

18th SEPTEMBER 2016 – 25th SUNDAY OF YEAR C



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PARISH BULLETIN

BREVIARY WEEK : 1

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Word for Today

All sorts of things dull our senses.

We can get into a routine where we become so self-satisfied that we are unaware of those around us in our world who are hurting and in great need.

What would it take to jolt us out of our self-containment and make us realise our responsibilities?

Perhaps if someone were to rise from the dead...?

FORWARD TOGETHER
HOPE

THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH!

Last week 20 parishioners met to discuss the diocese's observations of our parish (based upon our response to the FTIH questionnaire).

There will be a short meeting this **Tuesday 20th September @ 700 - 8:30 in St Augustine's SCHOOL**

This is OUR chance to explore ideas of how to ensure that the Catholic community in Darlington area can continue, and grow, despite the fall in numbers of priests and active parishioners.

This is the next stage we have been asked to follow as we write our plan for working more closely with our local parishes. This Partnership Plan must be completed by mid November.

Please try to attend. Many thanks Julie Humphrey FTIH lay representative.

This will be followed by a Vicariate meeting of all parishes within Cleveland & South Durham in the Parish Centre on 12th October 7-9pm. This is for all FTIH reps and any parishioners who would like to attend. We are asked to give numbers so at the back of Church there is a sheet for signing if you are thinking of attending.

ANNUAL WALSINGHAM MASS

Fr John Butters will lead this mass at St Thomas Aquinas on Wednesday 28th September at 7.00pm. Everybody welcome.

RCIA

This year's RCIA course starts on Thursday 6th October here in St Augustine's Presbytery 7-8.30pm. This weekly course explores the Catholic Faith and is for anyone thinking of becoming a Catholic or Catholics who want to know more about their faith. Everyone welcome. Please contact Fr Seamus if you would like some more information.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY – 7th October 2016

Envelopes available at the back of Church. Please return them on the plate and fill in the gift aid declaration if you are a taxpayer which helps them to reclaim a further 25%. This year they are helping the people of Altiplano.

This Sunday is **Home Mission Sunday**, one of three mandatory collections requested by the bishops. This appeal is for the work of evangelisation on our own doorstep. They seek to reach out to those in our families and local communities who have never encountered Jesus Christ, or have become distant from him and the life of the Church. Prayer cards are available at the back of Church, and a second collection will be taken.

YOUTH MASS AND PIZZA NIGHT

A team of young people from St. Augustine's parish would like to invite the young people of the community from Year 10 upwards to come along to and take part in the 6.30pm Youth Mass and Pizza Party on

Sunday 25th September at St Augustine's Church.

There will be refreshments and food provided after mass in the presbytery and it will be a chance for anybody interested to relax together with music and chat about what we would like to do as the youth of the church, or anything you like. We hope to see lots of you, if anybody would like to find out more, feel free to speak to Niamh Daley, Sarah McGovern or Lauren Sanderson.

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM - FLAME SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2017:

Bookings are now open for this national gathering of Catholic young people at Wembley Arena. 20 coaches will leave from local pick-up points, based around our 20 Catholic Secondary Schools and 18 deaneries. This invitation is for Year 10 and above.

The cost per person is £40 which includes coach travel and Wembley ticket. Booking forms and information have been sent to all parishes and schools. Further information from YMT on 01207 592244, www.ymt.org or email: admin@ymt.org.

STARS

next pantomime will be Dick Whittington. Performance dates will be Wednesday 18th to Saturday 21st January 2017, including Saturday matinee. There are opportunities for both male and female performers, including children (Year 6 and above). There is a list of characters on the Parish Centre noticeboards. Auditions will be held in the Parish centre on Friday 23rd September 2016 at 7.00 pm and Sunday 23rd September at 7.30 pm. If possible, we would ask that children and other young people attend the Friday audition and adults the Sunday audition but you will be welcome at either. If you would like to be involved, either on stage or backstage, but can't attend the auditions, please register your interest with the show producer, Mandie Young, or with Martin McLean (tel. 01325 465275).

GIFT AIDERS

Your annual statements for the diocesan financial year 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 are now available for you to collect at the back of the church.

Parishioners may join the Gift Aid scheme at any point in the year. If you are interested, please phone Sheila Taylor on 07717 074991.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
Never will I forget a single thing you have done.

THE PSALM

Response: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Or:



Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'



BAPTISM COURSE

Where? St Augustine's Parish Centre

When? Tuesday 11th & 18th October – 7.30pm – 8.45pm

Please let us know if you will be attending.

01325 266602 info@staugustineschurch.org.uk



MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Where? St Thomas' Church Hall

When? Saturday 5th November 2016 10.00 am - 3.30pm

If you are planning on getting married next year, even if it is not in our Church you are more than welcome to join us. Please let us know in the office if you will be attending.

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The Pearl of Africa Children's Choir from Uganda will once again be staying with local families in October. There will be an opportunity to come and listen to them on Saturday 8th October here in St Augustine's Church at 7.30pm. Admission is free but donations are welcome.

DARLINGTON PASSION PLAY

The aim is to plan, rehearse and perform the Darlington Passion Play set to music on Sunday 9th April 2017 – Palm Sunday. There will be a large cast of costumed volunteers, with instrumental, choral and technical support telling the story of Christ's Passion. Enthusiastic volunteers are needed:

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| to learn words of the script | Add voices to the chorus |
| Musicians and soloists | Technical support |
| Stage management and organisation | Or just a keenness to help out. |

There will be an exploratory meeting on Saturday 8th October at 2.00pm in St Augustine's Parish Centre open to all.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – INVITATION SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

10 – 12.30PM

Jessica May (Carmel Year 11) is running her 5th coffee morning for Macmillan, and due to increasing numbers, is this year running it from the Parish Centre. If you are in or around town on Saturday 24 September, between 10 am & 12.30pm, please do call in for coffee/tea and a cake – you are very welcome! Donations of cakes, biscuits, coffee etc are all welcome and can be dropped off in the parish centre kitchen on Friday 23 September between 7 and 9pm, or on the morning itself (surplus donations will be given to Sunday coffee groups).

Tell your friends, have some fun, and let's make this a record breaker for a great cause!

Copies of the Weavings for September available at the back of Church. This gives lots of information about various courses both at the Diocese and Minsteracres.

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 as from 1st July 2016:

Sunday 12-2pm & 7-10.30pm

DATES FOR DIARY

- Luncheon Group – Tuesday 20th September
- Café Type Faith Exploration Course – Monthly. First session 28th September at 7.30pm
- Beer Tasting Evening – Saturday 22nd October
- Great British Bake-Off Final Wednesday 26th October – come and join us in the Parish Centre and watch it live – more details to follow

BEER TASTING PRESENTED BY THE DURHAM BREWERY

Whether you're a connoisseur or a complete novice, there's a beer for everyone.

Saturday 22nd October at 7:30pm

St. Augustine's Parish Centre

Tickets £10 to include pie and peas supper and beer tasting

All profits in aid of First Stop

And of course there'll be a raffle!

COFFEES AFTER MASS

*are being
hosted by
SVP*



SVP AWARENESS MONTH

"Our members are not just followers, not just disciples, not just apostles, they are ambassadors for Christ. An ambassador is sent out by

the leader, and puts their own thoughts and point of view into their work. Our members are called to go out and seek those in need and put their own personalities and life experience into the friendships they develop."

Please contact David Watson {01325 497083} for more information about the SVP in this parish.

SEPTEMBER 18TH		25^H SUNDAY OF YEAR C	
	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Joan Blakie RIP
	St Augustine's	11.00 am	Brenda Bennett RIP
	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Pauline Fitzpatrick RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12 noon	No Service
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	No Mass
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Eucharistic Service
SATURDAY	CONFESSIONS 10-11 am		
SUNDAY	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Ernest Lockie RIP
25 th September	St Augustine's	11.00 am	Leo Dale RIP
26 TH Sunday of Year C	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Joseph Mercer 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 - Joan Foster, Maureen Harrison, Monica Hibbert, Michelle Butler, Anne Kee, Teresa Hughes, and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD			
ANNIVERSARIES	September Anniversaries –Thomas Flaws, Norah Davies, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Dreda Taylor, Amelia & George Debbas, Paul Lyonette, Francis Mace, Raymond Lancaster, Margaret Fleming, Veronica Hutton, Alfred Pickering, Rose Beaumont. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2016		
READERS	9.15 am R Frank/P Joyce	11.00 am S Donnellan/A Gibbon	6.30 pm M Webster/J King
OFFERTORY	Springfield Family	Ingham Family	Morgan Family
WELCOMERS	B Sanderson/L Carlson	C McAllister	J McGovern
COUNTERS	TEAM (A) P Anwyll/C Webb/A Watson/D Watson/J Brown		
Sunday Income	11 th September	£473.65 Loose £388.59 Gift Aided £85.76 <u>£862.24</u>	