

7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 - 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A



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## *PARISH BULLETIN*

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## **WORD FOR TODAY**

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ. Jesus is confirmed as the long-awaited Messiah, the one who was to set his people free. As Lord he holds sway over all things. Still basking in the joy of the resurrection, the Church today commends us to the attentive care of the Good Shepherd. By following him we will come to no harm.*

*This Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, we welcome back Mary Skaag who will give an appeal on behalf of **Fr Sarves** for the Balamma Satram Home for the Needy in Kadapa, South India.*

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

The paintings were removed last week and photographs put in place till the restorer has completed the task of cleaning and strengthening the paintings before they are brought back into Church – around 8-12 weeks.

The balustrade in the choir loft, along with a second handrail to the stairs up to the choir loft and a small removable hand rail to the Lectern will take place w/c 8<sup>th</sup> May.

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

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** – The Diocese has agreed that a collection will take place in all parishes to support the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor in St Joseph's Home, Newcastle, a home to 57 elderly residents who need either nursing or residential care.

This collection should have taken place this weekend, but we will hold it over till next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May. There are Gift Aid Envelopes at the back of church.

**DAY ON THE MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION** In response to feedback from Forward Together in Hope, there will be a day on a Ministry of Consolation, focusing on support for people & their families during terminal illness, or the journey through dementia. **Saturday 10th June** at Ushaw College, Durham, DH7 9RH. 10am for 10.30am start, refreshments on arrival. Lunch is provided, *kindly sponsored by Walker & Morrell Funeral Directors*. Booking is absolutely essential—there are booking forms at the back of Church, or email [spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk) or Tel : 0191 243 3302.

### **DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING MEETING**

To be held in St Augustine's Parish Centre on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm to discuss the outcome of the recent court case.

## **CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITIONS IN FATIMA**

There will be a Rosary Novena in each of the Darlington Churches starting 4th May until 12th May. Leaflets should be available at the back of Church with all the dates, times and locations.

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*Concert in aid of  
St. Teresa's Hospice  
3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 Central Hall Dolphin Centre  
7.30pm Tickets £5.00*

We are a local, mixed, community based choir and we enjoy performing a wide range of music – from sacred, to shows and pop to folk. We would like to entertain you and all proceeds from the concert will go to St Teresa's Hospice. Also appearing is guest artist, Harpist Anita Aslin. It will be a great night's entertainment for a very worthy cause. Please come along and support our local hospice.

**For tickets please contact Anne Wraith on 07789 165770**

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### **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)

### **FTIH - PARTNERSHIP GUIDELINES - FIRST STEPS**

The booklet has been sent to all the parishes, there are a limited number of copies in the office, or it can be read on the Diocesan website. The Bishop has appointed partnership Deans to lead the new partnerships and Fr Greg Price is the Dean for our partnership.

### **BAPTISM DIOCESAN GUIDELINES**

These will be launched on 7<sup>th</sup> June, and formation sessions for catechists will be held at 5 locations, the nearest one for us is at St Anne's on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June from 9-12 noon. Booking is essential. See website or poster

**The Northern Cross will be on sale after the Masses today**

### **First Reading: Acts 2:14.36-41**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, What must we do, brothers? You must repent, Peter answered and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself. He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, Save yourselves from this perverse generation. They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

### **PSALM**

**Either:**      The Lord is my Shepherd;  
                      There is nothing I shall want.

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25**

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
I am the gate of the sheepfold.  
All others who have come  
are thieves and brigands;  
but the sheep took no notice of them.  
I am the gate.  
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:  
he will go freely in and out  
and be sure of finding pasture.  
The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it to the full.'

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*Today the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday is the day chosen as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Please pray for those who may be considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life, that they may look into their hearts, hear the Lord's call and follow it courageously.*

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## **REFLECTION - Compassion and healing**

Compassion is not learned without suffering.  
Unless we have suffered and wept,  
we really don't understand what compassion is,  
nor can we comfort someone who is suffering.  
Unless we have walked in darkness,  
we can't help wanderers to find their way.  
But if we have suffered we become pathfinders for others.  
And it is by reaching out to others  
that we ourselves are healed.  
Jesus bore the marks of our violent world on his body.  
Those wounds were the proof of his love.  
They were the mortal wounds the Good Shepherd  
picked up in caring for his sheep.  
The wounds of Jesus are a source of consolation,  
courage, and hope to us in our sufferings.  
By his wounds we are healed.

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**INTER PARISH QUIZ** Saturday 20th May in Holy Family Parish Centre. All Darlington Parishes will be invited to submit a team(s). There will be a temporary bar, Pie & Peas supper & a raffle. Entry fee £1 per person (teams limited to 6 people).

There will a Requiem Mass at Jervaulx Abbey (HG4 4PA) on Friday 2nd of June at 6 [pm.to](#) mark the Anniversary of the Death of Adam Sedbar, 23rd and last Abbot.

Collection in aid of Syrian Refugees Aid to the Church In Need.

This is an outdoor event, please bring suitable clothing and a folding chair.  
Further details from Chris Robinson. Tel. 10325 465469. Organised by Hambleton Catenians

The Northern Cross will be on sale after the Masses today.

## **KUMI COMMUNITY FUND, UGANDA – OPEN DAY**

The Robinson's are having their annual Open Day to raise funds for the malnourished children and those who are living in extreme poverty in Kumi, Uganda on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 11.00am till 4.00pm at 2 Upsall Drive, Darlington. Everyone is most welcome.

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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

*A little less conversation, a little more action please...put on your blue suede shoes and get all shook up on...*

### **SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2017 – Doors open 7.15pm**

Join us at St Augustine's Parish Centre as we host the "King of Rock 'n' Roll"

ELVIS

Tony Skingle as Elvis (check out his website  
<http://tonyskingleis Elvis.me.uk/>)

ELVIS

Hot dogs/Hamburgers will be available to purchase on the night. Tickets £15, and will be on sale after Mass, or via our website [staugspc@gmail.com](mailto:staugspc@gmail.com).

***All profits to go to First Stop***

### **Luncheon Club**

The next lunch will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 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.

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### **DIOCESAN FESTIVAL 2017**

Saturday 25 - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, Emmaus Youth Village, Consett.

This year's theme is 'Changing Heart : The Challenge of Discipleship'. Clare Dixon will speak about the life of Oscar Romero, whose centenary we celebrate this year. RISE Theatre will present a drama about this martyr & there will be talks from David Wells & Sr Judith Russi. It includes prayer, liturgy, reflection, mime, discussion & music. It is an opportunity for our whole Diocesan family to come together to celebrate & to be encouraged in our faith offering inspiring speakers for adults as well as activities for young people & children. Booking forms are available from the back of church.

### **COFFEES AFTER MASS**

Provided by the CAFOD Group



<b>MAY 7<sup>TH</sup></b>		<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A</b>	
	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>D/M Barry Family</b>
	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Gilmour Family Ints.</b>
MONDAY	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>NO SERVICE</b>
TUESDAY	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>NO SERVICE</b>
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>12.15 pm</b>	<b>NO SERVICE</b>
FRIDAY	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Ellie &amp; Frank McFarthing RIP</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>		<b>CONFESSIONS 10.30 – 11.30 am</b>	
	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>12.15 pm</b>	<b>Southend Reunion Mass</b>
SUNDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> May	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Chris Springfield RIP</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter (A)	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Annie &amp; Charlie Martin RIP</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, Lillian Brown, and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD	Mary Kathleen Smollett (mother of Gail Wiper & Maxine Allick)		
ANNIVERSARIES	<b>May Anniversaries</b> – Beatrice Prior, Dick Hansell, Ellie McFarthing, Matthew Gallagher, Peter Russell, Joseph McCormick, Ronnie Tempest, Elsie Lawley, Patrick Killeen, Frank Connolly, Sarah Danks, Hugh McGee, Carole Charlton. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> May		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
READERS	St Augustine's School	G Connor/A Webster	
OFFERTORY	St Augustine's School	Humphrey Family	
WELCOMERS	St Augustine's School	Claire Woolley	
COUNTERS TEAM (B) T Appleton/ G Harrison/J Poad/C McAllister/G Doherty			
30 <sup>th</sup> April 2017		£ 405.46	
		£ 286.63 (£343.96 gift aided)	
		£ 692.09	

**Mass on Saturday mornings at 10.00 am St Osmund's, Gainford**

The annual reunion of past pupils of The Immaculate Conception School will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Mass in St Augustine's 12.15 pm