

23RD OCTOBER 2016 – 30TH SUNDAY OF YEAR C



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PARISH BULLETIN

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Word for Today

Only humble prayer works. We must admit our true condition before we can stand before God and request a hearing. Humility in prayer means stripping ourselves of all pretension and waiting to receive what God knows we need.

CAFOD Cabaret

This year's CAFOD Cabaret will be held on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd December. Would anyone who would like to take part please declare their interest as soon as possible to Martin McLean (01325 465275). As ever, both new and returning performers are welcome. Don't hide your light...Your Third World needs **YOU** more than ever!

ST. AUGUSTINE'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Monday 7th November 2016 9.30am – 10.30am or 1.45pm - 3pm or 6.30pm - 7.30pm

The school is holding three open sessions where prospective parents/carers of children due to start school in September 2017, can have an opportunity to experience the school in action, gather information about applying for school places in Darlington, and speak to senior members of staff about eligibility for admission to St. Augustine's School.

St. Augustine's is a very popular school and in previous years some families have been disappointed when their application for a place was unsuccessful. It is very important to check with the school about its admissions criteria.

A map showing parish boundaries will be on display during these sessions and staff are happy to answer any enquiries.

If you are unable to attend one of the open sessions, then please contact school with any questions.

A copy of the Admissions policy and over-subscription criteria is also available on the school website.

Website: www.staugustinesacademy.org.uk

Email: enquiries@staugustinesacademy.org.uk

Tel: 01325 380819.

CARMEL COLLEGE YEAR 7'S invite you to a special Deanery Mass to celebrate the closing of the Year of Mercy. This will take place on Friday 25th November 2pm in the JC Hall followed by refreshments. If you would like to attend can you email hcowan@carmel.org.uk by Wednesday 23rd November.

CARMEL COLLEGE PTA

is holding a **Quality Christmas Fayre** on Thursday 3rd November at the College from 6.30 – 9.00pm. All are welcome and children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets : £3 if purchased before the event or £3.50 at the door to include a refreshment voucher. Tickets and more information available from the College on 01325 254525

NATIVITY – PARISH CENTRE - Saturday 17th December – 6.00pm - PC grounds -

Calling All Shepherds, Wise Men and Angels! And

Cafod Christmas Quiz to follow!

I cannot wax lyrically like what our Mike W can, so here is the entry from last year's bulletin.

Imagine the scene; a crisp frosty night, Christmas is in the air, excited children in hats and scarves hang onto their parent's hands as they gather in a garden. They've all come to hear one of the greatest stories ever told being retold, right there in front of them. Live moving tableaux of people and song and lights in the sky. Sounds great, doesn't it? Well that's what we're aiming for at the Parish Centre on Saturday 17th December (we'll be adding mulled wine and hot chocolate too).

However, we need your help to make it happen, we need actors (don't worry, only the narrator has lines) and singers (don't worry, you just need to be loud) and any other help we can get. If you'd like to help, please call 07770 302676. Our "rehearsal" schedule is likely to be very light, so it won't be a major commitment of your time, and besides, taking part in stuff like this is fun. And to top off a great evening what could be better than the Cafod Christmas Quiz, which will follow very shortly after we have cleared away the Manger for next year.

PARISH CENTRE BAR IS RECRUITING!

The Directors of the Parish Centre Club are pleased to announce that due to increasing bar and hall hire activity, we are looking to recruit a number of people to add to our existing team. Our volunteers and casual holiday colleagues have done a great job so far (many thanks!), and we now need to add to our pool of human resource.

The role will predominantly be a customer facing one, and excellence in customer care is our priority. All bar skills training will be provided. We are looking for confident, friendly, reliable team members willing to work on a rota basis (usually prepared one month in advance). You'll be working with a range of colleagues across a wide range of events, both parish focused and commercial hires, so an understanding of our parish community, and its needs is preferred.

If you're interested, and over 18 years old please look at our person specification on the website (www.staugustinesparishcentre.co.uk), or pick one up with an application form from either the Parish Centre bar during opening times, or email sheilaghcnj.may1@gmail.com.

Closing date for applications is midnight on Saturday 29 October and shortlisted applicants will be called to a short informal interview. Good luck!

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14.16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages.

He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphans supplication, nor the widows as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble mans prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

THE PSALM

Response: This poor man called: the Lord heard him

Or:



The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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The **RCIA** course for the cluster continues
Thursday night's 19.00 - 20.30 pm
in St Augustine's Presbytery.

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 is welcome to attend.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for oversea mission. Your prayers & donations today will support the work of missionaries, like those in Rwanda, as they share God's mercy & love with those who are suffering. Today's collection will support mission projects worldwide that bring God's love and the Gospel message of dignity for all. Gift Aid envelopes are provided at the back of church if you are a tax payer.

RED BOX HOLDERS

It is time to get those boxes emptied! Please take a brown envelope from the back of the church for the contents of your box. It would be greatly appreciated if you could return your envelope by 6th November. Many thanks to you all.

REFLECTION – Sinners in church

If the Pharisee had his way the Tax-Collector would not have been allowed into the Temple at all. Some people believe that sinners should never go to church. They cry ‘hypocrites’ at those who do. According to them only saints should be admitted to church. But that would result in a very small church, and would make as little sense as a repair shop that accepted only sound things, or a hospital that accepted only healthy people. We go to church not because we are worthy, but because we need to. We are brave enough to admit our sinfulness, but are willing to strive for something better. We need the healing mercy of God, as well as the support of the community, if our efforts at self-improvement are to bear fruit.

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.

01325 266602 info@staugustineschurch.org.uk

POSTCARD EVENT TO MARK 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1967 ABORTION ACT

The Union of Catholic Mothers & the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children are working together to commemorate the lives of unborn children lost by abortion since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. You are invited to complete a postcard asking your MP to act to protect unborn babies. Please support this initiative which gives us an opportunity to make our voices heard on behalf of unborn children.



COFFEES AFTER MASS

*are being
hosted by*

HCPT – Group 195

PADDINGTON BEAR

This week	£10.41
In Bank	£344.01
Total Raised so far	£31,134.36

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 : Sunday 12-2pm & 7-10.30pm

DATES FOR DIARY

- Friday 28th October - Stand by your braincells! The **Parish Centre monthly quiz** is back from holiday in it's full pomp - 8 pm.
- Saturday 12th November 7.45 pm - **PARTY TIME** - Come and join us and dance the night away (with music starting from the 60's to current day) to a live band – *Playback* featuring one of our own parishioners. Included in the price of the ticket £10 will be a light buffet. Doors open at 7.45pm
Tickets available after 9.15 Mass/before 11.00 Mass in the Parish Centre

*As there has not been significant interest expressed in attending the Parish Centre to watch the final of **Bake Off** it has been decided to **cancel** the event. Many thanks to those who did express an interest and apologies for any disappointment caused.*

Next Friday (28th, 8pm) the Parish Centre monthly quiz is on. Bring the family and friends, wind down into the weekend with a bit of a laugh and good company. NB - there are no team number limits, bring as many people as you like into your team, I'll explain how we even out the scores to make it fair when you get here :-)

**PLEASE USE OUR EMAIL staugspc@gmail.com or 07909 747145
IF YOU WISH TO ORDER ANY TICKETS.**

The Parish Centre Committee has decided to adopt the charity First Stop to be the recipient of the proceeds raised from events they organise over the next few months. First Stop is a local charity working with vulnerable people in our community who are homeless or threatened with homelessness and who have many other complex needs. The work of the charity provides valuable support to the vulnerable in Darlington. Due to the severity of Local Authority budget cuts the charity has lost its grant funding from the local authority which will result in a net reduction in income of £78,000 which threatens the charities continued existence and its ability to offer the service it has provided for the last 17 years. Your support for these fund raising events would be greatly appreciated.

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	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Denis Lynch RIP
	St Augustine's	11.00 am	Cardoropoli Family
	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Marjorie Dulston
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12 noon	Eucharistic Service followed by Exposition till 3pm
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Melia Family
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eileen & Jan Tylicki RIP
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Private Intention
SATURDAY	CONFESSIONS 10-11 am		
SUNDAY	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Kevin Cundy RIP
30 TH October	St Augustine's	11.00 am	Martin & Jessie Mccann
31 ST Sunday of Year C	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	50 th W.A Pauline Fitzpatrick 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, Michelle Butler, Anne Kee, Teresa Hughes, and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD			
ANNIVERSARIES	October Anniversaries – Cassie Cottrell, Lawrence Davies, John Hutchinson, Kathleen Wright, Kathleen Trees, Peter Gallogly, Christine Sheridan, Mary McMahon, Kenneth Bowe, Catherine Appleton, Catherine Bourke, Kevin Cundy, Joseph Mercer, Joseph Baldwin, Marjorie Dulston. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2016		
READERS	9.15 am J Kilgour/M Knowles	11.00 am A Gibbon/M Frank	6.30 pm C McKeown/J Owens
OFFERTORY	McGovern Family	Mr & Mrs Allinson	Morgan Family
WELCOMERS	Watson Family	C McAllister	R Ivanec
COUNTERS	TEAM (B)	T Appleton/G Harrison/J Poad/G Doherty/C McAllister	
Sunday Income	16 th October	£ 382.50 Loose £ 301.50 Gift Aided (€375.88) <u>£ 684.00</u>	



CLOCKS CHANGE NEXT WEEKEND

The clocks go back one hour at 02.00 am on Sunday 30th October