

1st OCTOBER 2017 - 26th SUNDAY OF YEAR A



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WORD FOR TODAY

Sometimes we know that we have chosen a course of action that is wrong, but we find it hard to give it up. Today we are told that it's never too late to turn back from a foolish pattern of behaviour, from habits which have become ingrained. God overlooks our stubbornness when we take the smallest step to answer his voice.

STARS

PANTOMIME AUDITIONS

This year STARS are producing an original pantomime - 'Jack, Ella and the Beanstalk'. (by our very own local author Mike Webster)

Auditions for this highly entertaining pantomime will be held on:

Sunday 1 October at 7.30 in the main hall.

Please check the noticeboards in the Parish Centre for Character lists. There are parts for all ages and abilities, on or off the stage. Year 6 students are especially welcome, and you can bring your parents too!

Panto dates are 24 to 27 January 2018 - please check your availability.

Any queries, please email Michael, Sheilagh or Kath at

diamondkathleenb@gmail.com.

We can't wait to see you there!

STARS TICKETS – AUTUMN PRODUCTION

STARS next production (in partnership with Darlington Green Theatre) will be William Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors. Tickets will be on sale in the Parish Centre after Sunday Masses and from the bar priced £7.50 adult, £5 concession. Alternatively, tickets can be reserved via the STARS website www.starsdarlington.co.uk or by calling 07397 774913. Performance dates are Friday 13th and Saturday 14th October.

On Thursday 26 October 10.30am to 4.00pm Marriott Hotel, Sunderland, Bill Huebsch will be visiting the Diocese and leading a day on his most recent book, "The Art of Accompaniment". There is no charge for the day but should you wish to have a light lunch there is a charge of £10. Lunch bookings must be made in advance, and payment will be collected on the day by diocesan staff. Booking is essential and can be made by contacting the Department for Spirituality.

Telephone 0191 243 3302 | email spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk

A CHURCH WITHOUT PRIESTS?

Prof. Werner Jeanrond, will give a lecture at Holy Name Church, Newcastle on 26 October 7pm on **A Church without Priests?** The need for new forms of leadership in the Catholic Church. As the number of priests declines and our diocese reorganises and rethinks its future, Prof Jeanrond's message is one all should hear. Fr Michael Campion & Mike Kerrigan.

CAFOD FAST DAY – FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2017

Please take an envelope and return it next week. This year they are helping the farmers in El Salvador with fruit trees, training and seeds.

HOGARTH PARTNERSHIP

NEWS/EVENTS

PARTNERSHIP NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA 5th – 13th October 2017

As we begin our new Partnership we would like to petition Our Lady of Fatima to be the Patroness and Intercessor for its success. Each of the parishes in turn will host an evening/day, in the nine days leading up to the final apparition of Our Lady to the three little seers at Fatima 100 years ago. The days will run from 5th October to 13th October; each day will consist of (Mass) if possible, followed by the Rosary and ending with half an hour of Exposition. Please support and pray for this important Novena petition. Everyone is invited to take part in all nine days; however, if you are unable to do so please join in spiritually by saying the Rosary at home.

Day 1 7pm Thursday 5th: Holy Family (Luminous mysteries)

Day 2 7pm Friday 6th St. Augustine's Mass, Rosary, Exposition.
(Sorrowful mysteries)

Day 3 10am Saturday 7th St. Osmund's (Gainford) Mass, Rosary, Exposition.
(Joyful mysteries)

Day 4 7pm Sunday 8th St. Anne's (Glorious mysteries)

Day 5 7pm Monday 9th St. Thomas Aquinas (Joyful mysteries)

Day 6 7pm Tues 10th St Mary's (Barnard Castle) Mass, Rosary Exposition.
(Sorrowful mysteries)

Day 7 7pm Wednesday 11th St. William's (Glorious mysteries)

Day 8 7pm Thursday 12th St. Teresa's (Luminous mysteries)

Day 9 7pm Friday 13th St. Augustine's Mass, Rosary, Exposition
(Sorrowful mysteries)

Your Partnership Development Group has agreed to support the idea of a partnership play – the Charles Dickens classic story "**Great Expectations**".

It will be made up of a volunteer cast and crew taken from across our new partnership area and will be performed next March in each of our eight parishes – 'for one night only'.

The aim of this project is to help bring people together, to work, to have fun, to entertain and to enjoy a real sense of individual and collective achievement.

Please take an information leaflet available at the back of church.

It's not too late to get involved – if you would like to be part of the following groups please leave your name and contact in the office/Julie Humphrey and this will be forwarded on to the relevant groups

*Liturgy, Prayer & Spirituality/Formation/Communications/Team Building/
Human Resources/Finance/Property/Young People.*

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: You object, What the Lord does is unjust. Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.

PSALM

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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RCIA This year's *Journey in Faith* course started on Thursday 21st September in St Augustine's presbytery (7 pm – 8.30 pm term time only). The course is for all who are thinking about becoming Catholic and for Catholics who would like to learn more about their faith in an informal setting.

If you would like to attend, let the parish clergy know or just come on a Thursday evening.

Would you like to help others to receive the gift of new life in Christ through prayer for inner healing.

Come and join us for this exciting and inspiring course given by people with many years' experience of listening and praying with others suffering from a great variety of emotional and spiritual hurts. Such needs are very great.

If you are open to the possibility that God may, one day, call you into the ministry of inner healing, you are warmly invited to attend this course which will offer excellent preparation. St. Josephs Church, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, TS20 1EW Mondays beginning 16th October 2017 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm For further details contact: 01642 558447 / 01325 260980

REFLECTION – The three sons

A father had three sons. One day he said to them,
'Go and work in the vineyard today.'
The first said, 'Sure, Dad.' But he didn't go.
The second said, 'I won't go.' However, later in the day
he changed his mind and went grudgingly.
The third said, 'Sure, Dad.'
And he went immediately and willingly.
Which of the sons will feel closest to the father
at the end of the day?
The third, of course.
The more we do the will of God out of love,
the more we will appreciate his love for us.
Lord, save us from the darkness of broken promises,
and help us to walk in the light of faithfulness.

YOUTH SUNDAY PREPARATION

An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place on Sunday 8th October 3pm—5.15pm at St Joseph's Academy, Hebburn. This year the theme is "YES" inviting us to reflect on how Mary as a young girl, had the faith and courage to say "Yes" to what God was calling her to do. Adults and young people (Yr 9 and above) are invited with an opportunity to plan together and meet other groups. Music and resources will be available. If anyone is interested please let the office know.

YOUTH MINISTRY.

Adults who work with young people or have an interest in the Youth Ministry are invited to take the CCRS module in youth ministry. Please see notice with details.

BAPTISM COURSE

Where? St Augustine's Parish Centre
When? Wednesdays 13th & 15th November
At? 7.15pm – 8.30pm

Please let us know in the office if you will be attending.



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

PARISH CENTRE QUIZ – Friday 6th October 2017 8.00pm

Date Change - BOOK CLUB – *The date of the next book club meeting has had to be altered due to a prior booking – this will now be held on **Wednesday 4th October** – same time 2pm.*

NEW – Swing Dance Exercises classes held on Monday evenings 8-9pm and Thursday mornings 10-11am, St Augustine's Parish Centre.

- **Monday Sessions**

Using the sounds of charleston, swing, gospel, electro swing and hot jazz come and burn off more than 500 calories in just one hour.

These Total Body workouts are for all levels of fitness and Angeline your trainer will give you advice and tips on how to personalise your training session to your fitness needs.

You will be guided through a series of fun, follow-along moves and engaging choreography guaranteed to get you sweating and smiling.

- **Thursday Sessions**

SwingTrain "Get Active" is a lower impact version of our regular classes. Using the same tunes as our regular classes get moving with workouts adapted to be of a lower impact and pace.

Perfect for people who are wanting to get back to being active or older people come and join us for an hour of infectious movement

COFFEES AFTER MASS

are hosted by
HCPT Group 195.



Please note the new mass times

Monday 12 Noon, Tuesday 12.15pm E/Service, Wednesday 7pm, Thursday 12.15pm, Friday 7pm, Saturday 10am followed by confessions.

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SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Kevin Cundy RIP Ints. of St Therese
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.00noon	Glynn & Peggy Jones RIP exposition follows till 3pm
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	11.00 am 7.00 pm	Fun.Serv-Francis Baldwin RIP Sister Augustine RIP
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Joseph Mercer RIP
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	John Hutchinson RIP Followed by Rosary Novena
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	In Thanksgiving Followed by confessions
SUNDAY 8 th October 27 TH Sunday of Year (A)	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Golden Wedding – Ken & Catherine Wise Anthony&Monica Morgan 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 - Maureen Harrison, Michelle Butler, Anne Kee, Teresa Hughes, Betty Smith, Lillian Brown, and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD	Francis Baldwin		
ANNIVERSARIES	October Anniversaries – Cassie Cottrell, Lawrence Davies, Kathleen Trees, Peter Gallogly, Christine Sheridan, Mary McMahon, Kenneth Bowe, Catherine Appleton, Catherine Bourke, Kevin Cundy, Joseph Mercer, Joseph Baldwin, Marjorie Dulston, Andrew Blair, John Tweedy, Monica Hibbert, Barbara Peterburs, James Hughes, Andrew Keough, Noreen Staples. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 8 st October		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	C McAllister	C Woolley	
OFFERTORY	Ingham Family	C McKeown	
READERS	K Campbell/J Kilgour	J Owens/S Hughes	
COUNTERS TEAM (C) B Humphrey/G Lynch/P Owen/L Eastham			
		£ 382.16	
		£ 346.40 (£433.00 gift aided)	
		£ 728.56	