

**28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 - THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - YEAR A**



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**WORD FOR TODAY**

Christ's resurrection and ascension are not things of the past.

They are very much present and powerful in our world today if we allow them to affect our vision of life and to guide us in our search for the ultimate meaning of our common existence.

Jesus promises to be with us until the end of time.

**CHURCH WORKS UPDATE** Our paintings conservator, David Everingham, ([www.everinghamconservation.co.uk](http://www.everinghamconservation.co.uk)) has advised that he hopes to have the reredos paintings returned and installed by the end of August. The handrail and the balcony rail have now been completed, and it is hoped that the bannister rail will be completed next week. The final designs and materials used for these three projects, i.e. handrail leading up to the ambo, the bannister on the staircase and the rail in the balcony were those specified and approved (after numerous consultations and visits) by the Historic Church Committee.

### **JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT,**

Our Lady of Lourdes Deaf Centre, 2 Summerhill Grove, Newcastle.

The Project currently has over 400 active asylum seekers who come looking for help. They receive a bag of groceries once each week and those who are destitute also receive £5 per week.

One of the most needed and requested items are toilet rolls. These are only given out when available and as a swap for another item in the bag of groceries. For the last six years or so we have been collecting toilet rolls here at St. Augustines and lately we have been joined in this by the Youth SVP group at Carmel College. They are delivered to the Project once a month. Please keep your donations of toilet rolls coming in. They are much needed and greatly appreciated.

We also collect tins of sardines. Where possible could you please donate sardines in oil.

### **SVP UPDATE**

June will be the first anniversary of SUNDAY STOP which provides a free 3 course meal for those in need on the first Sunday of each month in the Parish Centre. At present we have on average 30 to 40 guests who are very appreciative of the food and service provided. Whilst the SVP initiated the work and provided funding, it has only been made successful because of additional volunteers from the Parish. Over 20 people have worked hard to cook, serve and give a warm and supportive reception to the guests. In addition some Parishioners have donated substantial funds to support the work. We would like to thank everyone who has been involved and look forward to continuing this valuable initiative.

We have also been working with Kings Church Food Bank to provide a distribution point at St Columba's Church on a Friday morning. This has involved 6 members plus two volunteers. Again a big thank you to Parishioners who have been donating food and funds over the last few years. The Food Bank have asked us to change the type of food donated from pasta and sauce (they are overstocked) and would like more donations of tinned cooked meats suitable for meals and long life milk. The collection bin is still in the porch.

## **WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – 28<sup>th</sup> MAY (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)**

On World Communications Day we are encouraged to pray for communications professionals and there will be a second collection which provides the funding for the Catholic Communications Network (CCN). Please take a prayer card.

## **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - APPEAL FOR NURSES**

Due to increased requests from people needing nursing care and assistance on our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes we need to make an appeal for more nurses. Are you a nurse? Are you able to join us, do you know a nurse in your family, or a friend, or a nurse in your parish that you might think could help us in Lourdes? Could your parish support funding for a nurse to come to Lourdes?

Are you a registered Nurse or experienced Adult Carer, who can give some time over to helping sick people travel to Lourdes. If you can help please get in touch with Fr Peter J Stott on 01670 513410

[www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk) or contact [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk)

## **DIOCESAN FESTIVAL 2017**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> - 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. Booking forms are available from the back of church.

## **BAPTISM COURSE**



**Where?** St Augustine's Parish Centre  
**When?** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June  
7.15pm – 8.30pm

Please let us know if you will be attending. Either by telephone on 26602 or by email [info@staugustineschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@staugustineschurch.org.uk).

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

The Robinsons 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.

### **First Reading: Acts 1:1-11**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. It is he had said what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.

Now having met together, they asked him, Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel? He replied, It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.

### **Psalm**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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**PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP.**

The first tentative meeting of the PDG will take place on May 30 @ 7pm at St Augustine's Presbytery. Please keep us all in your prayers. Fr.Greg.

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

**GATHER MY PEOPLE LED BY FATHER PAUL JENKINS**

A Day of Reflection for Lay Liturgical Leaders at St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre. West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 10.30am – 4.00pm.

Leaflets re the General Election 2017 to all the catholics in England and Wales from the Bishops – available at the back of Church.

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## **REFLECTION - Returning to God**

We are born in exile and die there too.  
As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life,  
we begin our return.  
We spend our lives dreaming  
of a homeland we have never seen.  
Like homing birds that are released in a strange country,  
and know no rest until they return home,  
so it is with us.  
When we die,  
we do not so much go to God as return to him.  
You have made us for yourself, O Lord,  
and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you.

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## **CATHOLIC MEGA YOUTH POLL**

If you are aged between 13-29, the Catholic Church would like to hear from you. We want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith & connection with the Catholic Church. You can access this poll on

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll> or by searching Catholic Mega Youth Poll. The poll closes on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017.



## **JESUS YOUTH AWAKENING 2017**

Eucharistic Adoration of 100 days that began on 1<sup>st</sup> March lasting till Pentecost across the UK and Europe.

Our church will be partaking on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 2.30pm till 8.30pm.

*(However as we have a marriage rehearsal taking place at 5.30pm there will be a short break of an hour, followed by Mass at 7pm and then the final hour of Exposition.*

There will be posters at the back of Church and there is also a sheet in the middle of Church if you would like to sign up for a particular time-slot.

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

The Tyneside Irish Cultural Society in Newcastle will be holding an Irish Lunchtime Event in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 from 12 noon to 3pm. Further details to follow.

This is open to all parishioners in all parishes.

### **COFFEES AFTER MASS**

Provided by the CAFOD Group



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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

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

Join us at St Augustine's Parish Centre as we host the "King of Rock 'n' Roll" Tony Skingle as Elvis (check out his website <http://tonyskingleiservis.me.uk/>) 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***

### **ST AUGUSTINE'S CLUB/PARISH CENTRE AGM**

#### **SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017 @ 7.45pm**

The AGM for the Club and the Parish Centre Committee will be held in the Parish Centre at 7.45pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017. All members are invited to attend. At the meeting the Directors of the Club and members of the Parish Centre Committee will be standing for re-election. Anyone wishing to stand for either committees is asked to put their name on the proposal forms which are displayed on the Parish Centre notice board. If anyone has any items for the agenda for either meeting could you please notify the secretary of the item, in writing within 15 days.

Bernadette Chapman – Secretry (07815 429745)

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014 10-4pm**

#### **PARISH CENTRE/YOUTH HALL MINI - SPRING CLEAN**

Volunteers are needed to de-clutter, remove rubbish, etc., so that we can make it a better place to use and socialise.

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### **BOOK CLUB – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month**

We are a small group who meet in the Parish Centre Bar area on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 2pm – 3.30pm. We discuss the book from the previous month (a broad range of mostly fiction books – easy to read) along with a cup of tea and biscuit and then provide the next month's book, and have a bit more chat.

Unfortunately due to illnesses, our numbers have dropped, so if you would like to come and join us we would be delighted to see you.

<b>MAY 28<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - YEAR A</b>	
	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>D/M O'Donnell Family</b>
	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Arthur &amp; Win Gaddass 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 pm</b>	<b>Monica Smith</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>2.30 pm</b>	<b>Exposition till 8.30 pm</b>
	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Kathleen Quinn</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>CONFESSIONS 10.30am – 11.30am</b>		
<b>SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> June</b>	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Mary &amp; James Courtney RIP</b>
<b>Pentecost Sunday (A)</b>	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Tom Walker RIP</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, Lillian Brown, and those looking after them.		
<b>LATELY DEAD</b>	Mary Roberts (sister of John Hodge)		
<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	<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.		
<b>MINISTERS</b>	<b>SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
	<b>9.15 am</b>		<b>6.30 pm</b>
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Watson Family		Jackie Anderson
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Tess Keough		Mr & Mrs Holborn
<b>READERS</b>	F Ingham/P Joyce		S Hughes/J Owens
<b>COUNTERS TEAM (A) P Anwyll/C Webb/D Lassiter-Budd/A Budd/J Brown</b>			
<b>21<sup>st</sup> May 2017</b>		<b>£ 294.97</b>	
		<b>£ 285.59</b>	<b>(£343.96 gift aided)</b>
		<b>£580.56</b>	

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

**FUTURE COLLECTIONS**

Lay Training Fund

Sunday 4th June till 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Day of Prayer for Human Life

Sunday 18th June