

**2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2017 - 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A**



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## *PARISH BULLETIN*

BREVIARY WEEK : 4

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## **WORD FOR TODAY**

From time to time we all run out of puff. We become just a little less enthusiastic about things than we used to be. God promises to give us his Spirit to revive us, to breathe fresh life into us when we seem to be sagging. All we have to do is ask.

## **BREAK 4 LENT**

Final Session, please join them at St Cuthbert's Hall for teas and coffee at 10.30am followed by a talk at 11.00am.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April          Rev Dr Andrew Stobart (Methodist)

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

**DARLINGTON COMMUNITY PASSION PLAY** Sunday 9th April at 2.00pm in the grounds of St Augustine's Parish Centre. You are invited to be part of the Passion story in words & music. The actors, singers & musicians come from a variety of Darlington Churches - Free Admission.

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

The *Chrism Mass* is celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral , Newcastle at 11am. The deanery oil stocks are renewed on that day. All are welcome to attend.

***Mass of the Lord's Supper*** will be held for all the Deanery at St Teresa's Church at 7pm. It is envisaged that representatives from all the parishes will take part in various roles. We are looking for:

***2 Volunteers for feet washing***

***1 Eucharistic Minister***

Please give your name to Fr David or let the office know.

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

***Stations of the Cross*** at 10.00 pm in Church

***Churches Together witness*** at Pease Monument at 11.00am

***Need somebody from St Augustine's to do a reading*** (in place of Fr Seamus) reading available in the office.

***Passion of the Lord*** – led by Deacon Jurgen Muller at 3pm

### **EASTER VIGIL**

St Augustine's at 8pm

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Mass on Easter Sunday at 9.15pm. ***There will be no 6.30pm Mass.***

## **CONDOLENCE BOOK**

We will be sending this onto Fr Seamus' family after Easter. It is available at the back of Church for the next couple of weeks.

## **THANK YOU**

- so much for your support at coffees and the collection in March. Your valuable contributions of over £800 allows young people to bear testimony to their faith in Lourdes this summer. Thank you so much Sarah and Claudia.
- SVP Christmas Sudan Baby Appeal. Thanks to your generosity towards our annual appeal alongside the Crib at Christmas, we have been able to support three babies for a year in the crisis-hit country of Sudan. Last Christmas we raised just over £150, we look forward to your continuing support in future years.

## **RE-REDOS PAINTINGS AND SAFETY WORK**

After many years, permission has finally been granted by Historic Churches Commission and the Diocese for the restoration and re-hanging of the re-redos paintings. We also have permission to secure the balustrade of the choir loft with a rail and to install a second handrail to the stairs to the choir loft. Additionally, there will be a small removable hand rail to the Lectern. Work on the paintings will commence after Easter and handrails will be installed early May. It is hoped to complete the work with minimum disruption to services. Jolyon (Jo) Potter is happy to answer any questions you may have.

***Week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> April  
there will be no services in Church on  
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday.***

***Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May  
There will be no services in Church on  
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday***

## **THE WAY WE SEE IT: A RESPONSE**

As we move into new partnerships, an important emerging priority is our relationship with young people. The report of the young people's survey 'The Way we See It' and Pope Francis' call for a Synod on Youth invite us to reflect on this relationship. All adult parishioners and young people of sixth form age are invited to a diocesan conference at the Newcastle Assembly Rooms on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Further details are in the booking form available from the parish priest or from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592444 or [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org). Details also on YMT website [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org).

### **First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

### **Psalm**

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

### **Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11**

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.

### **Gospel: John 11:3-7.17.20-27.33-45**

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

**'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'**

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas - known as the Twin - said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

**'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.**

**Do you believe this?'**

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

**'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'**

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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### **REFLECTION - Seeds of consolation**

What can I say to you, my friend,  
in your hour of grief?  
Just a word from my heart.  
In the midst of your sorrow seeds are being sown –  
seeds of consolation, hope, resignation, and even gratitude.  
This winter will pass,  
and spring will again visit the garden of your heart.  
You will see these seeds grow, blossom, and bear fruit.  
Then your sorrow will turn into joy,  
a joy no one will be able to take from you.

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### **GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

These have now arrived and are at the back of Church awaiting your collection. If you would like to join the scheme please contact Stuart Sanderson.

### **Annual Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2017**

**Depart Newcastle Airport Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July Return On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August.**

For full information about costs, details of care offered and booking / application forms please contact Fr Peter Stott on 01670 513410 or email [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk)

### **CELEBRATING FATIMA 100 YEARS**

You are invited to a Deanery Mass of Reparation on the first Saturday of each month.

Saturday 6th May 11am St Augustine's

Saturday 13th May 9.30am Holy Family (This is the date of the 1st apparition)

### **VICAR OF DIBLEY TICKETS**

Tickets for STARS production of the Vicar of Dibley will be available in the Parish Centre after Sunday Mass and from the Parish Centre bar, prices £7 adult, £5 concession. Alternatively tickets can be reserved via the STARS website [www.starsdarlington.co.uk](http://www.starsdarlington.co.uk) or by calling 07397 774913.

Performance dates Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

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## ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH CLUB/CENTRE INFORMATION

### PARISH CENTRE INFORMATION

To book the Parish Centre : email [staugspc@gmail.com](mailto:staugspc@gmail.com) or  
telephone 07909 747145

Bar Opening Time: Sunday 7-10.30pm

### Parish Club Memberships and Car Park Permits

These must be renewed by the 30th of April. If you would like to renew either of these, please collect one of the forms from the back of church, the PC lobby or the attendant's cabin in the car park and follow the instructions on the form. This year, we would like you to fill in all of the details as we would like to make sure our records are accurate and up to date.

We would encourage you to be a member of our Parish Club as this helps support the various activities that we run at the Parish. Centre. You will have to be a member of the Club to apply for a car parking permit.

You can drop the completed forms off at the attendant's cabin or see us in person in the PC after Sunday Masses. We'll be there from 10.30 am and 7.30 pm.

The annual charges for membership and car parking will be held at last year's rates.

### Date for your Diary

Elvis Tribute Act Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017. Further details to follow.

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**Ushaw 2017 Season.** Ushaw has now re-opened to the public. Opening times are, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 1.00pm -5.00pm

For information on the many planned events see [WWW.ushaw.org](http://WWW.ushaw.org) or 0191 3738500



<b>APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A</b>	
	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Janett Deery RIP</b>
	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Lisa Lennie RIP</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service followed by Exposition till 3pm</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>12.15 am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>12.15 pm</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Charles Robinson RIP</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>CONFESSIONS 10.30-11.30 am</b>		
<b>SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>George&amp;Delia Lancaster RIP</b>
<b>Palm Sunday – Year A</b>	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Special Intention (B)</b>
<b>THOSE WHO ARE SICK</b>	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, Lillian Brown, and those looking after them.		
<b>LATELY DEAD</b>	Bernard McGuinness, Robert Sesnan, Hilda Pattison		
<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	<b>April Anniversaries</b> –Des Loney, Ian Paterson, Maura & Pat Gibbon, Susan Simpson, Brenda Bennett, Edward McLoughlin, Lawrence Bainbridge, Brian Stacey, Joseph McIntyre, David Humphreys, James McGee, Stanley Smith, Patricia Campbell, Leo Dale, Marian Phillips, Catherine Lynn. May they rest in peace.		
<b>MINISTERS</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
	<b>9.15 am</b>		<b>6.30 pm</b>
<b>READERS</b>	J LeRoi/J Jones		D Klein/A Gibbon
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Mr & Mrs Charlton		Mr & Mrs Hughes
<b>WELCOMERS</b>			
<b>COUNTERS TEAM (A) P Anwyll/C Webb/D Lassiter-Budd/A Budd/J Brown</b>			
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>		<b>£ 340.38</b>	
		<b>£ 355.16</b>	<b>(£443.95 gift aided)</b>
		<b>£ 695.54</b>	

**PLEASE NOTE NO MASS ON Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Fr David has a funeral**