

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!

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 from this weekend priced £7.50 adult, £5 concession. Alternatively, tickets can be reserved via the STARS website www.starsdarlington.co.uk or by calling 07397774913. Performance dates are Friday 13th and Saturday 14th October.

THE PEARL OF AFRICA CHOIR

Please note that car parking will be limited due to a function in the Parish Centre however free parking is available in local streets after 6pm on Saturdays

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.

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

They support over 400 active asylum seekers who seek help. Please keep your donations of toilet rolls and tins of sardines in oil coming in. They are much needed and greatly appreciated.

HOGARTH PARTNERSHIP

NEWS/EVENTS

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.

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)

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.*

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

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

PSALM

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24.27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them. "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he

went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first last.'

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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

'My thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are my ways your ways.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts,' says the Lord.
How small our thoughts can be,
and how poor our ways of seeing and judging.
We think miserly thoughts, and act in miserly ways.
Why?
Because we have small minds and small hearts.
Lord, open our minds and enlarge our hearts,
so that we think more like you,
and act more like you.
Let us not begrudge your goodness to others,
knowing that we too are underserving of your favours,
and stand more in need of your mercy than of your justice. Amen.

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 7.30pm

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

Funds for the work
of the SVP



SEPTEMBER 24th		25th SUNDAY OF YEAR A	
SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Ray Hickson RIP Kevin McCartin RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.00 noon Mass	George&Catherine Lynn RIP followed by exposition till 3pm
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Special Intention (B)
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Peg Ranson&Joan Doran RIP
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Walter&Gwendoline Neagle RIP
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	For those working in the NHS Followed by confessions
SUNDAY 1 st October 26 th Sunday of Year (A)	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Kevin Cundy RIP Ints. of St Therese
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			
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 1 st October		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	B Sanderson/L Carlson		R Ivanec
OFFERTORY	E Singh & Michael		J Brown
READERS	J McGovern/B Glendenning		A Connor/M Webster
COUNTERS TEAM (B)	T Appleton/G Harrison/J Poad/G Doherty/C McAllister		
	£ 334.54		
	<u>£ 203.16</u> (£253.95 gift aided)		
	<u>£ 537.70</u>		

**Please note the new mass times starting this week
Monday 12 Noon, Tuesday E/Service, Wednesday 7pm, Thursday 12.15am,
Friday 7pm, Saturday 10am followed by confessions.**