

BULLETIN

The Catholic Parishes of

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

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8th March 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

10/2026



What is this living water that Jesus offers as the gift of God? I believe that living water probably refers primarily to the revelation which Jesus brings, a revelation which is supremely life-

giving. In the Hebrew Bible water is found as a symbol for divine Wisdom which nourishes the thirsty and satisfies their needs, providing insight and knowledge. Jesus is God's wisdom enfleshed. He knows the mind of God and is close to the Father's heart. His mission is to reveal and communicate all that he has learned from the Father. In the story he reveals himself, his identity and his role to the woman and her townsfolk. He also reveals to her something about her own deeper self. Some scholars suggest that living water probably refers also to the Holy Spirit. In his dialogue with Nicodemus Jesus has already linked water and spirit in the new birth through which it becomes possible to enter the Kingdom and share in the gift of eternal life. The Spirit is the gift of God. In this narrative living water the Spirit whom we have received in baptism, the Spirit of truth and life, the Spirit who makes us children of God, and binds us together in the Risen Jesus. The Spirit is the spring within us gushing up to eternal life. The Spirit enables us to worship God in a new and authentic way, as Father. And the water is also the teaching of Jesus, his revelation and message, which can transform our mindset and outlook, and enliven our hearts, and satisfy our deepest longings. It calls us to renew our openness to the Spirit's promptings.

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 14th March 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 – Piety stall open after Mass for religious cards, rosary beads, candles and holy water.

Mother's Day is on March 15th, beautiful flower arrangements are now for sale at the back of church.

Volunteers are encouraged to help with Easter Raffle. Please do consider supporting all our fundraising events.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be in our parishes this weekend (7-8th March) to appeal on behalf of the Sisters Missions Committee of England and Wales.

50/50 CLUB

ST AUGUSTINE'S – MARCH winners:

1st Prize – P. Murray, 2nd Prize – M. Owen. Congratulations!

ST FILUMENA'S – FEBRUARY winners:

1st Prize – Natalie Hallam, 2nd Prize – G. Kier Knapper.

Congratulations!

Renewal of subscription is now due for March 2026

PLEASE PRAY

For those who are ill, especially: Giuseppe and Loredana De Cicco, Ron Jones, Pat Bowen, Joanne Coronato, Eamon Dooley, Agnes June Jarville, John Leonard, Pauline Tranter, Beatrice Wright.

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

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£305.40	of which	£105.00	was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£237.00	of which	£145.00	was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£139.10	of which	£116.00	was gift aided

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!


please gift aid, if possible


Next Sunday there is a Second Collection for Cathedral Maintenance

The parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Registered Charity No. 234216

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St Mary's CRESSWELL
7th March 2026 Saturday <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – People of the Parish		17:00 <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i> – Holy souls
8th March Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A	11:00 – Family Mass – Sybil Heath RIP	9:00 – Mrs Brenda O'Sullivan Intentions	
9th March Monday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – George Elliot RIP	8:00 –	
10th March Tuesday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Irene Day & Family RIP		
11th March Wednesday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – In Thanksgiving	11:00 – School Mass – Sylvia Wright Intention 15:00 – Stations of the Cross	
12th March Thursday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Bożena Żal-Krychowska RIP		
13^h March Friday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – School Mas – Bożena Żal-Krychowska RIP 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 18:30 – Stations of the Cross 19:00 – Pauline Murray Birthday Intention		
14th March Saturday <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Mariusz Hynowski Int 18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – People of the Parish		17:00 <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i> – Living & Deceased of the Maloney Family
15th March Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A	11:00 – Private Intention	9:00 –	

 Confession	<i>Friday:</i> 18:00-18:45	<i>Sunday before Mass</i>	<i>Saturday before Mass</i>
	<i>Saturday:</i> 10:00-10:30	8:15-8:45	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**