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WORD FOR TODAY

The Church's liturgical year ends with the promise that no matter how far we may wander from God he will never abandon us. Like a shepherd he is able to tend to our needs, to bind us up and to restore us to health, feeding us on the pasture of his word and sacraments. There is nothing we shall want.

WELCOME to all those taking part in our Youth Sunday Celebrations today.

For those young people at the 6.30pm Sunday Mass today don't forget there will be refreshments and food provided after mass in the presbytery and it will be a chance for anybody interested to relax and chat about what we would like to do as the youth of the church, or anything you like.

YOUTH SUNDAY

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend to support the work of Catholic Youth. Leaflets and Gift Aid Envelopes available.

ADVENT

- Next week sees the start of Advent. There will be booklets and calendars for you to take home with you.
- Darlington Town Centre Churches – Advent Service next Sunday 3rd December 6.30pm at St Cuthbert's Church.

DARLINGTON WALK FOR PEACE - TODAY



starting at 12.30pm meeting at Darlington Quaker Meeting House, Skinnergate.

The walk will cover 3 miles, calling at 7 venues :

St Augustine's Church, Bondgate Methodist Church, Jamia Mosque, St Cuthbert's Church, Sikh Gurudwara Sahib, Atisha Kadampa Buddhist Centre, The Dolphin Centre. A meal will be generously offered at Sikh Surdwara. All welcome.

RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS

Thank you for supporting the Missions through the "red boxes". The annual collection is now due. Please bring in your red box by the end of November for opening and counting. Alternatively, you may wish to pick up a brown "Mission" envelope from the back of the Church and empty the contents of your box into this, or write a cheque (payable to APF - Mill Hill) for the equivalent amount. Kindly leave your envelopes or boxes in the sacristy. Our Mission Co-ordinator is Mary Mustard (9.15am Mass) if you have any questions/queries.

OUTDOOR NATIVITY PLAY

Held in the Parish Centre grounds on Saturday 23rd December at 6pm. Entrance is free – but if you can please bring a donation for the Food Bank, i.e. tinned goods or long-life milk. Join us afterwards in the Centre for a warming drink.

HOGARTH/PARTNERSHIP NEWS/EVENTS

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 onto the relevant groups.

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

St William's Carol Service will be on Wednesday 20th December at 6pm. The young children and choir will lead the Service and the Church will be colourfully lit for the occasion. **PLEASE COME ALONG**

OPEN PARISH MEETING – Wednesday 29th November.

There will be a parish meeting – open to everyone – after the 7pm Wednesday Mass – 29th November. This will be held in the **Parish Centre**.

YCW & FSA PAST & PRESENT In thanksgiving for 80 years of YCW in the UK, Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 2nd December, 3.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Gateshead, NE8 1LX. Tea & biscuits after Mass.

SALVATION ARMY – CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

The Salvation Army in conjunction with Social Services and Child Agencies are aiming to make sure every child in Darlington has a brand new present. Last year they supported around 1000 children.

Donations needed are:

- Brand new (unwrapped toys aged 0-16 yrs)
- Money – cheques made payable to The Salvation Army

If you can help please contact the Salvation Army, Thompson Street East, Darlington.

CHURCH FLOWERS

We have always had wonderful flower displays in our Church throughout the year. We are now looking for extra/new volunteers to become part of a team (or even a leader) - please contact the office. The flowers for Christmas will need to be ordered soon.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – STUDY DAY

Will be held at St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle on Saturday 3rd February 10.30-3.30pm. please contact liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk if you wish to attend.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

PSALM

And I will trust in You alone And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home

Or: The Lord is my shepherd
 there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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PARISH/LITURGY MEETING to be held after mass on Wednesday 6th December to see how we can celebrate Advent and Christmas through the liturgy.

PIETY STALL – Our piety stall has now received new stock of Christmas cards, calendars, 2018 diaries, please take a look and all reasonably priced.

REFLECTION – The Victory of Love

On the cross Jesus endured insults and mockery.
Yet his heart remained open, even to his enemies.
He absorbed all the violence, transformed it,
and returned it as love and forgiveness.
One's pain can so easily turn into rage,
so that one wants only to lash out blindly
at whoever happens to be within range.
From the depths of his own pain,
Jesus reached out to comfort the thief.
Some people are like sugar cane:
even when crushed in the mill, what they yield is sweetness.
Jesus stretches our capacity for compassion.
He challenges our idea of love.
Each of us has a great capacity for love.
The pity is that it often goes unused.
By our love people will know that we
are followers of Christ the King.

NATIVITY PLAY Christmas is coming and its time to finalise planning of the now annual fixture of our Nativity Play. This year it will be as before in the PC grounds on Saturday 23rd December at 6pm. Anyone not already involved, singers, musicians and some more performers prepared to be upstaged by angels, a donkey and goat are most welcome. There will be a rehearsal at the PC the preceding Saturday (16th December) at 5.00pm and one at 5pm prior to the performance. To find out more, please call either Alice, or Jo Potter on 07734 049642, or 07770 302676.

RE-REDOS PAINTINGS We would be very pleased to hear from anyone who might be interested in having, or have suggestions of what we might best do with the full scale photographic reproductions of the four re-redos paintings that were mounted in place of the originals while they were being restored this summer. Answers, please, on a postcard to the presbytery, or by email to info@staugustineschurch.org.uk.

NORTHGATE U.R. CHURCH presents Alf Hind Big Band in Concert this Monday 27th November at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5, £2 under 12's with light refreshments.

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

NATIVITY PLAY held in the PC grounds on Saturday 23rd December at 6pm. Free Entry, except for tinned food or long-life milk donations which will be sent to the Food Banks – they like to build up their stocks for distribution in January. This will be followed by the

CAFOD QUIZ 7.30-8pm

CAFOD CABARET

This year's CAFOD Cabaret will be held on *Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December*. If you wish to take part please contact asap Martin McLean (01325 465275 or 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!**

- Tickets will be available from this weekend after Mass, from the Parish Centre bar or from Martin McLean (tel 01325 465275). Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December. Ticket price £5

HCPT Group 195 would like to invite you to their *New Year's Eve Ceilidh* at St Augustines Parish Centre, 7.30-12.30am.

HCPT are a charity who take disabled and disadvantaged children on pilgrimage holiday for a week, in Lourdes, France.

To reserve your tickets priced at £7.00 for adults (includes New Year's Eve toast) and £2.00 for children. Family tickets also available (2A + 2C for £15.00) please text/phone Julie Watson on 07809 340321.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

St Bede's and St Teresa's Primary Schools are currently in a four-week consultation. This is to discuss whether the schools should join Carmel Education Trust, which many of you will know is a locally based successful Multi Academy Trust (MAT). Governing bodies would very much like to hear your opinion. Please address any correspondence to the Governing Body at the relevant schools. Thank you.



COFFEES AFTER MASS
are hosted by Zoe -
Air Ambulance



<u>NOVEMBER 26TH</u>		CHRIST THE KING - YEAR A	
SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	In Thanksgiving JC D/M Early & Owens Family
MONDAY	St Augustine's	<u>12.15 pm</u>	Eleanor Brown RIP exposition follows till 3pm
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Ints. of Fitzgerald Family Followed by Open Meeting in Parish Centre
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Dennis&Lillian Loughran RIP
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Joan & Sheila Ward NBF
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Personal Ints - Lucia Followed by Confessions
SUNDAY 3 rd December 1 st Sunday of Advent Year (B)	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Jean Elizabeth Carter RIP Reuben Clark 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, Betty Smith, Lillian Brown, Rita Urwin, and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD	Mary Welsh		
ANNIVERSARIES	November Anniversaries – Gordon Davies, Thomas Taylor, Kathleen Taylor, Mary Ord, Francis Keenan, Elizabeth Watson, Louisa Temple, Mary Appleby, Mavis McGuirl, Joan Beckwith, Alan Green. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 3 rd December		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	Mr & Mrs Lynch	Roman Ivanec	
OFFERTORY	Mr & Mrs Allison	Jean Brown	
READERS	G Wiper/L Carlson	C Woolley/C McKeown	
COUNTERS TEAM (C)	B Humphrey/G Lynch/P Owen/L Eastham		
Sunday 19 th November	£393.61		
	<u>£263.41</u>	(£329.26 gift aided)	
	<u>£657.02</u>		

If anyone would like Fr Gordon to visit a parishioner who is sick or housebound, please let him know with **written** contact details of name/address etc.