

1st MAY 2016 – 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C



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Word for Today

The peace that Jesus offers is not some woolly contented feeling but a call to his followers to make peace a reality.

It is god's spirit in our hearts that urges us to be peacemakers. and this peace is more than the mere absence of conflict; it is the deep-rooted knowledge that, whatever the danger, we are held in the palm of God's hand.

YEAR OF MERCY

began on December 8th 2015 - 20th November 2016

Exploring Different Ways Into Personal Prayer – Thursdays 11-12noon in the large meeting room in No. 10 (opposite main Church doors)

VOICES OF MERCY—VISIT THE SICK

An opportunity to listen to people who visit the Sick and to reflect on what this means for us. May 25th St Cuthbert's Church Chester-le-Street, refreshments from 6.30pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS/HELPERS

This afternoon which was due to be held at St Thomas Aquinas on Saturday 21st May has now been rescheduled for Saturday 2nd July 1.30pm-3.30pm.

Holy Family RC Primary School Class Teacher - Vacancy

The Directors and Governors of Holy Family RC Primary School, a member of the Carmel Education Trust, wish to appoint a highly motivated and enthusiastic class teacher to join our friendly, dedicated and hardworking team from September 2016.

An application pack and further information is available on the school website www.holyfamilyprimary.org.uk

The deadline for applications is 4pm on 3rd May 2016.

CARMEL COLLEGE TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE

Are you considering a career in the classroom supporting teaching and learning in schools across the North East? If you want to make a difference to the learning and life chances of children, see notice or Contact Marc Besford on 523473 or email mbesford@carmel.org.uk

SPECIAL COLLECTION – PEOPLE OF THE UKRAINE – Sunday 1st May

After the recitation of the Regina Coeli on Sunday 3 April, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched a humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine, in the form of a special collection to take place in all Catholic Churches in Europe on Sunday 1st May.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – SUNDAY 8TH MAY

A collection will take place at all masses next weekend. Prayer cards available at the back of Church.

STARS Next Production – Hamlet

In this year of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, STARS next production, in association with Darlington Green Theatre, will be Hamlet (abridged version). Performance dates Friday 27th and Saturday 28th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Tickets will be available after Masses from 1st May, prices £7 adult, £5 concession, can be reserved online at <http://www.starsdarlington.co.uk> or contact Martin McLean on 01325 465275.

NORTHERN CROSS

On sale this Sunday after all Masses, we sold 67 copies last month, thank you.

SUNDAY STOP

The SVP is starting an activity to provide a hot meal to those in need on a Sunday afternoon.

The initial idea is to use the Parish Centre on the First Sunday of each month between 3 and 5pm.

The PC committee have kindly provided support for this initiative and any other people who are interested in helping would be most welcome, you don't need to be a member of the SVP.

A meeting will be held on **Thursday 12 May at 7pm** in the Parish Centre to organise the first meal which will be held on 5 June.

This Parish has a history of helping in this way with a parishioner running a similar session on a weekly basis back in the 2000s but it had to stop because of accommodation issues. Whilst there are other similar activities in the town, there is nothing on a Sunday.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2016 (29th July – 5th August)

Urgent appeal for Nurses and Adult Helpers as well as some of the Young people that we rely on for our outreach teams to the elderly who need wheelchairs and 'pushers'.

This year the date of the pilgrimage is the same as the World Youth Day and some of the young people who usually help with the pilgrimage will be attending the World Youth Day.

If you are interested please contact Fr Peter Stott on 01670 513410 as soon as possible. He will be able to answer all your queries re costs etc.

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2.22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved. This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barrabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.

THE PSALM

Either: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Or: 
Let all the peo - ples praise you, O God, al - le - lu - ia. _____

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14.22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the

names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you
while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

REFLECTION – Signposts on the footpath of peace

To be glad of life, because it gives you a chance to love,
to work, to play, and to look up at the stars.

To despise nothing in the world except what is false and mean.

To fear nothing except what is cowardly.

To be guided by what you admire and love,
rather than by what you hate.

To envy nothing that is your neighbour's
except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manner.

To think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends,
and everyday of Christ.

And to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit,
in God's out-of doors.

These are little signposts on the footpath of peace.

(Henry van Dyke)

BAPTISM COURSE



St Augustine's Parish Centre

Wednesday 11th & 18th May

7.15pm – 8.30pm.

Please let the office (266602) know if you wish to attend.

BIG-Little Gigs – Saturday 28th May – 2.00pm

A fun live music experience for 0-10 years and their families.

Our first event at our new home, the lovely St Augustines Parish Centre. We're thrilled to welcome the brilliant Gilded Thieves. Northumbrian roots, foot-stomping bluesy romps, quirky folky ballads & intricate male & female vocals, delicately arranged around upbeat and engaging fiddle, mandolin, bass, guitar and percussion. This band tell stories. Tales of outlaws and vandals, sinners and sirens are honestly told in lyrics full of soul, uniquely arranged and enchantingly sung in ethereal harmony. Rich, romantic, rootsy and raw, we are in for a real treat.

At St Augustines we have the benefit of car parking, stage and refreshments area, why not stay for half an hour after the show for a cuppa. Performance is at 2pm and entrance is £3.50 on the door, under 1s are free. www.biglittlegigs.co.uk

ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH CLUB/CENTRE INFORMATION

PARISH CENTRE INFORMATION

To book the Parish Centre : email staugspc@gmail.com or
telephone 07909 747145

Bar Opening Times: Friday 7-11pm
Sunday 12-2pm & 7-10.30pm

DATES FOR DIARY

- **SUMMER BALL**

Saturday 4th June 7pm – midnight. Dinner & Dance with Live Music and 3 course meal. Please come along and join us – a chance to dress up (smart – black tie optional) Tickets £12.50 available from behind the bar, email staugspc@gmail.com or contact Barbara in the office.

PC CLUB AND CAR PARK PASS RENEWALS - LAST CHANCE

Your PC membership and car park pass renewals expired on Saturday 30th April.

Your new membership cards and passes are available to collect after both morning Masses today.

Payment by cash or cheque accepted

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL 2016 Saturday 25th – Sunday 26th June at Emmaus Youth Village. This year's theme is "Limitless Love : Making all things new". The programme includes prayer, liturgy, reflection, mime, discussion & music. It is an opportunity for our whole diocesan family to come together to celebrate & to be encouraged in our faith offering inspiring speakers for adults as well as activities for young people & children. Booking forms are available at the back of church.



COFFEES AFTER MASS

Provided by
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MAY 1st		6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C	
	St Augustine's St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Frank Connolly RIP Kathleen Trees RIP Ints of St Joseph
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.00 pm - 3.00 pm	Eucharistic Service Followed by Exposition
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Anthony Millett RIP
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Michael&Lawrence Degnan RIP
FRIDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	7.00 pm 7.30pm	Personal Intentions Holy Hour
SATURDAY	CONFESSIONS 10-11am		
SUNDAY 8 th May The Ascension of the Lord - Year C	St Augustine's St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Martin Newbould RIP Josephine Robinson RIP Csilla Andris RIP
THOSE WHO ARE SICK	Please remember Fr Gary Dickson, Fr Richard Harriott, Sister Evelyn and all priests and religious in the diocese who have health problems. Also the sick and housebound of the parish – Pat Cooke, Joan Foster, Maureen Harrison, Monica Hibbert, Margaret Keelan, Anne Kee, and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD	Doreen Johnson, Leo Dale		
ANNIVERSARIES	May Anniversaries – Beatrice Prior, Dick Hansell, Ellie McFarthing, Elizabeth Hepperle, Donal O'Driscoll, Alice Bicknell, Margaret French, Matthew Gallagher, Peter Russell, Joseph McCormick, Ronnie Tempest, Elsie Lawley, Patrick Killeen, Frank Connolly, Sarah Danks, Hugh McGee. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 8 th May 2016		
READERS OFFERTORY WELCOMERS	9.15 am S McEvoy/M Knowles Lorens Family Irving Family	11.00 am D Taylor/S Lund Ingham Family J Wheeler	6.30 pm M Webster/B Humphrey Morgan Family J McGarrity
COUNTERS (A)	P Anwyll/C Webb/A Watson/D Watson/J Brown		
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