

20th AUGUST 2017 - 20th SUNDAY OF YEAR A



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WORD FOR TODAY

The scriptures contain no evidence of anyone ever turning to God in good faith and being ignored.

Our God is a God who wants all peoples to be happy, to know him and love him and thus reach their full stature.

He invites us to apply.

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 - 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 – NOW ALL COMPLETED

If anybody has any suggestions for the use of the re-redos photographs can you please let the office know.

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Psalm

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15.29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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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!

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

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Read them on your eReader, smartphone or tablet.
Check out the site at www.ctsbooks.org/ebooks***

REFLECTION

God be good to you in all your days,
God be kind to you in all your ways.
God give strength to you when crosses lean,
God send light to you, the clouds between.
God give peace to you in times of strife,
God bless everything that fills your life.
God send joy to you when grief is o'er,
God make way for you at Heaven's door.

(Brian O'Higgins)

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

PADDINGTON BEAR

13 th August	£	5.70
Money in Bank	£	406.66
Total Collected	£	31,704.52



(let's hope not)

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

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.

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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Family Night Friday 22nd September - 6.30pm

Fancy popping down to the Parish Centre for some authentic Indian food served by external caterers. We can lay out some games in the hall to keep the kids entertained. If it's an Indian Summer (pardon the pun) the kids can play outside. We are hoping that for £10.00 per head you might join us (you might want to feed the kids before you come as not all of them will like curry) for an informal evening where you can eat traditional Indian food and drink some Indian beer from behind the bar and catch up with friends and other parishioners you haven't seen over the summer holidays.

To confirm your interest please text Julie Watson on 07809340321.

Look forward to seeing you there....

COFFEES AFTER MASS

Funds for First Stop



AUGUST 20th		20th SUNDAY OF YEAR A	
	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Peter Murphy RIP
	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	David Wheatley RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.00 pm	Eucharistic Service followed by exposition till 3pm
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	George&Catherine Lynn RIP
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Private Intention
SATURDAY	CONFESSIONS 10.30 – 11.30am		
SUNDAY 27 th August	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Nick Robinson RIP
21 st Sunday of Year (A)	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Monica Smith 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	Eleanor Brown (age 100) – Funeral Service Tuesday 29/8/17 at 12.15pm		
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 27 th August		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	Mr & Mrs Lynch	Mr & Mrs P Holborn	
READERS	L Carlson/B Hasler	B Humphrey/G Connor	
OFFERTORY	Tobin Family	R Ivanec	
COUNTERS TEAM (A) P Anwyll/C Webb/J Brown			
13 th August 2017		£ 420.08	
		<u>£ 228.23</u>	(£285.29 gift aided)
		<u>£ 648.31</u>	

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