

# BULLETIN

## The Catholic Parishes of

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15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A**

11/2026



“God is not a destination to be reached but a presence to be recognised.”

In today's Gospel the man has been blind since birth and so has the advantage of a fresh, new perspective more open to what he now sees in front of him when granted the gift of sight.

Our own Lenten journey is just forty days toward that same celebration, but we are not starting blind. The question is: are blinkers preventing us from seeing and receiving that same light?

The first reading from Samuel (16:7) reminds us: “God does not see as man sees ... the Lord looks at the heart.” God sees our whole inner person — our capacity to love, to forgive, and everything in between. He loves us despite our faults and loves us for who we are right now, warts and all.

So perhaps the real question for us this Lent is this: when we look at others, what do we see? Do we recognise the face of God in the people we meet each day? And just as importantly, when people look at us, do they see something of God reflected in the way we live, the way we speak, and the way we love?

Because God is not a destination we are trying to reach someday.

He is a presence waiting to be recognised — here, now, in one another.

Do we have the eyes to see him?

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>; 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.

**Easter Raffle – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April.** Raffle tickets £1 a strip. Many lovely prizes.

**50/50 CLUB**

**ST AUGUSTINE'S – MARCH winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – P. Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – M. Owen. Congratulations!

**ST FILUMENA'S – FEBRUARY winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Natalie Hallam, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>	£350.15	of which	£155.00	was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£349.00	of which	£274.00	was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£231.00	of which	£188.00	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>14<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) –		17:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Living & Deceased of the Maloney Family
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>YEAR A</b>	11:00 – Private Intention	9:00 – People of the Parish	
<b>16<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Monday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – J & G Intentions	8:00 –	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</i>	9:30 – June Day, Patricia Arnold & Family RIP		
<b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Mathew Remembrance Day RIP	11:00 – School Mass –  <b>15:00 – Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Thursday</b> <i>SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRIN MARY</i>	9:30 – Bożena Żal-Krychowska RIP  11.00 – Funeral service for the late Nora Winifred Sigley		
<b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Friday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Bożena Żal-Krychowska RIP  18:00 – <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</b>  18:30 – <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 19:00 – Piotr Ciureja RIP		
<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:30 – Stanislaw Luszczczyk RIP  18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – Gabrielle Halliday Intention		17:00 ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> ) – Neville Mountford RIP
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>YEAR A</b>	11:00 – Private Intention	9:00 – People of the Parish	

 <p style="font-size: 1.5em; color: purple; font-weight: bold;">Confession</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

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**