

24th APRIL 2016 – 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C



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PARISH BULLETIN

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Word for Today

For Christians Easter is about more than a simple season of the year. It's about a radical shift in the meaning of life. We who celebrate our risen Lord share at this moment in the foretaste of God's eternal presence with his people. The old order has been wiped away; we are already living a new 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)

Deacons

In their vocation and ministry, deacons are closely associated with the work of mercy in the life of the Church. At the request of Pope Francis, one of the major events for the current Year of Mercy is the **Jubilee for Deacons**. The celebration for the deacons in our diocese and those in formation – along with their wives and children - will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 29 April at 7pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Seamus Cunningham, the homily will be preached by the Revd Dr Sean Hall and the singing will be led by the Cathedral Choir. While this celebration will offer our 30 deacons the opportunity to renew their ministry and commitment to the work of mercy, parishioners from throughout the diocese will be most welcome to take part in the celebration.

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.

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS - CANCELLED

Which was due to be held at St Thomas Aquinas on Saturday 21st May 1.30pm-3.30pm has now been cancelled – they are hoping to arrange another date later on in the year.

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

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.

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.

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 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. We all have to experience many hardships they said before we enter the kingdom of God. In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

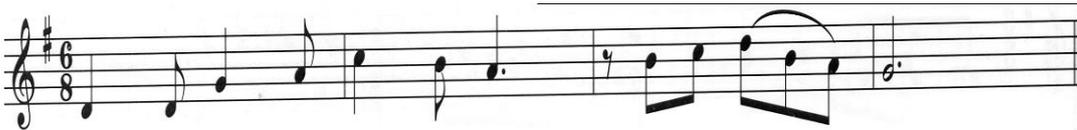
They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

THE PSALM

Either: I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.

Or:



Bless'd are you, O God our king, al - le - lu _____ ia.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men.

He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel: John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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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 – Where love begins

It's easy to love at a distance,
but not so easy to love at close quarters.
It's easier to give a few pounds to relieve famine in Africa
than to relieve the loneliness of someone living next door.
It's easy to love people who are far away,
but not always easy to love those who are close at hand.
Yet, these are the people Christ asks us to love.
We must begin by loving the people near us.
That is where our love must start.
But, of course, it doesn't have to end there.
And it shouldn't.

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.

WEST-END PARTNERSHIP

Will take place on Tuesday 26th April 6-7pm at Abbey Junior School, Darlington - a presentation by West End Councillors will be given on ***The Town Hall Budget.***

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 folk 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

- **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 24th		5th 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	
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.00 pm - 3.00 pm	Eucharistic Service Followed by Exposition	
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Sydney Baldwin RIP	
WEDNESDAY				
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Ints of S M Mather	
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Feely Family	
SATURDAY	CONFESSIONS 10-11am			
	St Augustine's	12.15pm	Re-Union Mass	
SUNDAY 1 st May 6 th 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	
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 1 st May 2016			
READERS OFFERTORY WELCOMERS	9.15 am R Frank/K Campbell Mr & Mrs Kilgour	11.00 am G Bell/C McAllister Mrs Whalen	6.30 pm C McKeown/D Klein P Widdall	
COUNTERS (D)	J Kilgour/M Knowles/ /C McKeown/C Springfield			
	17 th April 2016	£446.93 <u>£ 519.80</u> (£649.75 gift aided) <u>£966.73</u>		