

17th APRIL 2016 – 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C



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Word for Today

*Sheep know their shepherd's voice and so follow
him to better pastureland.*

Where do we hear the voice of Jesus today?

*How often do we open the book which contains the
word of God?*

Do we listen out for Jesus' voice in our daily life?

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)

NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND

Which used to be called the Sick and Retired Priests Fund. Envelopes and a Standing Order Mandate are available at the back of the Church.

The fund will remain open until the end of April.

SUNDAY 17TH APRIL - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father of mercy.

Grant us devoted and joyful Christian communities.

May they nurture among the young
a desire to proclaim the Gospels.

May these communities guide each person
towards their unique God-given purpose.

Grant them the wisdom needed for discernment,
so that in all things the greatness
of your merciful love may shine forth.

May Mary, Mother and guide of Jesus
intercede for each Christian community,
so that, made fruitful by the Holy Spirit,
it may be a source of true vocations to the
priesthood and consecrated life.

Amen.

DIOCESAN DAY ON THE NEW RITE OF CONFIRMATION

For priests and catechists - this is also an opportunity for parishioners who are interested in becoming catechists.

The day will be offered in two venues:

- Saturday 23 April 2016 - St Patrick's Church Hall, Stockton, TS19 7PL
 - Saturday 21 May 2016 - St Aloysius' Church Hall, Hebburn, NE31 1BE
- 10.30am - 3.00pm (refreshments from 10.00am)

<p>The annual reunion of past pupils of The Immaculate Conception School will be on Saturday 30th April. Mass in St Augustine's 12.15 pm followed by shared table in the Parish Centre.</p>
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LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR – NEWCASTLE (CHURCH APPEAL)

Bishop Seamus has invited the Little Sisters of the Poor to make an appeal across the Diocese this weekend. There are leaflets and envelopes available at the back of the Church if you would like your donation to be gift-aided. They are unable to give their appeal themselves but thank you for your generosity.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION - PARISH CENTRE

You will no doubt be aware that Fr Michael appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Tuesday the 12th April 2016 at which stage he pleaded not guilty to the charges against him; a trial date has been set for Monday the 19th September 2016 at Liverpool Crown Court.

Paul Young, who is the safeguarding lead for the dioceses, has kindly offered to visit the Parish on Tuesday 19th April 2016 between 1915-2030 hours (7:15-8:30 pm). At this time Paul and Jim Cunningham will be holding a question and answer session in the Parish Centre; the aim of the meeting is to give the people of the Parish the opportunity to clarify any questions in relation to Fr Michael, the court case and procedural matters. Refreshments will be available.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

An afternoon has been arranged by Angela Joyce from the Diocese to visit St Thomas Aquinas for all parishes, on Saturday 21st May 1.30pm-3.30pm. Tea/Coffee is to be served from 1.00pm and volunteers are asked to help to do this. This is for present leaders and anyone who would like to become a leader or helper. (DBS required).

SAINSBURY VOUCHERS

As both St Augustine's Primary School and Carmel RC Academy School along with Paradise Playgroup are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, we will divide any vouchers received between them. Please accept these vouchers in store and leave them on the collection basket. Thank you.

St Augustine's School used some of their vouchers last year for ballroom dancing classes.

First Reading: Acts 13:14.43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

THE PSALM

Either: We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Or:



We are God's peo - ple, the flock that he guides, al - le - lu - ia.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 7:9.14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

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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.

REFLECTION – The vocation to love

The deepest wound of all is that which affects the heart:

The feeling that one has not been loved,
that one is not precious to anyone.

Many people today are wounded at heart.

Each of us can do something to heal their wounds.

We have hands that can make things,
and minds that can understand things.

But above all we have hearts that can give life.

We are not sterile people.

We can give life to people who are inwardly broken.

We can show them that they are important,
and so bring life to them.

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is also vocations Sunday.

But all vocations are vocations to love.

GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION AND CELEBRATION OF CHILD BAPTISM

The Diocese is carrying out a consultation to inform the writing of new guidelines. Our parish has been selected to take part. Questionnaires for parishioners are available in the Sacristy. Once completed please return them to the office.

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.

LUNCHEON GROUP

will meet on **Tuesday, 19th April**

from 12.45 until 2.30pm in the Parish Centre Bar area. Everyone is welcome to come along for a light lunch of homemade soup, bread, cakes and tea and coffee. £2/head.

PC QUIZ - 22ND APRIL

Come along and join us on our Quiz Night Friday 22nd April from 7.45pm.

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

- **ST AUGUSTINE'S FPA**

are holding an 80's fancy dress disco (adults only) on Friday 13th May.
Tickets available from school or text Julie Watson – 07768 708786.

- **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. Tickets £12.50 available from behind the bar, email
staugspc@gmail.com or contact Barbara in the office.

PARISH CLUB MEMBERSHIPS AND CAR PARK PERMITS

These must be renewed by the 30th of April. If there are no changes to your
name, address or car registration then just call into the PC after 9.15 /
11.00am Masses in April with your payment and the membership cards and
passes are ready for you to collect.

Alternatively, you can collect one of the forms from the back of church, the
PC lobby or the attendant's office in the car park and follow the instructions
on the form. If there are any changes, it is easiest to bring your documents
to the PC after Mass.

Due to an expansion of the activities of the Parish Club over the last year, we
are required to register for VAT, which is now chargeable at standard rate.
The annual charges for membership and car parking will be held at last
year's rates, prior to the addition of VAT.



COFFEES AFTER MASS

Provided by
St Augustine's PFA

APRIL 17th		4th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C	
	St Augustine's St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	George & Delia Lancaster RIP Desmond Loney RIP Private Intention (DS)
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.00 pm - 3.00 pm	Eucharistic Service Followed by Exposition
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's	7.15 pm	Latin Mass
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Eucharistic Service
SATURDAY	NO CONFESSIONS		
SUNDAY 24 th April 5 th Sunday of Easter Year C	St Augustine's St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Mr & Mrs Jimmy O'Hare Thansgiving (PC) Youth of our Church
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			
ANNIVERSARIES	April Anniversaries – Des Loney, Ian Paterson, Maura Gibbon, Susan Simpson, Brenda Bennett, Marianne Lee, Pat Gibbon, Edward McLoughlin, Lawrence Bainbridge, Brian Stacey, Joseph McIntyre, David Humphreys, James McGee, Stanley Smith. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 24 th April 2016		
READERS	9.15 am Sarah/Niamh/Children	11.00 am A Watson/E Knight	6.30 pm I Pearson/J Owens
OFFERTORY	Sarah/Niamh/Children	Tobin Family	Mr & Mrs Mariathan
WELCOMERS	Sarah/Niamh/Children	D Trees	J McGarrity
COUNTERS (C)	B Humphrey/G Lynch/P Owen/L Eastham		
	10 th April 2016	£487.47 £321.34 (£401.67 gift aided) £808.81	