

**23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2017 - 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF YEAR A**



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## **WORD FOR TODAY**

Sometimes we can try so hard to practice our religion that we fail to enjoy the view en route.

Today God reminds us that his overarching love for us will never fail.

We form part of a flock that he will provide for always.

Although we can't afford to rest on our laurels, we can take a bit of a break on Christ's.

## **SVP COLLECTION SUNDAY 23RD JULY**

We will hold a collection after Masses this Sunday for the SVP funds. We have had a demanding period where we have supported two pupils from our local schools to go to the SVP camp at Holy Island, provided funding for the Sunday Stop lunches, helped a couple to go on the Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage and continued our funding of the two Twinned SVP Conferences in India. Many thanks for your continued support.

## **CAFOD**

The Cafod 200 Club membership renewals for the year from July 2017 are now due. Renewals can be paid to any Cafod committee member in the Parish Centre after the Sunday morning mass throughout July, or posted to the address below. The 200 Club is a very successful fundraiser for Cafod – raising £5,600 each year if fully subscribed.

Subscriptions are £50 per number per year. There is a draw prize of £100 every month except in December & June when members have the chance to win prizes of £1000, £500 and £200. If anyone is interested in becoming a member, please contact Joanne Upton on 01325 251158 (07411 360865) or after 9:15 Mass.

Chairman: Stuart Sanderson

Secretary: Carole Springfield

Treasurer: Joanne Upton 18 Cleveland Terrace, Darlington, DL3 7HA

Thanks to all for your continued support.

The after-mass coffees for May raised £508.42 which was sent directly to Cafod, so thank you again.

***SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Cafod Safari Supper***

**RCIA JOURNEY OF FAITH** - If there is anyone who is interested in the Catholic faith, and possibly converting, please have a word with clergy or contact parish offices.

The next RCIA Journey of Faith course will begin in **September** on **Thursday evenings** 7.00pm - 8.30pm: more details late summer.

## **PARTNERSHIP NEWS**

*We will welcome Fr Gordon Ryan as Parish Priest of St Augustine's and part of our new Partnership as from September.*

*He is currently at Our Lady Immaculate & St Cuthbert at Crook.*

Thank you to those who attended our meeting on Tuesday evening. More details to follow over the next few weeks, but we will be looking for people to come forward and be part of key areas to help us develop our plan over the next two years.

### **EVENTS**

***St Anne's, Welbeck Avenue, Darlington***

***Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Feast of St Anne. Mass at 7pm followed by a shared supper in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome.***

## **DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

### **COMMUNION**

This will be led by Fr Shaun Purdy and will take place at Ushaw College on Saturday 9th September 10.30am—4pm. Tea/Coffee & light lunch will be provided. Please contact the office if you wish to attend.

### **Time to Go**

We don't stay at school forever (fortunately!) The time comes when we say our final goodbyes to the place and people that have been part of our daily life for so many years. We'll see them again, of course, but no longer as school students.

Leaving school should make us think about three things:

*Thanks:* We've so many people to be grateful to, teachers who worked extra hard with us, friends whose company we enjoyed, and staff who made the school an easy place to learn in. Saying thank you makes us realise how lucky we are.

*Pardon:* No one's perfect and for all of us there are things we wish would have turned out differently. Maybe there were times we didn't pull our full weight, or people we were off-handed with, or opportunities we were daft enough to miss. Admitting to these helps us not to repeat them in the future.

*Hope:* School is not about learning facts and figures. It's about learning the sort of people we can be if we use our God-given talents. Whether we're off to college or to a job we know that we are unique. God never makes two people the same. Using your gifts and talents brings hope and encouragement to other people.

**Enjoy the holidays!**

### **First Reading: Wisdom 12:13.16-19**

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,  
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.  
Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.  
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned  
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;  
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,  
you govern us with great lenience,  
for you have only to will, and your power is there.  
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people  
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,  
and you have given your sons the good hope  
that after sin you will grant repentance.

### **PSALM**

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

### **Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27**

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

### **Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43**

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy

has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." '

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables  
and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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## **REFLECTION - The divided heart**

Reflecting on the years he spent in labour camps, Alexander Solzhenitsyn has this to say:

I learnt one great lesson from my years in prison camps.  
I learnt how a person becomes evil and how he becomes good.  
Gradually I came to realise  
that the line which separates good from evil  
passes not between states,  
or between classes, or between political parties,  
but right through every human heart.  
Even in hearts that are overwhelmed by evil,  
one small bridgehead of good is retained.  
And in the best of all hearts,  
there remains an unrooted small corner of evil.

*(Gulag Archipelago, volume 2)*

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### **WHO AM I?**

I am a saint whose feast day occurs during July.

Can you work out my name?

My first is in mutter but never in butter;  
my second's in jam and also in ham.

My third may be found at the top of the ground;  
my fourth's not in kilo but ends up in pound.

Number five comes out top of the new A to Z,  
while six is not found in red bed, but in led.

Three lots of seven abide in a cheese;

Eight can be found near the start of a sneeze.

Maybe now you can see me, I hope that you do,  
for my last is in purple, green, yellow and blue!

### **TRUE OR FALSE?**

Here are six statements. Three of them are true and three are false. Do you know which is which?

1. A corporal is a type of cloth
2. A cassock is a hook for hanging meat on
3. A Maronite is a purple coloured flower
4. The Wee Frees are a type of Scottish Protestant
5. The proper name for marriage is Holy Acrimony
6. Abba is the name Jesus used for his Father

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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 Centre quiz** will be back with us on the first Friday of the month starting in September.

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### CHURCH WORKS

Work on the restoration and conservation of the re-redos paintings is progressing well. David Everingham has sent some striking comparison photographs, which can be seen on [www.staugustineschurch.org.uk](http://www.staugustineschurch.org.uk).

### PADDINGTON BEAR

16 <sup>TH</sup> July	£ 3.80
Money in Bank	£ 360.04
Total Collected	£31,657.90



### COFFEES AFTER MASS

Provided by Cafod and  
parishioners for relief funding



<b>JULY 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		<b>16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF YEAR A</b>	
	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>George&amp;Delia Lancaster RIP</b>
	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>George&amp;Catherine Lynn 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>Eleanor Wimberley RIP</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>St Anne's</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Feast Day Mass</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>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Peter Gaffney RIP</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>CONFESSIONS 10.30am – 11.30am</b>		
<b>SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Susan O'Hare RIP</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year (A)</b>	<b>St Augustine's</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>D/M Humphrey Family</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>			
<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	<b>July Anniversaries</b> – Kathleen Flaws, Peter Gaffney, Bill Carter, Teresa Taylor, Robert Brown, Mary Philbin, Rita Taylor, Irene Humphrey, Peter Harrison., Lillian Carrick, Maria Tweedy, Jean Forrest, Enrid Watson, John Mace. May they rest in peace.		
<b>MINISTERS</b>	<b>SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
	<b>9.15 am</b>		<b>6.30 pm</b>
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	P Ingham		J Anderson
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Mr & Mrs Allinson		C McKeown
<b>READERS</b>	F Ingham/B Glendenning		J Owens/A Ivanec
<b>COUNTERS TEAM (A)</b>	P Anwyll/C Webb/D Lassiter-Budd/A Budd/J Brown		
	<b>16<sup>TH</sup> July 2017</b>	<b>£ 289.41</b>	
		<b>£ 254.32</b>	<b>(£317.90 gift aided)</b>
		<b>£ 543.73</b>	

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

*(Answers: 1=True 2=False 3=False 4=True 5=False 6=True (Magdalene))*