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WORD FOR TODAY

One of the most difficult aspects of the gospel for many of us is the clear statement that in order to be forgiven ourselves we must be ready to forgive all those who have offended us. As we pray to be forgiven, we need also to ask for the grace to pass on this forgiveness to others

HOME MISSION SUNDAY today Often when we hear the word 'Mission' it is associated with the valuable work of helping people in other countries. Whilst important, we also need to share our faith with those we love, know & meet - right here at home.

There will be a ***second collection this week*** to enable the Home Mission Office to produce resources, help parishes & equip people to share their faith with others.

Once again we have the opportunity to pick apples in the orchard of Clare Abbey on Carmel Road North. All the apples will be distributed for the benefit of those in need.

Anyone with an hour or two please come and help with the picking on ***Saturday September 30th, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm***. There are plenty to pick without climbing ladders.

For further information contact Chris Robinson, tel 465469

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:

Friday 29 September at 7.00pm in the Youth Hall

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!

THE PEARL OF AFRICA CHOIR

The Choir returns to ***St Augustine's Church*** Saturday 7 October at 7pm with their hugely popular performance of African song and dance in tribal costume. Everyone is welcome and whilst there is no admission charge there will be a collection. Proceeds from the collection are used to fund their school and orphanage in Kampala. They will also be selling crafts/fashion accessories, which they make.

HOGARTH PARTNERSHIP

NEWS/EVENTS

After careful consideration of the name of the new Partnership Bishop Cunningham has agreed to change the name from Carmel to Hogarth Partnership. Hogarth is named after Bishop William Hogarth the first Bishop after the diocese was created in the 19th century: he was the first parish priest of Darlington and as Bishop continued to live and work from old Bishop's House on Coniscliffe Road.

PARTNERSHIP NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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. Details of times and venues later.

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.*

COURSES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

- **Catechesis In The Mission Of The Church**

A course for catechists and those interested in becoming a catechist involving 18 evening sessions. Sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings, 6.00pm - 8.00pm at St Aloysius Parish Hall in Hebburn

If you would like to attend tel 0191 243 3313 or email

adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk

- **VOCATION DISCERNMENT**

For those thinking about priesthood (aged 16 and over)

Evenings of prayer and reflection with an opportunity to listen to speakers talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations

Various dates at St Mary's Cathedral 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Further details are available from the Diocesan Vocations Promoter:

Fr David Smith 0191 2676063 | stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com

PRAYER MEETING

Each Tuesday in the Parish Centre 7pm

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30 - 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

PSALM

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of

paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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RCIA This year's *Journey in Faith* course will start 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 the night.

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 – Forgiveness

When we forgive we free ourselves of the burden of bitterness,
and we free the other person of the burden of guilt.

But our forgiveness must come from the heart,
which means it must be true, sincere, and warm.

A cold forgiveness is not much use.

Forgiveness should start now.

Putting it off only deepens the wound,
prolongs bitterness, and postpones happiness.

Life is short, time is fleeting.

Today is the day to forgive.

Lord, deliver us from the poison of bitterness,
and give us the grace to forgive from the heart
those who have offended us.

Then we will know the warmth of your forgiveness

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT - Our Lady of Lourdes Deaf Centre, 2 Summerhill Grove, Newcastle.

They support over 400 active asylum seekers who seek help. They receive a bag of groceries once a 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**.

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

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....

PARISH CENTRE QUIZ – Friday 6th October 2017 7.30pm

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.



PADDINGTON BEAR 10/09/2017

This week £11.80

Bank £442.65

Total £31,740.71

COFFEES AFTER MASS

Funds for the work
of the SVP



SEPTEMBER 17th		24th SUNDAY OF YEAR A	
	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Maurice&Teresa Conway RIP
	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Sue Magraw RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.00 pm	Eucharistic Service followed by exposition till 3pm
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Ernest Lockey RIP
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Joan Foster RIP
SATURDAY	NO CONFESSIONS		
SUNDAY 24th Sept.	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Ray Hickson RIP
25th Sunday of Year (A)	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Kevin McCartin 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	Michael Mannion		
ANNIVERSARIES	September Anniversaries – Thomas Flaws, Norah Davies, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Dreda Taylor, Amelia & George Debbas, Paul Lyonette, Francis Mace, Raymond Lancaster, Margaret Fleming, Veronica Hutton, Alfred Pickering, Rose Beaumont, Maurice Pattison. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 24th September		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	Mr & Mrs Brockley		P Howard
OFFERTORY	C Charlton		Mr & Mrs S Hughes
READERS	J Scott/R Frank		B Dunleavy/J Devine
COUNTERS TEAM (D) J Kilgour/M Knowles/C McKeown/B Tully			
10th September 2017		£ 507.03	
		£ 295.18 (£318.98 gift aided)	
		£ 802.21	