

# BULLETIN

## The Catholic Parishes of

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

**St Filumena**, Blythe Bridge Road, Caverswall ST11 9EA; **St Mary**, Cresswell Old Lane, Cresswell ST11 9RF

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23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

8/2025



Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

*Gospel*  
The readings this week encourage us to be compassionate, towards ourselves, towards others, and in all that we do. In the First Reading, we see how David does not give way to revenge when he finds Saul asleep, vulnerable and under his power. David has a choice, and acts with loyalty and restraint. Saul has persecuted him, but David now spares his life because Saul is the Lord's anointed one. The Psalm is a song of praise, describing with gratitude God's own compassion and love towards all of his children. St Paul teaches us that although we are earthly by nature, by modelling ourselves on Christ, the second Adam, we receive his life-giving spirit. (Second Reading) All of the readings prepare us for Jesus's challenging teaching in the Gospel. Jesus encourages us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hurt us, to lend without expecting a reward, to love without counting the cost. This is the way Jesus and his Father love us. As we ponder these texts as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we may wish to pray particularly for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness in our own lives, our communities, our country, and in all the situations of war, strife, injustice and suffering in our world.

**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 **24<sup>th</sup> February & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> March at St Augustine's, 11:00 am.

Confirmation Class, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm.

For more information contact Gabrielle. 07764245344

### 50/50 CLUB

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

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – R. Nunes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – M. Chetwin.

Congratulations!

**ST FILUMENA'S – JANUARY winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Frances Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>	£307.90	of which	£110.00	was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£173.50	of which	£112.50	was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£205.00	of which	£188.00	was gift aided

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

*please gift aid, if possible*

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for Cathedral Maintenance.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	St. Augustine's MEIR	St Filumena's CAVERSWALL	St Mary's CRESSWELL
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025</b> <b>Saturday</b> <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) –		17:00 <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i> – Holy Souls
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> February</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY</b> <b>TIME - YEAR C</b>	11:00 – People of the Parish	9:00 – Deacon Patrick Flanagan RIP	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Monday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –	8:00 – Patrica Powell RIP	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –		
<b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – Vernon Oldfield RIP	11:00 – School Mass – Denice Culley RIP	
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Thursday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 –		
<b>28<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Friday</b> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 – School Mass – John Bent RIP 18:00 – <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</b> 19:00 –		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>Saturday</b> <small>FEAST OF ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES</small>	9:30 – 18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) –		17:00 <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i> –
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY</b> <b>TIME - YEAR C</b>	11:00 – People of the Parish	9:00 – Pat Powell RIP	



## 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](mailto:saoc.meir@rcaob.org.uk))