

8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018 - 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B



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## *PARISH BULLETIN*

BREVIARY WEEK : 2

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*Faith means that, although we cannot see  
God in the flesh, we are sufficiently  
receptive to the signs of his risen presence in  
our world, that not to believe would make  
no sense.  
And for Christians the only way forward is by  
faith.*

## START TO 'Share The Journey' – CAFOD's National Campaign

I will be organising a short journey (approx. 4 miles) from the Parish Centre on **Saturday 21st April** leaving at 2pm. Good walking shoes/trainers or boots are recommended. A longer walk is being organised for the end of April/beginning of May and details will be given later. Thank you for the interest shown and to a parishioner who has pledged the miles she will walk on the Camino de Santiago this month. Please contact me if you would like further information. marjory.knowles@gmail.com or 01325 265847.

## Department for Justice and Peace: - Annual Mass for Justice and Peace

This will be on Saturday 28 April 2018 at St. Mary's Cathedral at 10.00am. The Mass will be presided by Bishop Séamus Cunningham and the preacher will be Fr. Chris Hughes. All are welcome.

## RETIRING COLLECTIONS

- **NBF COLLECTION** - There will be a retiring collection next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April, for the Northern Brethren's Fund (Sick and Retired Priests). The fund remains open for individual/private donations until 29th May.
- **ANNUAL DIOCESAN CHURCH APPEAL**  
The Little Sisters of the Poor will be making their Appeal on the weekend of 21st/22nd April in all Parishes. Gift Aid envelopes will be available for those who pay tax. There will also be brochures explaining the care of the elderly in need and prayer cards to anyone interested in knowing more about their work.

## FUNERAL ASSISTANT MINISTRY

Training is in two parts. Part 1 will be held on 23 and 30 April, 14 and 21 May and 4 June. Part 2 will be in the Autumn. Contact [liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk)

## DIOCESAN CHURCH MUSIC ASSOCIATION

An evening music workshop introducing 4 Mass settings of contrasting styles. The evening is being led by Paul Berry and Alison Purvis and being held on Wednesday 25 April 2018 between 7.00pm – 9.00pm (Tea/Coffee from 6.30pm) at St. Hilda's Resource Centre, Newcastle NE15 7PY.

## JESUS YOUTH AWAKENING 2018

Eucharistic Adoration of 100 days that began on Ash Wednesday lasting till Pentecost across the UK and Europe.

Our church will be partaking on April 29th from 11am till 6 pm.

There will be posters at the back of Church and there is also a sheet in the middle of Church if you would like to sign up for a particular time-slot.

## FIRST COMMUNION 2019

Please see Fr Ryan to arrange parent/guardian meetings.

## PRACTICAL STEPS FOR PARISHES AND PARTNERSHIPS – YOUTH MINISTRY

A conference will take place on Saturday 12th May at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn to help parishes and partnerships engage with young people in their communities. The keynote speaker is Fr Dominic Howarth, responsible for Youth service in Brentwood Diocese, and the programme includes 12 workshops. The conference is for everyone who is concerned about our young people and will offer inspiring examples of good practice. The conference fee is £10 and includes lunch. Further details/booking forms available in parishes, downloadable from [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org) or contact [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

- ANNUAL TRAINING FOR CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS

or those interested in becoming catechists, will take place this year within the Youth Ministry Conference on Saturday 12th May at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn. Details on booking form.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION WITH GIFT AID

The envelopes have arrived and are available for the next financial year at the back of Church, for those who contribute in this way.

**If you attend any other Church within the Diocese you can use your offertory envelope and it will be sent back to the originating parish.**

Please note Stuart Sanderson looks after the collating and running of the Gift Aid Scheme. All queries and requests can still be sent via the office.

For every taxpayer who contributes this way the parish can reclaim 25p for every £1 that is placed on the collection plate. Last year we received in excess of £10,000.

*If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax we need to know, likewise if you have a new address.*

## ADOREMUS – Saturday 8th September 2018. Echo Arena, Liverpool

The bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool from Friday 7th – Sunday 9th September 2018. Eucharistic Congress are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. Participants will take part in a series of catechism sessions, focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist and the daily celebration and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. If you wish to go please contact the office.

## First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

## The Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
For his love has no end.

## Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ

has been begotten by God;

and whoever loves the Father that begot him

loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children

if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is -

keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God

has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world -

our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,

not with water only,

but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness -

since the Spirit is the truth.

## Gospel: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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**NORTHERN CROSS** on sale today after Mass

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## REFLECTION - The First Christians

Defending the Christians before the Emperor Hadrian, Aristides, a non-Christian, said of them:

‘These Christians love one another.

They never fail to help widows.

They save orphans from those who would hurt them.

If a man has something,

he gives freely to the man who has nothing.

If they see a stranger, Christians take him into their homes and treat him as a brother.

And if they hear that one of them is in jail,

or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer,

they all give him what he needs.

If it is possible, they bail him out.

If one of them is poor and there isn't enough food to go around, they fast several days to give him the food he needs.

We are dealing with a new kind of person.

There is something divine in them.’

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## THANK YOU

- Many thanks to the Hogarth Partnership Players for entertaining us all so well; Great Expectations was a fabulous production, which was well received in all eight venues across our partnership and enjoyed by about 350 people. Each performance venue had a welcoming feel and it was lovely to chat to people from all parish communities. We have **great expectations** that this will be the first of many partnership projects! As we covered our costs a donation will be made to the Air Ambulance. Julie Humphrey - Chair
- To everyone who supported the Spring Flowers Workshop and Afternoon Tea last Sunday- we raised £725 to support Sunday Stop which provides a meal each month for people in need locally.

### **COFFEES AFTER MASS**

are hosted by  
St Augustine's PFA



### **PADDINGTON BEAR**

*This week £7.03*

*Money in bank £0*

*Total £31,458.72*

*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)*

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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**

*We would like to inform Parishioners that our resident Stewardess, Amanda Durkin, left our employment on the 27th March due to health reasons. Amanda has been connected with the Club in various capacities since she was 17 and she has been the Stewardess for the last 13 years.*

*Amanda has served many of us in a variety of ways for all those years – either as glass collector in her youth, bartender, caretaker and for most of that time as Stewardess. The Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank Amanda for her years of hard work and commitment, and to wish her well for the future.*

*Amanda would like to thank all her customers for their patronage and good wishes, particularly of late and she would also like to thank the past and current Directors for their support during her employment with the Club.*

*Good luck and best wishes Amanda*

*Directors of St. Augustine's Parish Club Ltd*

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### PARISH CLUB MEMBERSHIPS AND CAR PARK PERMITS

These must be renewed by the 30th of April. If you would like to renew either of these, please collect one of the forms from the back of church, the PC lobby or the attendant's cabin in the car park and follow the instructions on the form. Once again, we would like you to fill in all of the details as we would like to make sure our records are accurate and up to date.

We would encourage you to be a member of our Parish Club as this helps support the various activities that we run at the Parish. Centre. You will also have to be a member of the Club to apply for a car parking permit.

You can drop the completed forms off at the attendant's cabin or leave them with us in the PC after Sunday Masses in April. We'll be there from 10.30 am and 7.30 pm.

The annual charges for membership and car parking will be held at last year's rates.

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SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Personal Intention (L) Canon Rooney RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Mary & Rose Kane RIP followed by Quiet Prayer 3pm
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	George & Catherine Lynn RIP
THURSDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	12.15 pm 1.00 pm	Connie Connor RIP Fun. Serv. Noel Doherty
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Chris Springfield RIP
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Theresa Alex Peter RIP Followed by Confessions
SUNDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	George & Delia Lancaster RIP Leo Dale 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, Philip Robinson and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD	Theresa Alex Peter (mother of Sr Fidelista)		
ANNIVERSARIES	<b>April Anniversaries</b> – Des Loney, Ian Paterson, Maura Gibbon, Susan Simpson, Brenda Bennett, Pat Gibbon, Edward McLoughlin, Lawrence Bainbridge, Brian Stacey, Joseph McIntyre, David Humphreys, James McGee, Stanley Smith, Patricia Campbell, Leo Dale, Marian Phillips, Catherine Lynn, Christopher Springfield. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> April		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	McLeish Family	P Howard	
READERS	F Ingham/M Frank	B Humphrey/J Humphrey	
OFFERTORY	Daley Family	G Woolley	
COUNTERS TEAM (B) T Appleton/ G Harrison/J Poad/C McAllister/G Doherty			
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April		£ 877.85 £ 301.30 (£376.62 gift aided) £ 1179.15	