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St Augustine, SS. William & Francis De Sales, St Anne, St Osmund

ST AUGUSTINE'S BULLETIN

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16th December 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Advent – Year C

BREVIARY WEEK : 3

WORD FOR TODAY

Does your faith make you happy or is it a burden?

Do you think of the presence of God in your life as something to rejoice over or something to fear?

How does the practice of your religion boost your life?



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 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.

SVP

Our Christmas collection raised a fantastic £731.85. Many thanks to you all.

CAFOD Christmas Quiz – on Saturday 22ND December 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

STARS Pantomime Tickets

Tickets for STARS pantomime, Snow White and the Seven Genies, by Mike Webster, will be on sale after Mass from this weekend, from the Parish Centre bar, by calling 07397774913 or online at www.starsdarlington.co.uk Tickets are priced £8 adult, £6 concession. Performance dates Wednesday 23rd - Saturday 26th January 2019, including Saturday matinee.

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.

Christmas Eve – Monday 24th

St Augustine's	5.30 pm	Carols
	6.00 pm	Christmas Mass
St Thomas'	5.30 pm	Carols
	6.00 pm	Christmas Mass
St Osmund's Gainford	6.00 pm	Carols
	6.30 pm	Christmas Mass
St Teresa's	6.30 pm	Carols
	7.00 pm	Christmas Mass
St Anne's	7.30 pm	Christmas Mass
Holy Family	7.30 pm	Carols
	8.00 pm	Christmas Mass
St Augustine's	11.30 pm	Carols
	midnight	Christmas Mass
St Mary's Barnard Castle	11.30 pm	Carols
	midnight	Christmas Mass

Christmas Day – Tuesday 25th

St Williams	9.00 am	Christmas Day Mass
St Osmund's Gainford	9.30am	Christmas Day Mass
Holy Family	10.00 am	Christmas Day Mass
St Augustine's	10.00 am	Christmas Day Mass
St Mary's Barnard Castle	11.00 am	Christmas Day Mass

POLISH MASSES

Christmas Eve – Monday 24th

St Teresa's	10.00 pm	Shepherd's Mass
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Christmas Day – Tuesday 25th

St Teresa's	11.00 am	Christmas Day Mass
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First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem;
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

The Psalm

Sing and shout for joy
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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CAROL SERVICES WITHIN THE CLUSTER

23 rd December	St William's	4.00pm
28 th December	St Teresa's	4.00 pm
30 th December	St Augustine's	4.00pm

PIETY SHOP

Calendars and diaries are on sale in The Piety Shop before and after each Sunday mass. Chris Spence will be outside church after the 6.30 mass selling these this week

Diaries with the Order of Mass inside are £1.50 each

Calendars are £1 each.

Thank you for your support.

STATEMENT FROM THE Catholic Bishops' Conference re the Settlement Scheme for EU citizens is available on the shelf in Church.

REFLECTION

There is a clear note of joy in today's liturgy.
Joy is a blend of laughter and tears.
It consists in having a love affair with life.
It is having a heart aglow with warmth
for all one's companions on the road of life.
It is looking for the happiness that comes in small packages,
knowing that big packages are few and far between.
It is making the most of the present,
enjoying what is at hand right now.
Joy is love bubbling over into life.
And it can coexist with pain.
Joy is the flag we fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace,
has taken up residence in our hearts.

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.
- Mangobean Darlington – coffee shop is opening their doors on Christmas Day to those who are sleeping rough, or simply having a tough festive season. This will be open between 12 noon and 2pm for a free meal and a hot drink. If you wish to volunteer to help, please contact them beforehand so they can arrange a pre-meeting and get to know you.

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

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

LUNCH GROUP began meeting in October 2015, every third Tuesday of the month, Delicious homemade soups, cakes and bread and tea or coffee are served from 12-30. Soup and cake makers donate their food and diners pay £2.50. Please join us on ***Tuesday 18th December in the Parish Centre.***

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 on 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	£6.73
Money in Bank	£410.19
Total Collected	£31,881.10

COFFEES AFTER MASS

are hosted by
Carmel HCPT



<u>December 16th</u>		<u>3rd Sunday of Advent - YEAR C</u>	
SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Clifford&Louisa Hutchinson RIP Ints of Meszanos Family
MONDAY	No. 10 St Augustine's	12.15 pm 5.30 pm	Philip Robinson (Sick) School Advent Liturgy
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Req. Mass Alan Sisk
WEDNESDAY	No. 10	7.00 pm	Private Intention (PL)
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Whyle&Heggison Family & Thomas Walker RIP
FRIDAY	No. 10	7.00 pm	Canon James Rooney RIP
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Joe Vella RIP Followed by Confession
SUNDAY 23 rd December 4 th Sunday of Advent - C	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	James McCulla RIP Keith Cowan 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			
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 23 rd December		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	Mr & Mrs Spark/J McGarrity	R Ivanec/J Crowe	
READERS	A Nicholson/C McAllister	J Owens/C McKeown	
OFFERTORY	Bowman Family	Jo Devine	
COUNTERS TEAM (B) T Appleton/ G Harrison/J Poad/G Doherty			
Sunday 9 th December		£586.47	
November Bankers Orders £2,295		£230.60 (£288.25 gift aided)	
£2,754 gift aided		£ 817.07	