

7th JANUARY 2018 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B



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PARISH BULLETIN

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The closing of the Christmas festivities leaves us with one amazing fact: the God who is responsible for the whole of creation took our human flesh and remains for ever within our world in the person of his Son Jesus Christ.

Under which star will we find him this week?



STARS PANTOMIME TICKETS

Tickets for STARS pantomime, Jack, Ella and the Beanstalk, written by Mike Webster, will be available in the Parish Centre after Sunday Mass and from the Parish Centre bar from this weekend - prices £8 adult, £6 concession. Alternatively, tickets can be reserved via the STARS website <http://www.starsdarlington.co.uk/> or by calling 07397 774913. Performance dates Wednesday 24th to Saturday 27th January, including Saturday matinee.

SVP

- The Northern Cross will be on sale this Sunday after the Masses (20p for each copy sold goes to the SVP, 55 sold in Dec.)
- We are holding an open SVP meeting on 17 January after the 7pm Mass. This will be an opportunity for anyone to come and hear what we do as the SVP, how we raise money, who we visit and what other activities we are involved in to support those in need in Darlington. Everyone is welcome.

PAX CHRISTI - PEACE SUNDAY

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Pax Christi - *Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace*. There will be prayer cards and more information available at the back of Church. Please visit their website www.paxchristi.org.uk to find out more.

COFFEES FOR 2018



We have the following months available if you/your group wish to host this fundraising opportunity.

March 2018

July 2018

August 2018

Please contact the office or email with your preferred month.

Thank you.

HOGARTH/PARTNERSHIP
NEWS/EVENTS

St Osmund's Gainford – Pilgrimage to Spain 6-13th August 2018. For further details please contact Miss Nicola Reeves, nicreeves76@hotmail.com, or St Osmund's on 730191

Partnership Matters

The latest edition of the bi-monthly *Partnership Matters* news update is now available on the front page of the diocesan website (www.rcdhn.org.uk). It includes items on engaging young people in partnerships, being a welcoming community and feedback from a recent meeting of partnership chairs and much more. Contributions of news items from Partnerships are always welcome.

Partnership Mission 2018

Recently Amy Cameron (from Diocesan Partnership Formation Team) and Mary Hughes (from Diocesan Youth Mission Team) met up with clergy and Carmel College chaplain – to prepare a Partnership Mission inviting all parishes and schools next November 2018.

The proposed cycle of dates is

Primary Schools – 29 October to 2 November

Parishes – 5-9 November

Carmel College – 12-16 November

Amy's role will be to help develop leadership and partnership across the parishes for the Mission. Mary's role to work with staff and young people in the schools.

For parishes to be involved, we are looking for four parishioners from each parish (two to help with school missions, two to lead with parish missions): we are looking for parishioners with time, enthusiasm and commitment to help make this a meaningful Mission in November. Please sign the list at the back of Church.

BLACKFRIARS COMMUNITY CENTRE, New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 2TQ – The SVP run a thriving community café (Vinnies) at Blackfriars on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday where a warm welcome is provided for people who are hungry or lonely. For it to continue to be successful the Café needs more volunteers: once a week, fortnightly or monthly from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Travel expenses may be claimed.

If you wish to volunteer, further details may be obtained from : Helen Hayward on 0191 384 5843 or helen.my.hayward@btinternet.com

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you,
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Psalm

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they

are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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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.

REFLECTION – Prayer at the start of the year

Lord, I sometimes wonder where I'm going
and what is the meaning of my life.
I wonder especially
what the new year holds for me.
Will it bring joy or sorrow,
success or failure, life or death?
But then I remember that you came on earth;
and that you still travel the road of life with me.
And so I say to my soul:
'Go out into the darkness,
and put your hand in the hand of Christ, your Brother;
that will be better than a light,
and safer than a known path.'

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will hold its annual appeal next weekend, 14th January.

SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades.

Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

STUDY DAY

There will be a Children's Liturgy of the Word Study Day at St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY on Saturday 3 February 2018 from 10.30am – 3.30pm. The day is open to all who are interested in Children's Liturgy or are already involved in it. More details on the noticeboard.

Gold is the gift fit for a King. Frankincense was in constant use by the priests in the temple. Myrrh was used to embalm the dead. In those three gifts we see who he is, what he came to do, and what it would cost him.

(John Stott)

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 Times: Sunday 12-2pm & 7-10.30pm

ACTIVITIES WITHIN ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH CENTRE

Monday	Swing Dance Exercise	8-9pm
Tuesday	Wriggles & Giggles	9.30-10.30am
Tuesday	Pilates	6-7pm
Wednesday	Yoga	10-11.30am
Thursday	Swing Dance Exercise	10-11am
Thursday	Ballroom Dancing	7-9pm

Also

Tuesday	Weekly	Prayer Group	7.30-9pm
Tuesday	3 rd Tuesday	Lunch Club	12.30pm
Wednesday	2 nd Wednesday	Book Club	2-3.30pm
Friday	Monthly	PC Quiz	2 nd February 7.30pm

STARS run 3 drama productions a year. Please see their website.

ST AUGUSTINE'S BOOK CLUB

Next meeting Wednesday 10th January 2018, 2.00pm – 3.30pm Parish Centre.
Any new members welcome to join us for a chat and coffee.



COFFEES AFTER MASS

Are hosted by Carmel School
HCPT Group

<u>JANUARY 7TH</u>		EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B	
SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Osmund Poad Joseph Mercer RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	12.15 pm 1.15 pm	D/M Lindsay Family Fun. Serv. Paul McGregor
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Private Intention
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 am	Ralph Gerrard RIP
FRIDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Req. Mass Margaret Coatman Francis Baldwin RIP
Saturday	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Intentions for the NHS CONFESSIONS
SUNDAY 14 TH January 2 ND Sunday of the Year	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	James Vincent McCulla RIP George&Catherine Lynn 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, and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD	Margaret (Peggy) Coatman, Anne Marie Thornton		
ANNIVERSARIES	January Anniversaries –Osmund Poad, John Daley, Jack Taylor, Jimmy Taylor, Peter Taylor, William Lisle, Kevin McKeown, John French, Marjorie Holborne, Emma Thomas, Jean Wild, Edward McAllister, Teresa Timms, Valerie Haigh, Clifford Hutchinson, Ronald Glen, Mary Russell, Joan Ahern, Vera Weston, Michael Devitt, Mary Jones, Stanley Smollet, Ethel Maxwell, Elsie Morton, Stephen Love, Patrick Crooks, Edward Jones, Margaret Patterson, Hilda & Domenico Bambino. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 14 th January		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS			
OFFERTORY			
READERS			
COUNTERS TEAM (A) P Anwyll/C Webb/J Brown			
	Sunday 24 th December	£ 442.17 + £192.17 (gift aided) = £634.34	
	Christmas Day	£1,596.10 + £379.20 (gift aided) = £1,975.30	
	Sunday 31 st December	£ 277.25 + £214.25 (gift aided) = £491.50	