

# BULLETIN

## The Catholic Parishes of

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17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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

46/2024

During the month of November, the feasts of our Church remind us that this world is passing: We must remember where we are going and what we must do to get there. On the first day of this month, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. This feast holds a special place in my heart, not only because I grew up at All Saint Parish, but also because it reminds us of the goal of our human life. We are called to share in the eternal life of God, to participate in the divine life of the Holy Trinity, to experience joy in the fulfilment of the deepest desires of our hearts. On the next day, the Church Commemorates all the souls of the faithful departed on All souls Day. This is an instructive and helpful reminder that even though we aim for Heaven, nearly all of us will experience further purification after our lives on this earth end. To prepare ourselves for this moment, to strengthen ourselves, we must ensure we are not strangers to our Lord. We must repent daily of anything that leads us away from him. Even better than this, though, is to greet him face-to-face in the greatest of sacraments: the Holy Eucharist. When we attend the Sacrifice of the Mass, we relive the Crucifixion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. As he offers himself to the Father on the Cross, we offer ourselves to him so that he might lift us up too. Through the power of the Church, we mystically join at the moment when he redeemed humanity. Then, as we receive him in the Eucharist, we receive a foretaste of the banquet of Heaven and the divine life of God. This tiny morsel of God himself strengthens us for that moment when we stand before the Son of Man at the end of our days.

**To arrange a mass for the deceased**, please write the name of the person(s) on an envelope, followed by RIP. Include a preferred date and church, if possible, these will be given.

**Our congratulations** go to the **Staff & Pupils of St Filumena's Primary School** for their recent OFSTED inspection result of Outstanding in all 5 areas.

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

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 11:00 am. For more information contact Gabrielle: 07764 245344.

**St Augustine's Table Top Sale** – Starts this week with china, plants and household goods.

**St Augustine's Piety Stall** – Beautiful Christmas cards, now available, including a selection with Polish text.

**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>	£386.70	of which	£210.00	was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£180.00	of which	£100.00	was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£193.00	of which	£172.00	was gift aided

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

*please gift aid, if possible*

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St Mary's CRESSWELL
<b>16<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – People of the Parish		17:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Deceased Members of the Kelsall & Ridge Families
<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY</b> <b>IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B</b>	11:00 – Albert Griffin Snr RIP	9:00 – Mrs Brenda O'Sullivan	
<b>18<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Monday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – The McGarvey Family	8:00 –	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Birthday Intention		
<b>20<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Toft Family RIP	11:00 – School Mass	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> November</b> <b>Thursday</b> <i>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:30 – Tinker Family RIP		
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> November</b> <b>Friday</b> <i>Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr</i>	9:30 – School Mass Perry Family RIP 18:00 – <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</b> 19:00 –		
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9:30 – Christina Pyatt RIP 18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – People of the Parish		17:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Halliday Family RIP
<b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSES</b> <b>Year B</b>	11:00 – Waltho Family 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**

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