

15th MAY 2016 – PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR C



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Word for Today

The gift of the Spirit is God's reminder that we are not alone, not left like orphans after Jesus has ascended into heaven. God's Spirit inspires us, give us courage, instructs and shapes us, and makes it possible for us to bear witness to the message of Christ in a way that by ourselves we could not do.

That's why Christians constantly pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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)

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.



If you haven't already done so, PLEASE take a Forward Together in Hope leaflet "Our Journey so far..." This sets out the journey ahead and what will happen in the next few months. In June we will receive a response from the questionnaire we submitted at Advent. We will be asked to discuss this among ourselves & with neighbouring parishes. We will need to explore new working partnerships. More information to follow in the next few weeks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS/HELPERS

St Thomas Aquinas on Saturday 2nd July 1.30pm-3.30pm.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- **WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – SUNDAY 8TH MAY**
A collection will take place at all masses this weekend. Prayer cards available at the back of Church.
- **THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**
would like to thank you for your generosity (£455.85) following the recent special collection held in all parishes. Mass will be held at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle for our intentions.
- **UKRAINE COLLECTION**
Again thank you for your generosity £382.64 was collected.
- **NBF FUND**
£205.12 was raised. Thank you.

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.

PRAYER NOVENA FOR THE RE-EVANGELISATION OF OUR NATION

In response to the call of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop Sentamu of York, there will be a prayer Novena called 'Thy Kingdom Come' from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost : 8 – 15 May – for the re-evangelisation of Britain. We have been invited to take part. There are to be 6 Beacon Cathedrals in England as focal points for prayer. Durham Cathedral is one of these and the final prayer liturgy will be there on Pentecost Sunday 15 May at 7.00pm. This is a free event but for planning purposes tickets do need to be booked through the website: <http://thykingdom.co.uk/>

PIETY STALL Back of Church in No. 10

First Holy Communion 18th June

There is a good selection of First Holy Communion cards, Prayer books, Mass books, Rosaries, Statues etc. We are open after all the Sunday Masses.



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.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

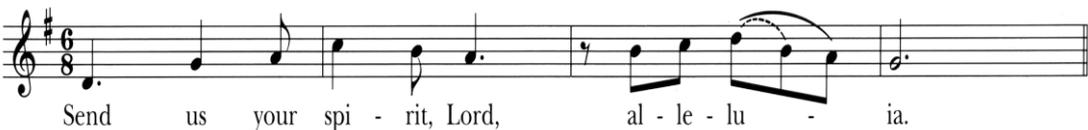
When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. Surely they said all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.

PSALM

Either: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
And renew the face of the earth.

Or:



Send us your spi - rit, Lord, al - le - lu - ia.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel: John 14:15-16.23-26

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever.

'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.'

REFLECTION – A NEW LANGUAGE

On Pentecost day the apostles spoke a new language.

What was this new language?

It was the language of peace rather than of war;
the language of co-operation rather than of competition;
the language of forgiveness rather than of vengeance;
the language of hope rather than of despair;
the language of tolerance rather than of bigotry;
the language of friendship rather than of hostility;
the language of unity rather than of division;
the language of love rather than of hate.

Through the gift of the Spirit,
people of different languages learned to profess one faith,
to the praise and glory of God.

That is the real miracle of Pentecost,
and it is a miracle, which, thankfully, still happens.

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

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF BISHOP SEAMUS You are all invited to a Thanksgiving Mass on the occasion of Bishop Seamus' Golden Anniversary of Priesthood on Friday 10th June at 7.00pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. There is a number of allocated seats reserved for personally invited guests, but the rest of the Cathedral is open to everyone.

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.

BOOK CLUB – CHANGE OF DATE

This will now take place on Wednesday 18th May.

LUNCHEON GROUP

will meet on **Tuesday, 18th May**

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. £2.50/head.

*Hello, Brain Stretching time again ! **Quiz in the PC, 20th May, start at 8pm.** Come along and pit your wits against a string of ridiculously easy questions, with perhaps the odd zinger thrown in. Our ever popular video round included of course, but mostly just come down and spend time idling about with friends and family. Smashing*

PADDINGTON BEAR

1/5/16	£13.75
8/5/16	£22.53
Total in Bank	£65.57

Total Raised so far £30.855.83



COFFEES AFTER MASS

Provided by
CAFOD

MAY 15TH		Pentecost Sunday - YEAR C	
	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Kevin Cundy RIP
	St Augustine's	11.00 am	John Sequera RIP
	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Patrick Barry RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Req. Mass – Kathleen Lynn
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Jean Wild & Doreen McFarron RIP
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	NO SERVICE
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Marjorie Dulston RIP
SATURDAY	CONFESSIONS 10-11am		
SUNDAY 22nd May	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Jean Forrest RIP
The Most Holy Trinity	St Augustine's	11.00 am	Maureen Serginson RIP
Year C	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Arthur & Win Gaddass 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			
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 22nd May 2016		
	9.15 am	11.00 am	6.30 pm
READERS	Sarah/Niamh/Children	E Knight/F Ingham	B Dunleavey/A Webster
OFFERTORY	Sarah/Niamh/Children	Thonin Family	Mr & Mrs Hughes
WELCOMERS	J Scott/P Howard	Mr & Mrs Brockley	J McGarrity
COUNTERS (C) B Humphrey/G Lynch/P Owen/L Eastham			
8th May 2016		£ 450.60	
		£ 279.92 (£383.65 gift aided)	
		<u>£ 730.52</u>	