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ST AUGUSTINE'S BULLETIN

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9th December 2018 - 2nd Sunday of Advent – Year C

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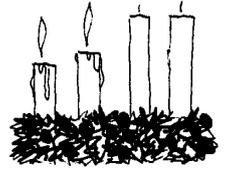
WORD FOR TODAY

Advent is a season of joy. We await the return of Jesus who reveals God's love for us. Does our life reflect this joy or is it crowded out with concern?

Can we really celebrate Advent in a way that allows us to rise above things that are just passing?

ADVENT

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 then 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.

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.

- Our Christmas collection will take place after Masses today. You have been fantastically generous over the years and this has enabled us to support individuals and families in need in Darlington. In addition your money helps to provide a small gift to those we visit along with a card made by St Augustine’s School Mini Vinnies which always brings a smile to those receiving.
- Next Meeting on Tuesday 11th December at 6.45pm in No. 10.

CAFOD

- 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; including rearranging their weekend to make it on the 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!

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 today 9th December after Mass we will have a short meeting for those children who wish to be involved.

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

WEAVINGS

Copy of the latest issue of Weavings available on the shelf in Church.

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be,

Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level

so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The Psalm

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6.8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and

blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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PIETY SHOP

Please take a look in our 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.

The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will visit every English Catholic Diocese and Cathedral between 2018 and 2020. Middlesbrough Cathedral 13th - 15th December 2018. See notice on board.

REFLECTION – A lesson from the trees

Not long ago the trees were loaded with golden leaves.
Though pretty to look at, they robbed me of the world beyond
but now that the leaves have fallen
I am able to look through the skeletal branches
to the deep blue sky beyond.
Teach us, Good Lord,
how to take care of our material needs
without neglecting our spiritual needs;
how to take care of ourselves
without neglecting others;
and how to live joyfully in this world
without losing sight of the world to come.

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.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Salvation Army – Thompson Street East are hosting Christmas Day lunches for those who will be on their own this Christmas. It starts from 11.00am, with lunch at 1pm followed by games/film/Queen's speech and finishes with a take-away tea. If you would like to go, booking is essential, please ring 380994, Majors Marc or Shirley McKenzie.

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.

CARMEL COLLEGE - LOVE CAME DOWN Christmas Celebration and Liturgy will be held on **MONDAY 17th** and **TUESDAY 18th December 6.30pm** in John Caden Hall. Tickets £5 per Adult. £2 per child Contact Mrs Smith 523423 or email psmith@carmel.org.uk

PADDINGTON BEAR

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

COFFEES AFTER MASS

are hosted by
Carmel HCPT



<u>December 9th</u>		<u>2nd Sunday of Advent - YEAR C</u>	
SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Jean Elizabeth Carter RIP Fr Gerard Corby RIP
MONDAY	No. 10	12.15 pm	NO MASS
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	No. 10	7.00 pm	Danny O'Toole RIP
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Teresa Reay and Family
FRIDAY	No. 10	7.00 pm	Alex Massawe&Teresa Alex RIP
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory Followed by Confession
SUNDAY 16 th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent C	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Clifford&Louisa Hutchinson RIP Ints of Meszanos Family
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	Alan Sisk (Requiem Mass Tuesday 18 th December 10.00am)		
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 16 th December		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	St Augustine's Academy	Mr & Mrs Owens	
READERS	St Augustine's Academy	M Webster/A Webster	
OFFERTORY	St Augustine's Academy	C McKeown	
COUNTERS TEAM (A) P Anwyll/C Webb/J Brown			
Sunday 2 nd December		£436.46	
November Bankers Orders £2,295		£261.43 (£ 326.79 gift aided)	
£2,754 gift aided		£697.89	