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ST AUGUSTINE'S BULLETIN

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2nd December 2018 - 1st Sunday of Advent – Year C

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WORD FOR TODAY

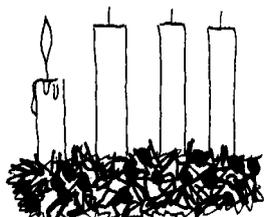
As Advent begins do we expect anything different? Are we awaiting the return of Christ to our world or do we think that it's very unlikely? And how do we see this second coming?

A cosmic event or a gradual change in society effected by what I do and others join in with?

OSCAR ROMERO FILM will be shown in No. 10, today
Sunday 2nd December at 11.00am.

ADVENT WAITING

The Advent wreath can be a powerful symbol. In a world of instant service, of 59 minute delivery and 24 hours a day communication the Advent Wreath reminds us that waiting can be good. Each Sunday we light one more candle,



and we see that there are still others to be lit. Advent is about waiting for the Messiah. Not wasting time, but expectant waiting. Waiting that is about longing, about yearning. Waiting that does not sell-out to the premature festivity of the tinsel and the mistletoe, the commercial

excuse for profit, the Christless jollity. Advent waiting is an invitation to grow, to ponder, to reflect and to be grateful. It's not instant. It's mellow. And it's rewarding.

- **THIS SUNDAY: ADVENT SERVICE IN ST. CUTHBERT'S**

The Advent Service in St. Cuthbert's will take place this SUNDAY December 2nd at 6.30pm. We are all invited to share in this service of readings and carols.

- **ST CUTHBERTS CARE – ADVENT ALMS**

Envelopes are available at the back of Church for St Cuthberts Care Advent Alms Appeal. This Advent, St Cuthberts Care is asking for your support to help fund their community services, which helps them to continue to distribute good quality clothing, bedding, toys and gifts to the most deserving individuals and families throughout the Diocese.

- **ADVENT TREE**

Card decorations are available at the back of Church if you wish to write a Christmas prayer or message on and these will be placed on the tree at the back of the Altar, during Advent. If you wish to make a donation please use any of the boxes on the pillars, Cafod, HCPT, Holy Souls.

- **ADVENT BOOKS** – There are adult and children's Advent books and Calendars available at the back of Church. *Please don't forget to take one for anyone you know who can't get to Church regularly, or who are housebound.*

- **ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL ADVENT LITURGY**

Will be held here in St Augustine's Church on Monday 17th December at 5.30pm. All parishioners are most welcome.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL - SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER

The Traidcraft stall will be in the Parish Centre on Sunday after 9.15 mass and in the church after 6.30 mass selling a range of Christmas cards and goods. This will be your **LAST CHANCE** to purchase from the stall this year. Please come along and support this very worthwhile cause.

SVP

- **ADVENT**

The SVP would like us all to think about a **“reverse” Advent Calendar** this year, and instead of receiving something each day, you could give an item to the Food Bank/Refugee Project/Christmas hampers. Some of the suggested items would be toilet rolls, tins of sardines, any long-life food, ie milk, tins of meat, pasta, perhaps a few luxury food items, Toiletries (feminine hygiene, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant) and don't forget about the pets. The boxes will be placed in the Church under the new shelf for your contributions.

- The Northern Cross will be on sale after the Masses today.
- Next Sunday we will be holding our **Christmas Collection**, Gift Aid envelopes are available and can be picked up from the Northern Cross sellers this Sunday

CAFOD

- **Cabaret** This year's CAFOD Cabaret will take place on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th December. Could anyone interested in taking part please declare their interest to Martin McLean (tel. 01325 465275 or e-mail martin.mclean2@ntlworld.com).

Tickets will be on sale after Masses or from the Parish Centre bar or by email from martin.mclean2@ntlworld.com Price £5.

- **Christmas Cafod Quiz** –on Saturday 22ND December 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Swag Workshops last weekend; including rearranging their weekend to make it on Sunday, helping us tidy up and set up between workshops and at the end of the day.

Despite difficult circumstances, we raised £1200 for Sunday Stop. Thank you!

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.

The Psalm

Either: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28.34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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CHRISTMAS GOODS

Please take a look in our Piety Shop – inside the confessional room. We have a large selection of Children's advent calendars (sorry, no chocolate), Christmas cards, decorations, calendars, diaries and lots more.

Christmas Masses

The mass times for Christmas will be 6.00pm and midnight on Christmas Eve and 10.00am Christmas morning.

Both Christmas Eve masses will be preceded by Carols.

The 6pm Mass will be child-friendly, so next weekend 9th December after Mass we will have a short meeting for those children who wish to be involved.

REFLECTION – Life is fleeting

The hill flowers fade,
but will bloom again next year.
But we never get back our youth.
Life is a fragile gift which we enjoy only briefly;
our life is like the warming of oneself in the sun.
We live in a flash of light; before we know it,
evening comes and night falls.
But the very fleetingness of life
makes it all the more precious.
Lord, may your gentle and sure light
guide us on the unfolding road,
so that we may walk with confidence
towards the light that never fades
and the life that never ends.

HCPT – Group 195

New Year's Eve Ceilidh in St Augustine's Parish Centre

Monday 31st December from 7.30-12.30pm

Shared table plus New Year toast drink

Ticket prices £8 – Adult, child 3-17 £4, Under 3's Free, Family 2A+2C £20

Please call/text 07809 340321 to reserve your tickets.

CLEANING AND RESTORATION OF SIDE ALTARS

The scaffolding has now been put in place and they hope to have it all completed before Christmas. Some of the cleaning has already been done, starting from the floor and working upwards. If you have any queries would you please email jolyon@tradefair.co.uk

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you are going into hospital please let your priest know as the Chaplain at Darlington Memorial Hospital has no access to inpatient lists.

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS are on sale in the Piety Shop at £3.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday	12 th December	2.00 pm	Book Club
Tuesday	18 th December	12.30pm	Tuesday Luncheon Group
Saturday	22 nd December	7.30 pm	CAFOD Christmas Quiz
Sunday	23 rd December	4.00pm	Outside Nativity
Monday	31 st December	7.00pm	New Year's Eve Ceilidh

ST AUGUSTINE'S NATIVITY 2018

This year's nativity play will be at **4pm** in the Parish Centre grounds on **Sunday 23rd December**, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre. We need shepherds, innkeepers and kings; mostly non-speaking parts. We also need musicians and singers. Please join us and take part in this lovely Christmas parish gathering. Rehearsals are Sunday 16th December at 4pm in the Youth Hall and one 3pm on 23rd just prior to performance. Further detail from Alice Potter on 07734 049642, or please speak to John McGovern, Chair of PC.

PADDINGTON BEAR

This week	£3.03
Money in Bank	£399.86
Total Collected	£31,867.74

COFFEES AFTER MASS
are hosted by
Carmel HCPT



DIOCESAN VACANCY

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy:
Senior Administrator, Department for Safeguarding, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle.

The successful candidate will be experienced in office management and general administration and will manage the full Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checking process. Closing date: 10 December. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

<u>December 2nd</u>		<u>1st Sunday of Advent - YEAR C</u>	
SUNDAY	St Augustine's No. 10 St Augustine's	9.15 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Doris Trees – 90 th Birthday Oscar Romero Film In Thanksgiving – B Dunleavy Prison Chaplain
MONDAY	St Augustine's	2.00 pm	Req. Mass Pat Coates
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	No. 10	7.00 pm	Alex Massawe&Teresa Alex RIP
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Ann Lawlor RIP
FRIDAY	No. 10	7.00 pm	Nicholas Intention
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Ints of Our Lady Followed by 1 st Reconciliation
SUNDAY 9 th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent C	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Jean Elizabeth Carter RIP Fr Gerard Corby RIP
THOSE WHO ARE SICK	Please remember Fr Gary Dickson, Fr Richard Harriott, Fr Wilfrid Elkin, Fr Jim Doherty, Sister Evelyn and all priests and religious in the diocese who have health problems. Also the sick & housebound of the parish - Michelle Butler, Anne Kee, Betty Smith, Peter Coady, Philip Robinson, Elizabeth Leeman, Michael Grogan, Madeleine Swift, Joan McIntyre and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD	Pat Coates, Jason Morrison		
ANNIVERSARIES	December Anniversaries – Stella Davies, Emma Howard, Thomas Wake, Keith Cowan, Mary & James Courtney, Teresa Conway, Ralph Pearson, Ralph Pearson, Anne Decosemo, Alan Love, Jean Carter, Dennis Beaumont, Eric Adam, John Fay, Francis O'Hare, Joe Lyonette, Hilda McCallum, Anthony Millett, James Christey, Aldo Di-Duca, Paul McGregor, Peggy Coatman. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 9 th December		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	C & A Whelan/J Cunningham	McLeish Family	
READERS	J LeRoi/M Mustard	B Humphrey/C Woolley	
OFFERTORY	L Carlson/B Glendenning	B Dunleavy	
COUNTERS TEAM (D)	J Kilgour/M Knowles/C McKeown/B Tully		
	Sunday 25 th November	£453.75	
	October Bankers Orders £2,295	£ 270.16 (£337.70 gift aided)	
	£2,754 gift aided	£ 723.91	