

# BULLETIN

## The Catholic Parishes of

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3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

**THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

44/2024

### Why We Should Pray for the Souls in Purgatory?

During the month of November, we remember our departed loved ones in a special way. Praying for the souls in Purgatory is sometimes cast in an antiquated, "we don't do that anymore" sort of light. **Whether we neglect the holy souls in that manner or out of ignorance, we do a disservice to our brothers and sisters in the Lord!** First and foremost, we have to re-educate ourselves on Purgatory.

**What is Purgatory?** Purgatory isn't a place *per se* like London or Birmingham. Rather, it is "the condition of souls which, at the moment of death, are in the state of grace, but which have not completely expiated their faults, nor attained the degree of purity necessary to enjoy the vision of God" (*Purgatory: Explained by the Lives and Legends of the Saints*, Fr. F. X. Schouppe, S.J., p. 6). There are only two destinations in eternity: heaven and hell. Purgatory is only temporary. In a way unknown to us, the souls in Purgatory simultaneously experience tribulations and joy. "Their bliss is not that of heaven, where joys are unmixed; their torments are not those of hell, where suffering is unremitting" (*The End of the Present World and the Mysteries of the Future Life*, Fr. Charles Arminjon, p. 42).

**Children Sacramental Preparation Meeting** – For Children attending Non-Catholic Schools wishing to receive the sacraments or Non-Catholic children wishing to become Catholic, Next session is 9<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00 am. For more information contact Gabrielle: 07764 245344.

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

**St Augustine's 50/50 Club** – Albert will be collecting money after Mass for the coming year with the first draw in December. New members most welcome. £12 per number.

**St Augustine's Table Top Sale** – Will begin in the next few weeks. Donations of jewellery and toiletries required asap.

**The New Lectionary** – The Lectionary is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. It is now divided into four volumes. It will become mandatory from Advent 2024. Each parish will need its own set at a cost of £695. **Contributions gratefully received and will be recorded if so wished on a donor bookplate.**

### 50/50 CLUB

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

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – M. Falkner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – J. Barnett. Congratulations!

**ST FILUMENA'S – OCTOBER winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Adam Williamson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Aurora Williams. 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>	£	of which	£	was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	320 £	of which	193 £	was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£	of which	£	was gift aided


**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

*please gift aid, if possible*

**This Sunday there is a Second Collection for the Johnsons Association.**

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St Mary's CRESSWELL
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – Mark Pickstock Birthday Intention		17:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Deceased of the Arnold Family
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY</b> <b>IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</b>	11:00 – Danny Shore RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Monday</b> <i>Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	9:30 – Eva Blake Intention	8:00 – Nick John RIP	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Gil Allen RIP		
<b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Lyn Wareham RIP	11:00 – School Mass Private Intention	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Thursday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Lesley Maloney		
<b>8<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Friday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – School Mass 18:00 – <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</b> 19:00 – Nzeqbuna Family		
<b>9<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b>	9:30 – 18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – People of the Parish		17:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Living & Deceased of the Ridge Family
<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY</b> <b>IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</b>	11:00 – Living & Deceased of the Holland & Harris Family	9:00 – George Hector Barker RIP	

 <p style="font-size: 2em; color: purple; margin-top: 10px;"><b>Confession</b></p>	<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 <b>BY REQUEST</b>		



## 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**