

26th FEBRUARY 2017 - 8th SUNDAY OF YEAR A



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WORD FOR TODAY

No matter how much we worry, worry can do nothing to alter things. Only positive action can deflect us from what might happen. To believe in Christ is to believe that God holds us in the palm of his hands and no catastrophe, real or imagined, can ever deprive us of God's care.

ADVERT PLACED IN THE IRISH TIMES 21/2/2017

DOYLE Fr. Seamus, (St. Augustine's Darlington, Co. Durham and formerly of Fiddown, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny) - February 18, 2017 following a short illness. Predeceased by his parents James and Margaret. He is survived by his brother Liam, sister Eilish, sister-in-law Mary, brother-in-law Noel, the extended family and friends. Fr. Seamus will be deeply mourned by Bishop Seamus Cunningham, the clergy of Hexham and Newcastle Diocese and the parishoners of St. Augustine's. He will also be remembered by his colleagues from his home diocese of Ossory. The funeral will take place in Darlington. "The Lord is my Shepherd"

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Fr Seamus' body will be received into Church on Thursday 2nd March at 7.00pm followed by a Requiem Mass on Friday 3rd March at Noon. A Book of Condolence will be left in Church till Thursday.

There will be people outside after Mass to take names and numbers to try and gauge how many parishioners wish to attend the Masses on the Thursday and Friday.

If anybody would like to help with the serving of refreshments on the Thursday and Friday or could provide any food for Friday, can you also leave your names or let the office know.

Likewise it would be appreciated if you live near the Church perhaps you could walk or car share to allow us to free up spaces in the car park.

Thank you.

PLEASE CAN ANYONE HELP

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

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.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE

Message from the Diocesan Team.

“Thank you for everything that you have done to contribute and support our Diocesan journey to this point. As a person with a truly unique life story, each one of us is called to make a contribution to God’s kingdom. No talent, no matter how small, is to be hidden or left unused.

As we move forward together into partnerships we want to encourage everyone to look again at their call to holiness. In Pope Francis’ words “small things are small steps towards holiness”. We want your experience to count and we need what you offer. Our way forward must include more active involvement of lay people.

At this stage we are looking particularly for volunteers with experience in leadership and education and/or facilitation. We simply require and email to amy.cameron@diocese.org.uk or a phone call Tel: 0191 2433304. Website: www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk “

LENTEN BOOKLETS & CALENDARS

Please take a free copy of the Lenten booklets and a calendar for your fridge.

CARMEL DOES STRICTLY - to raise funds for the Peru Mission, Carmel College are holding a two-night dancing extravaganza on the evenings of 24th and 25th March, featuring a staff Latin and Ballroom competition and demonstration dances by some of the students. A licensed bar available. Tickets left for Saturday 25th, priced at £3 for adults and £2 for students, available from student reception at the college, or contact 01325 254525

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Zion was saying, The Lord has abandoned me,
the Lord has forgotten me.

Does a woman forget her baby at the breast,
or fail to cherish the son of her womb?

Yet even if these forget,
I will never forget you.

Psalm

In God alone is my soul at rest.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. What is expected of stewards is that each one should be found worthy of his trust. Not that it makes the slightest difference to me whether you, or indeed any human tribunal, find me worthy or not. I will not even pass judgement on myself. True, my conscience does not reproach me at all, but that does not prove that I am acquitted: the Lord alone is my judge. There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes: he will light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of men's hearts. Then will be the time for each one to have whatever praise he deserves, from God.

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus said to his disciples: 'No one 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.

'That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means

more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

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ASH WEDNESDAY 1st March 2017

St Thomas'	9.00 am
Holy Family	11.00 am
St Augustine's	12.15pm
St Teresa's	7.00 pm

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.

FEAST OF ST JOHN of GOD

8th March 12noon at St Anne's followed by tea/coffee and cakes in the hall.

REFLECTION - Out in the fields

The little cares that fretted me
I lost them yesterday
among the fields above the sea,
among the winds at play,
among the lowing of the herds,
the rustling of the trees,
among the singing of the birds,
the humming of the bees.
The foolish fears of what may happen,
I cast them all away,
among the clover-scented grass,
among the new-mown hay;
among the husking of the corn
where drowsy poppies nod,
where ill thoughts die and good are born,
out in the fields with God. (Anon.)

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.



**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2PM –
BONDGATE METHODIST CHURCH**

This year the service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines on the theme "Am I being unfair to you?" Come and meet with women from all the Churches in Darlington to share this service with women all round the world during the course of a single day.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - READERS/OFFERTORY/WELCOMERS

Due to the changes in Sunday mass times if anybody would like to help with reading, offertory or welcoming at the 9.15am and 6.30pm Mass please leave your name and contact number in the office.

The next rotas will be done on a monthly basis.

Also if anybody would like to take over the admin work of the readers/offertory rotas Dick and Marie Whiteside would gratefully hand the baton on – with over 15 years service I think they are due a rest. Please see either Dick/Marie or again leave your name in the office.

HYMN BOOK AMNESTY

Every year around 12-15 hymn books go walk-about – at a cost of over £6 each. If you have any in the car, at home can you please return them. In the meantime if we could all take 1 copy per couple at the Sunday morning mass that should spread the books around for everybody.

COMMUNION

If you know of any parishioners who are unable to attend the 9.15am Mass and would like to receive communion from one of the SVP members please leave their contact details with the office.

PADDINGTON BEAR

19 th February	£2.03
Money in Bank	£135.12
Total Collected	£31,423.19

COFFEES AFTER MASS

Provided by
Happy Wanderers
Club



FEBRUARY 26th		7th SUNDAY OF YEAR A	
	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Teresa Lewis RIP Special Intention (B)
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.00 pm	Eucharistic Service followed by Exposition till 3pm
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 am	D/M Lawler & McGowan Families
ASH WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	George&Catherine Lynn RIP
THURSDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	12.15 pm 7.00 pm	Eucharistic Service Mass – Fr Seamus
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	12 noon	Req. Mass Fr Seamus
SATURDAY	CONFESSIONS 10.30-11.00 am St Augustine's 11.00 am Fatima Mass		
SUNDAY 5 th March 1 st Sunday of Lent – A	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Robert&Rose Springfield RIP Ints of Fitzgerald Family
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	Fr Seamus Doyle, Fr Leo Coughlin		
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 5 th March		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
READERS OFFERTORY WELCOMERS	R Frank/P Joyce Bowman Family	B Dunleavey/M Webster Mr & Mrs Hughes	
COUNTERS TEAM (D) J Kilgour/B Tully/M Knowles/C McKeown/C Springfield			
19 th February 2017		£ 371.21 £ 306.85 (£ 383.56 gift aided) <u>£ 678.06</u>	