

# BULLETIN

## The Catholic Parishes of

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

**St Filumena**, Blythe Bridge Road, Caverswall ST11 9EA; **St Mary**, Cresswell Old Lane, Cresswell ST11 9RF

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7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A**

49/2025

December 7, 2025

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### The Candle of Peace

The second candle is the Candle of Peace. It symbolizes preparation for Christ's arrival and the peace He brings to our broken world.

We are already at the second Sunday of Advent. Christmas isn't far away. Many houses and shops are already decorated, lights are glittering, carols are being sung. Do our readings today give us any indications about what kind of person we are preparing for? Our first reading today is taken from the prophet Isaiah, as on each of the Advent Sundays. The prophet is looking into the future in hope, dreaming of the coming of the Messiah from the root of Jesse, from the Davidic line. The Gospel Jesus fits this expectation; he is referred to by Matthew as the Son of David.

Isaiah believes that on him the Spirit of the Lord God will rest, endowing him with wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord God. His approach to others, especially the poor and the meek, will be upright and fair. This too fits the Gospel Jesus, on whom the Spirit descends at the time of his baptism by John. Jesus has a special concern for the poor, the sick, the outcast, the marginalised. He treats others with compassion, bringing healing and wholeness. As we move into this second week of Advent, let's continue to dream of peace and harmony at different levels of our world, and let's work for it in our own lives and families, neighbourhoods and workplaces. Let's try to be bridge builders in situations of misunderstanding, division and conflict. In this way we will be preparing the way of the Lord, making his paths straight, and enabling people to experience the salvation of our God.

**Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year - At** 12.15pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at St Chad's Cathedral, His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year.

**St Augustine's: Xmas Raffle** – Tickets being sold this weekend. Many lovely prizes to be won. £1.00 per strip.

**Piety Stall** – open for Christmas cards, cribs, candles and gifts.

**Xmas Fayre** – Friday 12.12.25 at School Hall from 5 pm. Proceeds for Church Funds. Donations welcome: jewellery, toiletries, toys (in good condition please).

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

### 50/50 CLUB

**ST AUGUSTINE'S – NOVEMBER winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – P. Haferer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – G. Halliday. Congratulations!

**ST FILUMENA'S – NOVEMBER winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – L Marrow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – M Allen. Congratulations!

### PLEASE PRAY

**For those who are ill, especially:** 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>	£369.25	of which	£125.00	was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£135.00	of which	£ 87.00	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
<b>6<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – Margaret Griffin RIP		17:00 <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i> – Toft Family RIP
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Sunday</b> SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Year A	11:00 – Egido & Rosa Coronato RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Monday</b> SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9:30 – School Mass – Deceased Members of Jewell Family	8:00 – Pat Porter RIP	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	9:30 – Tinker Family RIP		
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	9:30 – Moira Hewetson	11:00 – Hannah Davies Birthday Intention	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Thursday</b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	9:30 – Holy Souls		
<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Friday</b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	9:30 – Albert Griffin SNR RIP 18:00 – <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</b> 19:00 –		
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</i>	9:30 – Holy Souls 18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – Anna RIP		17:00 <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i> – People of the Parish
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Sunday</b> THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Year A	11:00 – Deceased Members of the Murray Family	9:00 – Anya Bowyer Birthday Intention	



### 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**