

BULLETIN

The Catholic Parishes of

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16th February 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

7/2025

There are basic questions about faith in today's readings. In the passage from the prophet Jeremiah, we are asked to compare the man who puts his faith in the world and the man who puts his faith in God. The Book of Jeremiah is born in exile; it is the story of a people who have turned away from God and who have suffered great hardship exiled in Babylon. They suffer from a hardness of heart, and the prophet is trying to change those hearts and turn the people back to faith in God. There are some who rely on the promises of men; they are like dry scrub in the wasteland, for they do not have faith in God. There are some, the remnant of Israel, who have kept the faith; it blooms in them, like a tree by the waterside, and they are blessed in the eyes of their God.

Today's passage from Luke follows the choosing of the twelve from among His disciples. There are three groups of people on this level piece of ground. The Apostles and disciples, the people who have come to listen to His teaching and a group who are looking for the miracle of healing. There is a real sense of the world being present in the various groups assembled. Jesus begins with a carefully balanced series of blessings and woes. He speaks of a world where the poor, the hungry, and the mourner find a place of peace and joy but where there is no place for those who enjoy the richness of life. He echoes the poem of Jeremiah and reminds us that our God is not of this world with its ambitions and callous attitudes but of a world filled with God's love.

So, today, we are called to have faith in the love of God and to rely upon His goodness in the midst of a sometimes

uncaring world; we must choose between dry scrub and green trees, whether to follow the path of faith or to put our trust in the world. It is our choice – choose carefully.

Baptism Preparation – Parents wishing to arrange a Baptism for their child need to complete two preparation sessions along with Godparents where possible.

The next dates are **24th February & 3rd March** at 7:00pm at St Augustine's.

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

For more information contact: Gabrielle. 07764 245344

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 session is 1st March at St Augustine's, 11:00 am.

Confirmation Class, Thursday 27th February at 6pm.

For more information contact Gabrielle. 07764245344

50/50 CLUB

ST AUGUSTINE'S – FEBRUARY winners:

1st Prize – R. Nunes, 2nd Prize – M. Chetwin.

Congratulations!

ST FILUMENA'S – JANUARY winners:

1st Prize – Frances Campbell, 2nd Prize – Liz Marrow.

Congratulations!

Thank you for your contribution to this invaluable fund. I am now collecting for March 2025/26. Please see Glenis with any queries. Thank You

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 – Denice Culley, Pat Powell, Margaret Mulley, Frank Nixon, Dennis Cuningham, Betty Kay, Marian Dovey, Betty Williamson and those whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Parish Offertory for last weekend:

<u>Meir:</u>	£314.55	of which	£170.00	was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£255.00	of which	£137.00	was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£157.00	of which	£147.00	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
15th February 2025 Saturday <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – Rob & Karen Flello Anniversary Intention		17:00 <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i> – Holy Souls
16th February Sunday SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C	11:00 – Burgess & Johnson Families RIP	9:00 – People of the Parish	
17th February Monday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – For Healing (G.H.K.)	8:00 –	
18th February Tuesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Private Intention		
19th February Wednesday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	11:00 –	
20th February Thursday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Holy Soul		
21st February Friday <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – 18:00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 19:00 –		
22nd February Saturday <small>FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, APOSTLE</small>	9:30 – 18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) –		17:00 <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i> – Holy Souls
23rd February Sunday SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C	11:00 – People of the Parish	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

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**

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