

25th FEBRUARY 2018 - 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT- YEAR B



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PARISH BULLETIN

BREVIARY WEEK : 4

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WORD FOR TODAY

What does our faith mean to us? Is it a set of facts to believe or an adventure to live a life that seems to defy all odds? God brought Abraham to the brink of trust in order to reward him. What is God asking of us this Lent and are we ready to take the risk?

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>

In addition to the above there will be Stations of the Cross on **2 Sundays in Lent**
4th March at 4pm

18th March at 4pm - *this will be especially for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – a short meeting to follow on from the Stations.*

BREAK 4 LENT

Details of the course On the Third Day as below:

Monday 26th February Rev Gordon Ryan (Roman Catholic)

Monday 5th March Rev Val Towler (URC)

Monday 12th March Mel Ithurralde (Baptist)

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 Cuthbert's Church Parish Hall

JOURNEYING TOGETHER –Sessions for Lent across the Partnership.

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 7.00pm St Teresa's Church for all the Darlington parishes

Good Friday 3.00pm

Easter Vigil 8.00pm

Easter Sunday 9.15am NO EVENING MASS

**HOGARTH/PARTNERSHIP
NEWS/EVENTS**

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).

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.

CAFOD LENTEN FAST ENVELOPES – 23RD February

These are available at the back of Church. Please return them this weekend.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTRE - CEILIDH 17TH MARCH 7PM

To celebrate St Patrick's night, *featuring* Blind Panic Ceilidh Band

Price includes Pie & Pea Supper and Licensed Bar Tickets £10pp available from Phil Duffy: 07900 555154/Trish Gordon 469526/Liz Hewitson 260525

THE FRIENDS OF ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Would like to invite you to an illustrated talk by Dr Liam Temple (Ex Carmel pupil) on the Poor Clares of Darlington. Thursday 1st March at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's Church Hall, tickets £5

PADDINGTON BEAR

This week £4.60, Money in bank £607.91 Total £31,405.97

NB The last day to use your paper £10 notes is 1st March 2018

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

God put Abraham to the test. Abraham, Abraham he called. Here I am he replied. Take your son, God said your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. Abraham, Abraham he said. I am here he replied. Do not raise your hand against the boy the angel said. Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son. Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.

The Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
In the land of the living

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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Hogarth Partnership is delighted to present Great Expectations by the Hogarth Players (formed from parishioners from all our parishes).

This is the first Partnership social event as we look to work together more closely. Tickets are £5, available after all Masses from Julie and Brian Humphrey or by phone 265920.

These are valid for any of the eight venues listed below. St Augustine's performance is Friday 16th March at 7.30pm.

This is our chance to support our partnership. The word on the street is - you are in for a treat!

Wednesday	14th March	Gainford Village Hall
Thursday	15th March	St William's Church
Friday	16th March	St Augustine's Parish Centre
Monday	19th March	St Thomas' Parish Hall
Tuesday	20th March	St Mary's School Hall, Barnard Castle
Wednesday	21st March	St Teresa's Church
Thursday	22nd March	St Anne's Parish Hall
Friday	23rd March	Holy Family Parish Hall

REFLECTION –Mountains

Jesus often went into the hills to pray.
He preached his most famous sermon from a hilltop.
He was transfigured on Mount Tabor,
died on Mount Calvary,
and ascended to heaven from Mount Olivet.
It seems that he loved hills and mountains.
Why was this?
Was it because he grew up among the hills of Galilee?
Or was it because heights enlarge our vision
and cause our spirit to soar?
Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further.
Strengthen our faith that we may see beyond the horizon.
And when the valley closes us in,
help us to remember the view from the hilltop.

SVP COLLECTION

will be taken after Masses today, Gift Aid envelopes are available.
This week we helped two families affected by the gas explosion in Skerne Park
with food and clothes.
Thank you for your continued generosity which enables us to help others.

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.



JOB VACANCIES

Fundraising Manager, Department for Finance,
Full-time, permanent contract. Closing Date : 1st March. To apply contact
human.resources @diocesehn.org.uk or Tel : 0191 2433301.

Full-Time Roman Catholic Chaplain At Hmp Full Sutton

For further details, please enter 16469 - Band 5 Chaplain - Roman Catholic Priest,
Deacon, Religious Brother or Sister or Lay Person in your browser or else
telephone the Managing Chaplain at the prison Deacon Paul Hargreaves on 01759
475157 for a confidential discussion. Closing date is 9th March.

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

PROSECCO NIGHT WITH A TWIST! 7.30PM ON FRIDAY MARCH 2ND

sees the return of our much attended and loved Prosecco nights! This time with a difference...

Whilst prosecco remains a feature, we will be looking at a range of Gins too, and how to mix them to bring out the best. We will have a good selection of gins for you to try and to help us we have on hand a local expert - Darren from Vesuvio - who will also regale us with the Gin story and how to tell a good one!

No Food this time, but please come along - everybody welcome.

Please drop Sheilagh a text or phone 07976 780850 to let us know if you're coming (just for an idea of numbers for staffing). See you there!

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.

During the month of February the Happy Wanderers Club will be serving teas and coffees and on Sunday 25th February there will be a sale of home-made pies and cakes.



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 for a **weekday Mass** please take an envelope, complete with donation and return it to the office. Thank you.

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

FEBRUARY 25th		2nd SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B	
SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Sheila Miller RIP Maureen Harrison RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	In Thanksgiving Followed by exposition till 3pm
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	12.15 pm 7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross John Micalfeff RIP
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	11.30 am 12.15 am	Exposition Private Intention (H&BP)
FRIDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	12.15 pm 7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross H L Senanayake RIP
Saturday	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Baby David Followed by CONFESSIONS
SUNDAY 4 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	St Augustine's St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 4.00 pm 6.30 pm	Robert & Rose Springfield RIP Stations of the Cross Lucy & Alf Lavender
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, Jean Jojoy and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD	Ann Shepherd		
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 4 th March		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	Mr & Mrs Brockley		R Ivanec
OFFERTORY	Mr & Mrs Kilgour		Mr & Mrs Owens
READERS	J Daley/B Glendenning		B Dunleavy/C McKeown
COUNTERS TEAM (D)	J Kilgour/B Tully/M Knowles/C McKeown		
Sunday 18 th February		£ 493.27	
		<u>£ 257.50</u>	(£321.87 gift aided)
		<u>£ 750.77</u>	

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