

14th MAY 2017 - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A



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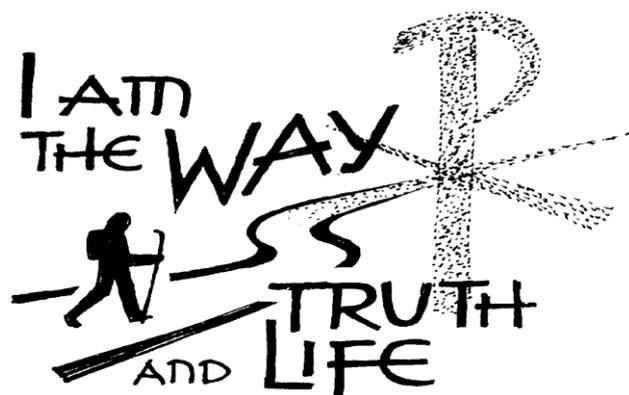
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WORD FOR TODAY

The time will come, says Jesus, when we will no longer see him. Yet he promises that he will prepare a place for us in the kingdom if we follow his way and live out his truth. This is the only life worth having.



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR – The Diocese 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 will take place this weekend. 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 or Tel : 0191 243 3302.



*Concert in aid of
St. Teresa's Hospice
3rd 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

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).

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Saturday 10th June at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle - 11.00am celebrated by Bishop Seamus.

CHURCH WORKS UPDATE Our paintings conservator, David Everingham, (www.everinghamconservation.co.uk) has advised that he hopes to have the reredos paintings returned and installed by the end of August. The iron work continues and John Aynsley, the metal workers, hope that both the iron mountings and the wood handrails will be in place by the end of next week. In the meantime, if you need to sit in the choir loft, please do not sit in the roped off area to your right as you enter the choir loft. Also, would readers, servers and ministers please avoid the steps to the left of the ambo where the carpet has been raised to take the mountings for the handrail. Thank you.

BAPTISM DIOCESAN GUIDELINES

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

USHAW 2017

Ushaw is open Wednesday – Saturday 1.00. – 5.00.pm

Midday prayer 12.30 pm Wednesday to Friday

Food at ushaw in the refectory 11.00. – 5.00. Wednesday –Saturday

www.ushaw.org Tel 0191 373 8500

Future Events

Wednesday 24 th May	St Andrew's University Madrigal Group 7.30 pm Admission £7
Friday 26 th May	Jazz with Strictly Smokin' Big Band 7.30 pm £7
Saturday 3 rd June	Sung Evensong in St Cuthbert's 4.00 pm
Saturday 10 th June	National Garden Scheme Open Gardens 11.00-4.00 pm £4 Children free
Saturday 10 th June	Reg Vardy Big Band 7.30 pm £11/£5 Concessions
Saturday 17 th June	Andrew Christer Organ Recital
Saturday 17 th June	Food and Folk in the Parlour 7.30 pm £12
Sunday 18 th June	Shakespeare in the Gardens with Midsummer Night's Dream £7/£5 Concessions
Wednesday 28 th June	Poetry Evening featuring Francis Thompson's Hound of Heaven 7.00 pm £7 with food

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word. The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

PSALM

Either: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.
I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

REFLECTION - Going home

Going to heaven!
I don't know when,
pray do not ask me how.
Going to heaven!
How dim it sounds!
And yet it will be done
as sure as flocks go home at night
unto the shepherd's arms.
If you should get there first,
save just a little place for me
close to the two I lost.
The smallest 'robe' will fit me,
and just a bit of 'crown';
for you know we do not mind our dress
when we are going home.

(Emily Dickinson)

THE COMMON GOOD IN DARLINGTON – CHURCHES TOGETHER IN D'TON

The document For the Common Good was presented to the parliamentary candidates on Friday 12th May at The Market Cross at 12 noon.

The Hustings will take place at 7pm in St. Cuthbert's Hall on Thursday 25th May.

The Ven. Nick Barker and Rev Dr John Elliston will chair the meeting.

There are a couple of copies at the back of Church and a copy on our website.

There will a Requiem Mass at Jervaulx Abbey (HG4 4PA) on Friday 2nd of June at 6pm 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. 01325 465469. Organised by Hambleton Catenians.

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 3rd June from 11.00am till 4.00pm at 2 Upsall Drive, Darlington. Everyone is most welcome.

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

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

SATURDAY 1st 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.

All profits to go to First Stop

Luncheon Club

The next lunch will be held on Tuesday 16th 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.

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL 2017

Saturday 25 - Sunday 25th 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



MAY 14th		5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A	
	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Chris Springfield RIP
	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Annie & Charlie Martin RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.00 pm	Eucharistic Service followed by Exposition till 3pm
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Andrew Keough RIP
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Eucharistic Service
SATURDAY	NO CONFESSIONS		
SUNDAY 21 st May	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Kevin Cundy RIP
6 th Sunday Easter (A)	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Mike Dunleavy 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, Betty Smith, Lillian Brown, and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD			
ANNIVERSARIES	May Anniversaries – 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 21st May		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	Mr & Mrs Lynch	R Ivanec	
OFFERTORY	Mr & Mrs Allinson	C McKeown	
READERS	J McGovern/R Frank	B Humphrey/A Gibbon	
COUNTERS TEAM (C) B Humphrey/G Lynch/P Owen/L Eastham			
7 th May 2017		£ 405.46	
		£ 286.63	(£343.96 gift aided)
		£ 692.09	

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

Fr David is on holiday from 15th May to 25th May, please contact Fr Greg on 257681 if you require a priest.