

BULLETIN

The Catholic Parishes of

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

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29th March 2026

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR A

13/2026



As we enter the solemn beauty of Holy Week, we step once more onto the path that reveals the depth of God's love and the wideness of His mercy. This week invites us to slow down, to breathe, and to recognise that faith is always a journey: a journey of turning and returning, of listening and responding, of allowing God to lead us more deeply into His life. Holy Week calls us to turn our gaze again towards Christ, who sets His face toward Jerusalem with courage, humility, and unwavering obedience to the Father. True discipleship is about allowing His steps to shape our own. It is a journey of the heart and of conversion – where we allow God to realign our priorities, renew our desires, and re-anchor our purpose. In these days, the Holy Spirit speaks quietly but insistently, urging us to notice where God is already at work and inviting us to join in. Our task is to listen to God's whisper in Scripture, to listen to the cries of those who carry burdens, to listen to the stirrings deep within our souls. Holy Week also reminds us who we are called to be as Church: a people shaped by the love we witness in the Upper Room, the mercy we encounter at the Cross, and the hope we glimpse in the dawn of Easter. We are a community sent to embody God's compassion, to walk alongside others, and to participate in God's desire for the world. Strategy, vision, and mission all begin here – at the foot of the Cross where love gives everything, and at the empty tomb where new life begins.

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 20th & 27th April at 7:00pm at St Augustine's.

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 25th April St Augustine's following morning Mass. **Confirmation Classes** begin on Thursday 16th April 17:30. Please contact: Gabrielle.

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

St Augustine's – Piety stall open after Mass and now selling Easter cards, religious cards, rosary beads and candles

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

Lent Penitential Service: There will be an opportunity for Confession on Monday 30th March at 19.00 (7pm) at St Augustine's, Meir. **Fr Martin Pratt** from Leek will come to help in hearing confessions.

St Mary's Easter Flower Collection – A basket for all donations for the Easter flowers will be at the back of church. Many thanks in advance Kathryn and Sue.

50/50 CLUB

ST AUGUSTINE'S – MARCH winners:

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

ST FILUMENA'S – MARCH winners:

1st Prize – T. Staddard, 2nd Prize – L. Hough. 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>	£290.30	of which	£ 80.00	was gift aided
<u>Caverswall:</u>	£180.00	of which	£123.00	was gift aided
<u>Cresswell:</u>	£157.00	of which	£135.00	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
28th March 2026 Saturday <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	18:15 – (Sunday Vigil) – Holy Souls		17:00 (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>) – Marian Dovey & Maria Faulkner RIP
29th March Sunday PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A	11:00 – People of the Parish	9:00 – Dorothy Ridge RIP	
30th March Monday <i>Monday of the Holy Week</i>	9:30 – Conversion of Miriam Loudes De Melo Sekiguchi	8:00 –	
31st March Tuesday <i>Tuesday of the Holy Week</i>	9:30 – John Shaw Intention		
1st April Wednesday <i>Wednesday of the Holy Week</i>	9:30 – Patricia Campbell RIP	11:00 – Ivan Wright RIP 15:00 – Stations of the Cross	
2nd April MAUNDY THURSDAY	NO morning Mass 19:00 – Mass of the Lord's Supper Margaret Griffin RIP		
3rd April GOOD FRIDAY <i>First Friday</i>	NO Mass today 15:00 – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	19:00 – Stations of the Cross	
4th April HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL	NO morning Mass 20:30 – Albert Griffin Birthday Intention		
5th April EASTER SUNDAY SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR A	11:00 – Gabriel Litavec Intention	9:00 – People of the Parish	11.00 – The Living & Deceased of the Arnold Family

 <h2 style="color: purple; margin: 0;">Confession</h2>	<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 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**