

12th FEBRUARY 2017
6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



ST AUGUSTINE'S
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PARISH BULLETIN

BREVIARY WEEK : 2

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WORD FOR TODAY

Why do we believe and practise what we do? Do we obey God's law because we see it as an insurance policy for eternity or because it frees us to get the most out of life? Is it a deterrent or is it a charter for freedom?

As you will be aware, Fr Seamus is very ill. We ask you all to remember him and his family, the parishioners of St Augustine's and ourselves in your prayers over the next few weeks. May we all be aware of God's loving presence in our lives. God bless you all. Fr Greg & Fr David.

PARISH CLUSTER EVENT will take place on
Friday 24th February at St Augustine's Parish Centre
with entertainment from 'The Musical Time Machine.'

This event is to raise money for young people to help fund their trip to Flame at Wembley in March this year. Tickets will be available soon, they are £5 and this includes nibbles.

Please see/contact Doreen Dobson 07806 450093 for tickets and any further information you may want.

PARISH PROPERTY OUTREACH ADVISOR

3 Year Fixed Term Contract

A unique and exciting opportunity has arisen for a full-time Parish Property Outreach Advisor to assist parish communities, in the context of the local partnership, to explore the future use of all unused and underused property to benefit both the local Church and the local community.

The successful candidate will have a degree or relevant vocational experience in community development, knowledge of the Catholic Church and excellent communication, influencing and interpersonal skills.

Experience of project management and the capacity to observe, evaluate and challenge sensitively are essential. Further information can be found on the [Diocesan website](#).

DIOCESAN NEWS

Paul Young Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator is retiring and his replacement is **Angie Richardson** who has already commenced her work as the new Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator. Angie brings considerable experience from a background in child protection and offender management with Northumbria Police. We offer her every good wish as she takes over the demanding responsibility for safeguarding within the Diocese.

BREAK 4 LENT

We have been asked by the Churches Together in Darlington group if we could help with the refreshments when the Lenten study group takes place at St Cuthbert's Hall. The date they have given us is 20th March. They start setting up at 10am and coffee is served from 10.30-11.00am. The coffee/tea is supplied but we are asked to provide two types of scones, butter and milk.

There is a list at the back of Church if you are able to help. Thank you.

Details of the course "Receiving Christ in five different ways" as below

Monday 6 th March	Deacon Jurgen Muller (RC)
Monday 13 th March	Rev. David Railton (CofEO)
Monday 20 th March	Rev. Hilary Collinson (URC)
Monday 27 th March	Mrs Maranny Jones (Churches Together)
Monday 3 rd April	Rev Dr Andrew Stobart (Methodist)

Start 10.30am, Speaker 11.00am, Finish by 11.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

You are reminded that children between the ages of 3-9 are invited to join our children's liturgy group which meets for about 20 minutes during the 9.15 mass on Sunday.

Fr David will ask that children come forward (we invite mums and dads too if your child isn't able to be left alone) and the group meets in the back of church through the door on the right hand side of the altar. You can also check if the liturgy group is meeting as there will be a candle burning on the Baptismal Font before the mass starts. We look forward to seeing our existing parishioners and extending a warm welcome to some new faces also.

Forward together in Hope.

COFFEES AFTER MASS - FEBRUARY

In the month of February in the Parish Centre after the 9.15am Sunday Mass there will be tea/coffee with raffles and tombola each week. Funds raised go towards children with special needs of the Happy Wanderers Club.

FTiH

Please access the Diocesan website to see the proposed new partnerships
www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Psalm

They are happy who follow God's law!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

REFLECTION - A prayer for the end of the day

Grant, O Lord, that each day
before we enter the little death of sleep,
we may undergo the little judgement of the past day,
so that every wrong deed may be forgiven
and every unholy thought set right.

Let nothing go down into the depths of our being
which has not been forgiven and sanctified.

Then we shall be ready
for our final birth into eternity,
and look forward with love and hope
to standing before you,
who are both judge and saviour,
holy judge and loving saviour.

(Bishop Appleton)

STARS AUDITIONS – THE VICAR OF DIBLEY

STARS next production will be The Vicar of Dibley to be staged on 27th, 28th and 29th April. Auditions will be held on Sunday 12th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. There are 13 characters to cast, all adult roles. If you would like to take part but are unable to attend either audition evening, please contact Martin McLean on 01325 465275.

STARS is keen to recruit new members for both the on-stage and backstage teams. If you would like to join in, please come along on Friday or Sunday to declare your interest and you will be made most welcome.

SAINSBURYS – ACTIVE KIDS 2017

If you aren't collecting these vouchers for your own children/grandchildren, please accept them at the checkout and put them on the collection basket on a Sunday and they will be shared between Paradise Playgroup/St Augustine's School/Carmel Academy. Any vouchers are greatly appreciated.

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 Time: Sunday 7-10.30pm

Luncheon Club

The next lunch will be held on Tuesday 21st February from 12.30pm with last orders at 1.30pm. We anticipate a finish time of 2.30pm. Cost is £2.50 which includes homemade soup, bread and cake. Everybody welcome.

Sunday Masses as from 21/22nd January 2017

<i>St Anne's</i>	<i>Saturday 5.00 pm</i>
<i>Holy Family</i>	<i>Saturday 6.00 pm</i>
<i>St Williams'</i>	<i>Sunday 9.00 am</i>
<i>St Augustine'</i>	<i>Sunday 9.15 am</i>
<i>St Teresa's</i>	<i>Sunday 10.30 am</i>
<i>St Thomas'</i>	<i>Sunday 11.00 am</i>
<i>St Augustine's</i>	<i>Sunday 6.30 pm</i>

PADDINGTON BEAR

5 th February	£14.57
Money in Bank	£122.68
Total Collected	£31,410.75

COFFEES AFTER MASS



Provided by
Happy Wanderers
Club

DIOCESAN CHURCH MUSIC ASSOCIATION is hosting a day of reflection, preparation and new music for those preparing the Easter Triduum liturgy. Saturday 25th February at Hexham from 10-4pm. See poster at back of Church.

FEBRUARY 12TH		6th SUNDAY OF YEAR A	
	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Leo Dale RIP
	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Monica Hibbert RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.00 pm	Eucharistic Service followed by Exposition till 3pm
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 am	Michael Shelley RIP
	St Augustine's	6.00 pm	Vocations Mass - Catenians
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	D/M Parker Family RIP
SATURDAY	NO CONFESSIONS		
SUNDAY 19 TH February	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Teresa Lewis RIP
7 th Sunday of YEAR A	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Special Intention (B)
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, Betty Smith, John Hodge, and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD			
ANNIVERSARIES	February Anniversaries – John Taylor, Shaughan Bainbridge, Joseph Armstrong, Nora Kelly, May Early, Peter Robinson, Molly Smith, Kathleen Stack, Terence Wells, Margaret Blake, Tony Regan, Ted Brownless, Donald Glendenning, James McCulla, Margaret Lindsay. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 19 th February		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
READERS	E McLeish/J Potter	J King/B Humphrey	
OFFERTORY	E Singh & Michael	P Widdall	
WELCOMERS	Mr & Mrs Lynch	R Ivanec	
COUNTERS TEAM (B) T Appleton/ G Harrison/J Poad/C McAllister/G Doherty			
5 th February 2017		£ 359.72	
		£ 289.00 (£361.25 gift aided)	
		£ 648.42	