

13th AUGUST 2017 - 19th SUNDAY OF YEAR A



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WORD FOR TODAY

Elijah found God in the most unexpected of places and events, and Jesus asked Peter to do the unthinkable: to walk on water.

Our faith is measured by how we respond to God's call in circumstances that everyone else would give up on.

Coffees this month are in aid of **First Stop** a local charity which supports people in need and in particular those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. One of the First Stop project workers, Stuart Harvey, has written a book entitled *Roofless* which has been compiled from anecdotal evidence related to him by clients of the charity. The book provides a valuable and thought-provoking insight into the issues raised by being homeless or threatened by homelessness and the reality of the uncertainties of such a life for the individuals living in this way. Copies of the book will be on sale at the coffee morning at a price of £4.99 and all proceeds will go to supporting the First Stop charity.

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.

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.

CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE

URGENTLY NEED - Admin & Reception Volunteers

Our Admin and Reception volunteers are very special people, and you could be one of them.

Could you spare some time every week to help us with admin, answering the phones and generally helping out? You need a confident telephone manner, an awareness of confidentiality and good listening skills.

We urgently need people to cover Tuesday afternoon, Thursday afternoon and Friday (could be all day or split into two shifts) at our office at Maude Street in Darlington.

Contact Sarah on 01325 286777

Luncheon Club - Please note change of date. Now 22nd August

The next lunch will be held on **Tuesday 22nd August** 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.

PARTNERSHIP NEWS

Thank you to all those who attended our Partnership Meeting on 18th July. This was well attended from people across the partnership. It was an ideal opportunity to learn more about the future of the partnership, meet new people and to hear how that involves each one of us. Over the next two years groups from all churches will meet to develop a plan for key areas of administration for the partnership in the future. These areas are:

Formation, Spirituality/Prayer, Communications, Finance, Human Resources, Young People, Outreach Work, Property/Buildings/Maintenance. If you feel you have the skills to help with any one, or more of these areas, please see Julie Humphrey who is our representative.

As part of the process of keeping people up to date and to encourage the sharing of information between partnerships the Diocese will be producing a short regular update under the title '*Partnership Matters*'. The first edition is available from the [Partnership Area](#) of the diocesan website.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2018

St Teresa's are hoping to organise a five day pilgrimage in 2018. The cost will be approx £700 -800. This will include flights, half board, all entry charges, transfers and all excursions in the Holy City.

If you are interested in going on the pilgrimage please contact St Teresa's 257681. Further details will be available at a later date.

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.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord. Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

PSALM

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
And give us your saving help.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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Tuesday 15th August

Holy Day of Obligation – Feast of the Assumption

Monday 14th Vigil Mass St William's – 7pm

Tuesday 15th St Teresa's 9.30 am
 St Augustine's 9.30 am
 Holy Family 9.30 am

PRAYER GROUP

There will be no prayer meetings during the summer holidays. Sorry for any inconvenience. We will meet again on Tuesday 5th September. All welcome!

REFLECTION - Courage! Do not be afraid

Like Peter we too have often set out confidently across the waters of life.

However, as soon as the winds of trouble rise against us, and the waves of adversity begin to buffet us, we lose our nerve and begin to sink.

Lord, when our faith falters, as it often does, may we hear your gentle voice saying to us, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.'

In that moment, Lord, may your divine power uphold us, calm our fears, steady our nerves, and enable us to steer our little boat to a place of safety and peace, beyond the wind and the waves.

DIOCESAN COURSES – please contact Fr David/Office if you wish to attend

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- Saint Aidan's, Coach Lane, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 8AD
Monday 9 & 16 October 7-9pm & Saturday 21 October 10.30am-4.00pm
Commissioning Mass Saturday 21 October 3.00pm
- Saint Joseph's, Mill Lane, Gilesgate, Durham DH1 2JG
Wednesday 18 & 25 October 7-9pm & Saturday 28 October 10.30am-4pm
Commissioning Mass Saturday 28 October 3.00pm
- Saint Joseph's, Ragworth Road, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees TS20 1EN
Thursday 2 & 9 November 7-9pm & Saturday 18 November 10.30-4pm
Commissioning Mass Saturday 18 November 3.00pm

Sacristans' Course

- Saint Bede's Hall St John's Terrace, Jarrow NE32 3LX
Thursday 12 October 10.00am – 3.30pm
Mass with Blessing of Sacristans Thursday 12 October 12.15pm

Lay Leaders

- Saint Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne
Mondays 30 October, 6, 13, 20, 27, November 7-9pm &
Saturday 25 November 10.30am-4.00pm
Commissioning Mass 4 December at 7.00pm

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

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Parish Centre quiz will be back with us on the first Friday of the month starting in September – 1st.

Date for the Diary - Possible curry evening on 22nd or 23rd September. Further details to follow.

PADDINGTON BEAR

6 TH August	£	13.20
Money in Bank	£	400.96
Total Collected	£	31,698.82



(let's hope not)

COFFEES AFTER MASS

Funds for First Stop



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

AUGUST 13TH		19th SUNDAY OF YEAR A	
	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Chris Springfield RIP
	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	David Early RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.00 pm	Eucharistic Service followed by exposition till 3pm
TUESDAY – Holy Day of Obligation	St Augustine's	9.30 am	Betty Baldwin RIP
		1.15 am	Fun. Serv. Reuben Clark
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	NO MASS
SATURDAY	NO CONFESSIONS		
SUNDAY 20 th August	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Peter Murphy RIP
20 th Sunday of Year (A)	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	David Wheatley 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	Reuben Clark (age 2)		
ANNIVERSARIES	August Anniversaries – Rose McCann, Tom Robinson, Annie Ginty, Nick Robinson, Mary & Bobby Aaron, David Early, Margaret Liddle, John King, Nora Burchell, Anthony Durkin, Matilda Catterick, Alicia Briggs, Margaret Wandless, Eamonn Seagrave, Allen Naisbitt, Peter Murphy, Margaret Hope, Anne Garnett, Brenda Frame. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 20 th August		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	Mr & Mrs Brockley		R Ivanec
OFFERTORY	P Joyce		J Brown
READERS	R Frank/J Scott		J Devine/S Hughes
COUNTERS TEAM (D) J Kilgour/M Knowles/C McKeown/B Tully			
6 th August 2017		£ 333.50	
		£ 229.26 (€286.57 gift aided)	
		£ 562.76	

NB The office will be closed from 18th August – 1st September