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## *PARISH BULLETIN*

BREVIARY WEEK : 3

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## WORD FOR TODAY

*For people living in a desert climate a banquet of fine wines and rich juicy food must have seemed like heaven. As we eat and drink the Lord's body and blood today at the Eucharist, we pray to be found worthy to share that heavenly banquet promised to all who follow Christ's ways.*

## **NEW CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY FOR DIOCESE IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND**

This certificate has been custom designed to meet the needs of those wishing to learn more about serving in a faith setting in our Diocese.

It is a non-degree certificate that will monitor progress through practice. Integrating online learning with the chance to meet face to face for support, this certificate provides flexibility and accessibility.

This exciting opportunity offers world class teaching and resources current to the needs of our partnerships and would be an ideal platform for those wanting to take more of a lead in their faith community.

Modules will include titles such as

- Holiness & Wholeness: How we grow as people of faith
- Missionary Disciples: The story of the Church in Britain
- Building parish communities
- Serving and leading skills and strategies for ministry

The cost of this certificate is £2000. It is expected that partnerships will explore funding a place with the expectation that the learning is practically explored and developed within the partnership setting.

**An Information Session will be held on**

**Wednesday 1 November 2017            5.30pm for 6.00pm – 7.30 pm**

**St Augustine's Parish Centre, Coniscliffe Road, Darlington, DL3 7RG**

For further support and information email Amy Cameron at [adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk) or telephone 0191 2433313

## **CCRS SPECIALIST RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE AND FAITH MODULE**

**Saturday 18 and 25 November 2017    9.30am - 3.30pm    St Cuthbert's House**

This CCRS specialist module looks at the fascinating subject of Religious Experience.

- What happens when we pray?
- Do miracles happen?
- Can we explain visions?

This is a must for anyone who has ever asked these questions.

It will equip students with the philosophical tools to explore these and other issues related to the topic. Students will also explore the physiology of belief as well as looking at significant characters in the Church's mystical tradition like Julian of Norwich, Hildegard of Bingen and Thomas Merton. This module is suitable for anyone following the CCRS course who has not yet completed a specialist module, or for anyone who would find this module interesting.

Please contact Eamonn Diffley at [eamonn.diffley@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:eamonn.diffley@diocesehn.org.uk) to book (at least two weeks in advance) or for more information.

## **HOGARTH PARTNERSHIP**

### **NEWS/EVENTS**

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.

**The information/audition evening for us at St Augustines is tomorrow Monday 16th Oct at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please come and give this new Hogarth Partnership project your support.**

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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.*

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### ***PARTNERSHIP MATTERS***

*The latest edition of the bi-monthly news update on Partnerships is now available on the Diocesan website ([www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)).*

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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](mailto:spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk)

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***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. 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

## First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his peoples shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord  
rests on this mountain.

## PSALM

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## Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14.19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with

me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the cross-roads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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**NORTHGATE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH** are holding an exhibition of nativity scenes from all over the world from Wendsday 1<sup>st</sup> November to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Mornings 10-12 noon, afternoons 1-4pm. Come and see over 100 different exhibits. Refreshments will be available.

**RCIA** continues on Thursday's in St Augustine's presbytery (7 pm – 8.30 pm term time only).

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## REFLECTION – God’s call

God’s call comes to us in many ways  
and at many different levels.  
However, his call is not so much a voice  
as a tug at our hearts, which we feel  
at quiet and reflective moments in our lives.  
He is calling us to a deeper and more authentic life.  
He is calling us into intimacy with himself.  
He is calling us into community with others.  
And at death he will call us into eternal life.  
To accept means to admit our need.  
Jesus said, ‘Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will go hungry.  
But blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.’  
A sense of something missing in our lives  
is not a curse but a blessing.  
A spiritual hunger  
is God’s way of inviting us to his banquet.

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## BAPTISM COURSE

**Where?** St Augustine’s Parish Centre  
**When?** Wednesdays 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November  
**At?** 7.15pm – 8.30pm

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

## CAFOD CABARET

This year's CAFOD Cabaret will be held on *Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December*.  
Would anyone who would like to take part please declare their interest as soon as possible to Martin McLean (01325 465275 or [martin.mclean2@ntlworld.com](mailto:martin.mclean2@ntlworld.com) ) or to Stuart Sanderson. As ever, both new and returning performers are welcome.  
Don’t hide your light...Your Third World still needs **YOU!**

## MASS CHANGES IN OUR PARTNERSHIP

**Holy Family** weekend Mass will move from Saturday Vigil to Sunday morning at the new time of 9.00am from Sunday 15th October.

**St Thomas Aquinas** Friday Mass resumes at 9.00am. Mass & services will move into the Presbytery during cold weather.

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## ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH CLUB/CENTRE INFORMATION

### PARISH CENTRE INFORMATION

To book the Parish Centre : email [staugspc@gmail.com](mailto:staugspc@gmail.com) or  
telephone 07909 747145

Bar Opening Time: Sunday 7-10.30pm

### CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING - Back by popular demand!

Get your festive season off to a great start by coming along to make your very own Christmas wreath under the expert tuition of Mickey Brown.

There will be 2 sessions again this year on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. The morning session runs from **11-1.30** and the afternoon session will be from **3.00-5.30**.

Tickets are £20 to include all wreath making materials and some festive light refreshments. Profits will go to the local charity First Stop which does valuable work in supporting the homeless and vulnerable.

To assist the volunteers to manage ticket sales this year for this very popular event, tickets will only be on sale in the Parish Centre after 9.15 Mass today Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October and then on the following Sundays until they've all gone. To help us manage the process, tickets will only be released on payment in cash.

***Don't forget that there'll be a raffle!***

### Tuesday Luncheon Club

**17<sup>th</sup> October 2017** from 12.30 pm 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.



This week	£	5.37
Bank	£	465.52
Total		£31,763.58

**COFFEES AFTER MASS**  
are hosted by  
HCPT Group 195.



Every Wednesday evenings after 7pm Mass there will be an open meeting for those who wish to come and talk about anything.

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SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Bob Boles RIP George McInally RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12 noon	In Thanksgiving exposition follows till 3pm
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	1.30 pm 7.00 pm	Fun. Serv. Kenneth Hardman Mary Roberts RIP
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Kathleen Trees RIP
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Annie & Charlie Martin RIP
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Shauna RIP Followed by confessions
SUNDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year (A)	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	D/M Lindsay Family Special Intention (DT)
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, Betty Smith, Lillian Brown, and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD	Vincent Ferguson, Kenneth Hardman		
ANNIVERSARIES	<b>October Anniversaries</b> – Cassie Cottrell, Lawrence Davies, Kathleen Trees, Peter Gallogly, Christine Sheridan, Mary McMahan, 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 22 <sup>nd</sup> October		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	Mr & Mrs Lynch		R Ivanec
OFFERTORY	T Keough		P Widdall
READERS	J LeRoi/J Potter		J Anderson/S Donnellan
COUNTERS TEAM (A) P Anwyll/C Webb/J Brown			
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October		£ 374.31	
		£ 234.35	(£292.94 gift aided)
		£ 608.66	