbons RIP	
5th January Monday <i>Christmas Feria</i>	9:30 – Holy Souls	8:00 – Alcock & Arrowsmith Families RIP	
6th January Tuesday SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIHANY OF THE LORD Holyday of obligation	9:30 – School Mass – 19:00 – Holy Souls	11:00 – School Mass – Marie Duffy's Intention	17:00 – Holy Souls
7th January Wednesday <i>Christmas Feria</i>	9:30 – Holy Souls in Purgatory	11:00 – Emily Hayden RIP	
8th January Thursday <i>Christmas Feria</i>	9:30 – Bozena Zal-Krychowiak RIP		
9th January Friday <i>Christmas Feria</i>	9:30 – Bozena Zal-Krychowiak RIP 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 –	11:00 – Funeral service for the late Tony Crompton.	
10th January Saturday <i>Christmas Feria</i>	9:30 – Kitson Family RIP 18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – People of the Parish		17:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Lesley Maloney RIP
11th January Sunday FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – Year A	11:00 – Emanuele & Alba Intentions	9:00 – Margaret Bennett RIP	



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)