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## *PARISH BULLETIN*

BREVIARY WEEK : 1

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## **WORD FOR TODAY**

*Whenever Jesus encountered suffering he always brought relief. This was a sign that he was establishing the kingdom of God on earth. In our prayer and worship today we ask for that healing presence of Christ and we renew our baptismal pledge to work for the coming of God's kingdom.*

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** to be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 7pm in the Presbytery. Any items for the agenda to be forwarded to the office.

### **BREAK 4 LENT**

We have been asked by the Churches Together in Darlington group if we could help with the refreshments when the Lenten study group takes place at St Cuthbert's Hall. The date they have given us is 26<sup>th</sup> February (Fr Gordon will be the speaker). They start setting up at 10am and coffee is served from 10.30-11.00am. The coffee/tea is supplied but we are asked to provide two types of scones, butter and milk.

There is a list at the back of Church if you are able to help. Thank you.

### **JOURNEYING TOGETHER –Sessions for Lent across the Partnership.**

Monday 19th February	1st week of Lent Facing Temptation: Holy Family Social Centre 7.30pm
Wednesday 28th February	2nd week of Lent God's Transfiguring Love: St Osmund's Gainford 7pm
Wednesday 7th March	3rd week of Lent The Clearing of the Temple: St Teresa's 7pm
Wednesday 14th March	4th week of Lent God Loved the World So Much: St Augustine's Parish Centre 7.30pm (after 7pm Mass)
Wednesday 21st March	5th week of Lent Wherever I Am, my servant will be: St. Anne's Church hall 7pm

As advised the sessions will take the form of prayer, reading, and reflections to share during the Lenten season. The venues will be different each week, but each session is open to ALL throughout the Partnership.

### ***Partnership Development Group-Spirituality***

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DARLINGTON - 24 HOUR PRAYER EVENT**

#### ***Prayer, mission and justice***

24 hour prayer at Bondgate Methodist Church between 9am on Saturday 10th February and 9am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

For more information contact: Ben Connor 07879428175 or Graham Jones 07597899625.

### **BAPTISM COURSE**



**Where?** St Augustine's Parish Centre  
**When?** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February & 7<sup>th</sup> March  
7.15pm – 8.30pm

Please let us know if you will be attending. Either by telephone on 266602 or by email [info@staugustineschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@staugustineschurch.org.uk).

**HOGARTH/PARTNERSHIP  
NEWS/EVENTS**

*St Osmund's Gainford – Pilgrimage to Spain 6-13<sup>th</sup> August 2018. For further details please contact Miss Nicola Reeves, [nicreeves76@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.

**A Day of Prayer and Reflection for Women**, entitled 'there's a crack in everything – that's how the light gets through', led by Sister Sheila McNamara RSCJ. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 10.30-3.30. Coffee and tea available from 9.45. Venue: Meeting Hall, Carmel Divine Retreat Centre, Nunnery Lane, Darlington DL3 9PN. To reserve a place, please contact Ann Webster [email: [annweb32@gmail.com](mailto:annweb32@gmail.com) or text/call 07728 761985

**Partnership Mission 2018**

The proposed cycle of dates is

Primary Schools – 29 October to 2 November

Parishes – 5-9 November

Carmel College – 12-16 November

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.

**Adult Formation**

There is a booklet on the noticeboard outlining all the faith and ministry development days within the diocese.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT**

We are looking for more people to help lead Stations of the Cross in Lent. They will be held on Wednesday and Friday lunchtime. If you can help, we have lots of resources available in the office. Please contact the office with your name and number if you would like to assist.

**CONFIRMATIONS 2018**

Please keep those being confirmed this year in your prayers.

Confirmation will take place on ***Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm in Holy Family Church.***

## First Reading: Job 7:1-4.6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not mans life on earth nothing more than pressed service,  
his time no better than hired drudgery?  
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,  
or the workman with no thought but his wages,  
months of delusion I have assigned to me,  
nothing for my own but nights of grief.  
Lying in bed I wonder, When will it be day?  
Risen I think, How slowly evening comes!  
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.  
Swifter than a weavers shuttle my days have passed,  
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.  
Remember that my life is but a breath,  
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

## PSALM

**Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

## Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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*We can all feel for Job when he is at his lowest.  
Nothing seems to satisfy and nothing seems to make sense deep down.  
What's the purpose of life?  
Why do bad things happen to good people?  
There is no answer to these questions if we exclude God from the equation.*

- **DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**

This will be held in No. 10 St Augustine's Court, opposite the Church at 7.45pm on Friday evenings. All are welcome.

- **PRAYER GROUP**

This is held each Tuesday in the Parish Centre at 7.30 pm.

### **Parish Meetings – Wednesday evenings after 7pm Mass**

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

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## REFLECTION – A lonely place

Jesus often went off to a lonely place to pray.  
Yet the same Jesus who prayed in lonely places said,  
'when you pray, go into your room,  
and pray to your Father in secret.'  
This means that the lonely place  
is not necessarily a place far away,  
or that by 'room' he means four walls  
that separate us physically from others.  
The room is the room of our innermost heart.  
This room is with us at all times.  
We should make it a place to which we can go  
to find rest and spiritual recovery  
when the world is too much with us.  
Then we will discover that the inner room  
is not empty after all, but is occupied  
by the God of love who dwells in us all.

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## SVP

The Christmas Church Collection raised  
£363.68

The Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal held at  
the Christmas Crib raised £366.43.

For Christmas we gave:

39 gift packs to the Sunday Stop guests in  
December.

35 gifts to people we visit and know in the Parish.

5 food parcels and vouchers to families.

Carmel Youth SVP wrapped all the gifts and gave Carol Concerts at 3 of the Care  
Homes we visit.

Thank you for your continued generosity which enables us to help.

## CHRISTMAS MONIES

The collection held at Christmas will be distributed between two nominated  
charities of Fr Gordon, but if any parishioner would like to recommend their  
chosen charity please let Fr Gordon know, or drop a note into the office with  
the name of the charity, plus your name and contact number.

**ASH WEDNESDAY – 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - Masses here in Church at 12.15pm and 7pm**



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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 Times: Sunday 7-10.30pm

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### SPRING FLOWERS WORKSHOP AND AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday 25th March 2018 2pm– 4.30pm

Valerie Guest will lead a workshop demonstrating how to make a floral arrangement which will be followed by afternoon tea. All equipment will be provided for participants. Tickets (£25) are available after 9.15 mass in the Parish Centre on Sunday 18th February from Marie Newbould.

All profits to Sunday Stop which provides a hot meal on the first Sunday of each month in the Parish Centre for local people in need.

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### DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

27th July - 3rd August 2018 travelling with Tangney Tours. There are information booklets, posters and booking forms at the back of church for anyone interested.

### CARMEL HCPT

are hosting a Curry Night (at the College) for the Feast of Our Lady on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets cost £16 which includes a 3 course meal, live band and bar, they will be on sale at Coffees or from the College 254525

### DEVELOPING DISCIPLES

After an inspirational first Summit in December we are pleased to offer you the opportunity to join us this February 6th in Norton, Stockton-on-Tees. Further information on the noticeboard or Diocesan website.

FEBRUARY COFFEE'S are in aid of children with special needs (Happy Wanderers Club). There will be home-made cakes, tombola, plus other goodies and on the last Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February a home-made cake and pie sale.



**COFFEES AFTER MASS**  
are hosted by  
The  
Happy Wanderers Club

MASS INTENTIONS – We are starting to run a little low on intentions. If you would like a mass offered please take an envelope, complete with donation and return it to the office. Thank you.

<b>FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup></b>		<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B</b>	
SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Kevin Cundy RIP David Moyes RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	D/M Lawler&McGowan Families
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Holy Souls
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 am	Peter Cooper RIP
FRIDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Req. Mass Maureen Harrison Joan & Sheila Ward (NBF)
Saturday	St Augustine's	10.00 am	In Thanksgiving Followed by CONFESSIONS
SUNDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> February 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Margaret Lindsay RIP Neil Moran 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 - Michelle Butler, Anne Kee, Betty Smith, Peter Coady, and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD			
ANNIVERSARIES	<b>February Anniversaries</b> –John Taylor, Shaughan Bainbridge, Joseph Armstrong, Nora Kelly, May Early, Kathleen Stack, Terence Wells, Margaret Blake, Tony Regan, Ted Brownless, Donald Glendenning, James McCulla, Margaret Lindsay, Fr Seamus Doyle. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> February		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	McLeish Family	P Howard	
OFFERTORY	Lorens Family	J Brown	
READERS	G Wiper/R Frank	S Donnellan/C Woolley	
COUNTERS TEAM (A)	P Anwyll/C Webb/J Brown		
	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	£346.22 £197.32 (£246.65 gift aided) £ 543.54	

*Please note that masses during the week may change at short notice please take a bulletin home with you, or check the diary page on the Church website [staugustineschurch.org.uk](http://staugustineschurch.org.uk)*

**Thank You**

The amount raised from the SPUC collection on 21<sup>st</sup> January was £408.66. Thank you for your support.