

11TH FEBRUARY 2018 - 6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B



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PARISH BULLETIN

BREVIARY WEEK : 2

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WORD FOR TODAY

Most of the time it's not a question of God not wanting to cure us, but of us not wanting to be cured.

And although we're quick to label others as lepers, we're often the last to notice the spots that are beginning to show on our own skin.

ASH WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2018

Day of Fasting & Abstinence

Masses and distribution of Ashes 12.15 pm & 7.00pm

During Lent we will be having Stations of the Cross followed by communion on Wednesday and Fridays and Exposition before Mass on a Thursday:

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	<i>12.15 pm</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Exposition</i>	<i>11.30 am</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	<i>12.15 pm</i>

There is a list in the middle of Church if you can help at any of these.

BREAK 4 LENT

Details of the course On the Third Day as below:

- Monday 19th February Rev Ruth Gee (Methodist)
- Monday 26th February Rev Gordon Ryan (Roman Catholic)
- Monday 5th March Rev Val Towler (URC)
- Monday 12th March Mel Ithurralde (Batist)
- Monday 19th March Rev Matthew Firth (Anglican)

10.30am coffee/tea, scone, 11.00am speaker, to finish by 11.30am.

Organised by Churches Together in Darlington in support of Christian Aid.

Theme based around the 2018 York Lent Course: On the Third Day

Suggested minimum donation £2 Venue: St Cuythbert's Church Parish Hall

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

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.

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 24th 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 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.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – All God's Creation is very Good Praying for Suriname a Service for Everyone – Friday 2nd March 2018 at Grange Road Baptist Church at 2.00 pm

BAPTISM COURSE



Where? St Augustine's Parish Centre

When? Wednesday 28th February & 7th 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.

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a mans skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head.

A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, Unclean, unclean. As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.

PSALM

You are my refuge, O Lord;
You fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by

Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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14th February

Putting ashes on our heads on Ash Wednesday is meant as a symbol of repentance, a reminder that we are beginning 40 days of renewal in our commitment of faith. By Thursday morning we will have washed the ashes away. They will no longer be visible. But inwardly we carry them around with us for another 39 days as we focus on what we need to do to clear away the obstacles that prevent us from loving God as we know we should. No one else will know that they are there, except us. Just as no one else need know what we are "doing for Lent" except us...and God.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS – our newly formed Hogarth Partnership has come together to present, “For One Night Only” in each of our eight parishes, the classic Charles Dickens play. /the cast and support team come from across our partnership area, so it is a real community project. Our parish performance will be on **Friday 16th March** in the Parish Centre. Some of our adults and children are taking part. **Tickets from Brian/Julie Humphrey @£5 will be available and valid for any performance in any parish.** Please support their hard work.

CONFIRMATIONS 2018

Please keep those being confirmed this year in your prayers.

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

CAFOD LENTEN FAST ENVELOPES – 23RD February

These are available at the back of Church. Please return them by Sunday 25th February.

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

REFLECTION –Touching

Many of us are afraid to touch other people.
We give a few pennies to a beggar,
but make sure there is no contact between us,
not even eye-contact.
Jesus didn't stand off or keep his distance.
He wasn't afraid to touch others.
He touched lepers, sinners, sick people,
and even the dead.
Physical contact is precisely what gives people,
especially sick and wounded people,
a sense of warmth and joy.
By the very act of touching another person,
we accept that person exactly as he or she is.
Lord, give us a warm heart and kind hands.

SVP

The Christmas Church Collection raised £363.68
The Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal held at the Christmas Crib raised £366.43, which
will allow 7 babies to be fed by the SVP for 1 year.
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.

PADDINGTON BEAR

This week £16.98, Money in bank £599.18 Total £31,397.04

DARLINGTON TOWN MISSION – sponsored hymn sing – in 2018

The Darlington Town Mission celebrates 180 years of service. It is a local charity
helping to alleviate loneliness and isolation in the elderly. As part of the
fundraising programme to enable this to continue, they are holding a Sponsored
Hymn Sing on 24th March from 10am to 2pm at Cockerton Methodist Church.

The Christmas Collection will be divided equally (£400 each) between

Charlie Bear Cancer Care Zaytoun (Palestinian Farmers) MRI Scanner Appeal
First Stop Kumi – Uganda
Thank you for your kind generosity

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 7-10.30pm

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.

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.

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 25th February a home-made cake and pie sale.



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.

DIOCESAN COURSES & EVENTS – winter/spring 2018

- NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
St Joseph's Gateshead Monday 19th & 26th February 7-9pm & Saturday 3rd March 10.30am – 4.00 pm with Commissioning Mass at 3.00 pm
- NEW SACRISTANS St Bede's Hall, Jarrow
Tuesday 6th March 2018 10.00 – 3.00 pm
Includes Mass with Blessing of Sacristans

Please book early as places are limited
booking forms available from the office.

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SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Margaret Lindsay RIP Neil Moran RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service Followed by quiet prayer / exposition till 3pm
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
ASH WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm 7.00 pm	Kevin Cundy RIP Holy Souls
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 am	George & Catherine Lynn RIP
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Joan & Sheila Ward
Saturday	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Maureen Cairns RIP Followed by CONFESSIONS
SUNDAY 18 th February 1 st Sunday of Lent	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Fr Seamus Doyle RIP Fr Seamus Doyle 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	Thomas Hendrick, Tommy Marley		
ANNIVERSARIES	February Anniversaries –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 18 th 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 (B) T Appleton/G Harrison/J Poad/G Doherty/C McAllister			
Sunday 4 th February		£ 505.50	
		£ 334.58 (£418.22 gift aided)	
		£ 840.08	

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

Parish Meetings – Wednesday evenings after 7pm Mass