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ST AUGUSTINE'S BULLETIN

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6th January 2019 – Epiphany of the Lord – Year C

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WORD FOR TODAY

Today we are called on not just to remember the first Epiphany.

We're invited to be epiphanies or models of God's presence in our world today.

What sort of light does our star shine around us and can people look at us and glimpse something of God?

BEARING GIFTS



It's not too late to bring our gifts to honour the baby of Bethlehem. The wise men came bearing gold, frankincense and myrrh. And if we want to celebrate Epiphany then it must be with more than prayers and songs. We must bring our gifts too.

Today we ask God to accept our gold. This is more than money. It is all that we hold dear and precious in life. We bring our health and thank God for it, however frail it may sometimes be. We bring our family and loved ones, those who mean more than gold to us. And as we do so, we ask God to accept our gift of rededication. For today we recognise that all our gold was actually God's first.

We bring the frankincense of our lives. Frankincense is one of life's sweeteners, the perfume or aromatic odour that makes our atmosphere more pleasant. What gifts has God given to us that allow us to make life fresher and brighter for others? Are there talents and gifts that we can use to better effect than we have been doing? Do I have a good voice, a creative vision, a skill with my hands? Epiphany is an invitation to use the frankincense of our talents to the fullest.

And then, of course, we bring our myrrh. Myrrh is the gum resin or ointment that is used for the knocks of life, and none of us can escape these. As we offer our ups and downs to God by the patience with which we endure them, we also remember our own healing role in the lives of others.

On Epiphany we pledge ourselves once more to use our listening ear, to extend the hand of comfort, to speak those words of encouragement rather than just think them.

Today it becomes clear that the gifts we bring to God are the same ones that he has first given to us. We return them along with the bread and wine that come from his hand, so that he may transform them all into something that brings new life.

STARS Pantomime Tickets

Tickets for STARS pantomime, Snow White and the Seven Genies, by Mike Webster, will be on sale after Mass, 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.

HOGARTH PARTNERSHIP NEWS

PARTNERSHIP MATTERS The December edition of Partnership Matters is now available on the front page of the Diocesan website (www.rcdhn.org.uk). It includes items on future support for Partnerships and an update on the Property and Community Review. The Department for Development and Renewal ceased to exist at the end of December when Tony Sacco concluded his work for the Diocese and Nancy Gash will take on a different role. They would like to thank us for all the support over the past four years and for our contributions to Partnership Matters.

PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION; Evaluation Meeting of the recent Mission for those who were involved in the organisation will take place in St William's on Thursday 17th January 6.30pm . Starting with a simple shared table, so please bring something(not too much) and will aim to finish by 8pm.

Alpha is coming to our Hogarth Roman Catholic Partnership

Alpha is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. You are invited to Alpha for a time of great food, even better conversation and talks that make you think.

Venue: Saint Augustine's Parish Centre, Larchfield Street DL3 7TG

Date & Time: Starting January 30th Wednesdays at 19:00-21:00

To confirm attendance for catering purposes or for any questions please contact:

Ray Abbott 07796 610757 or email rpabbott@btinternet.com

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.

BAPTISM COURSES

The next baptism course is on Wednesday 9th and 16th January in the Parish Centre at 7.15-8.30pm. Both sessions to be completed. Please let the office know (266602) if you wish to attend.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you,
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Psalm

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past

generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENING 'TORN FROM HOME' Thursday 31st January, 7.00pm at St Michael's Catholic Academy, Beamish Road, Billingham, TS23 3DX. Guest Speaker Mr Zigi Shipper BEM. Booking Essential : Please contact www.interreligioushn.eventbrite.co.uk or Tel : 0191 2655290.

REFLECTION The light of Christ

Christ's light was not lit once in Bethlehem and then extinguished.

For two thousand years his light has shone upon the world.

And it will continue to shine

for all who believe in him and follow him.

The light of Christ is a persistent light,

and has the power to draw people to its shining.

It shines in the midst of disasters and upheavals

It is a defiant light, which no darkness can overpower.

Its purpose is not to judge us,

but to show us the way to the Father's kingdom.

God has called us out of darkness

into the wonderful light of his Son.

We must live as children of the light.

So, let us imitate the Magi,

and walk in the light of the Lord.

VACANCIES

- **Health and Safety Officer** - required to co-ordinate all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese, ensuring that all Diocesan properties and activities conducted in and around them are safe and without risk as far as reasonably practicable. Based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle with extensive travel throughout the Diocese. Closing date: 11 January.
- **Administrator**, St John XXIII, Washington and St Joseph, Birtley - 16 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 15 January.
- **Administrator**, Dept. for Safeguarding – full-time, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 16 January.

For further info and details of how to apply please visit our website

www.rcdhn.org.uk/email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk /0191 243 3301

Holy Family RC Primary School -EYFS Class Teacher – Vacancy (Maternity Cover)

The Directors and Governors of Holy Family RC Primary School, wish to appoint an experienced, highly motivated and enthusiastic EYFS Class Teacher to join our friendly, and hardworking team to provide full time maternity cover, from 4th February 2019 initially until 18th July 2019. An application pack and further information is available on the school website www.holyfamilyprimary.org.uk
The deadline for applications is 14th January 2019

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	9 th January	2.00 pm	Book Club
Tuesday	15 th January	12.30 pm	Tuesday Luncheon Group
Wednesday	23 rd January	7.30 pm	Pantomime
Thursday	24 th January	7.30 pm	Pantomime
Friday	25 th January	7.30 pm	Pantomime
Saturday	26 th January	2.00 pm	Pantomime
Saturday	26 th January	7.30 pm	Pantomime

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 15th January in the Parish Centre.***

PADDINGTON BEAR

This week	£9.68
Money in Bank	£445.02
Total Collected	£31,915.94

COFFEES AFTER MASS

are hosted by
Carmel Taize Group



SVP

Northern Cross will be on sale today Sunday 6th January after all Masses.

Christmas collection

Thank you for your generosity, £2,413.61 was given at the Christmas Masses.

JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING

On Wednesday 9th January in No. 10 after 7pm Mass

<u>January 6th</u>		<u>Epiphany of Our Lord - YEAR C</u>	
SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Hugh&Kathleen Tinney RIP D/M McCann & Humphrey Families
MONDAY	No. 10	12.15 pm	D/M Lindsay Family
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	No. 10	7.00 pm	Elsie O'Connor RIP Followed by J&P meeting
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Ints of Ellen Wilkinson
FRIDAY	No. 10	7.00 pm	Mezanos Family
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Kevin Cundy RIP Followed by Confessions
SUNDAY 13 th January Baptism of Our Lord - C	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Francis O'Hare RIP Anthony Jayakody 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	Bernard Carrigan		
ANNIVERSARIES	January Anniversaries – Osmund Poad, John Daley, Jack Taylor, Jimmy Taylor, Peter Taylor, William Lisle, Kevin McKeown, Valerie Haigh, Clifford Hutchinson, Ronald Glen, Mary Russell, Joan Ahern, Vera Weston, Michael Devitt, Mary Jones, Stanley Smollet, Ethel Maxwell, Elsie Morton, Stephen Love, Patrick Crooks, Edward Jones, Margaret Paterson, Hilda & Domenico Bambino, Maureen Harrison. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 13 th January		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	T Murray/Appleton Family	J Devine/B Dunleavy	
READERS	J Kilgour/M Mustard	A Webster/M Webster	
OFFERTORY	P Joyce	C McKeown	
COUNTERS TEAM (A) P Anwyll/C Webb/J Brown			
Sunday 31 st December		£586.47	
December Bankers Orders £2,295		£230.60 (£288.25 gift aided)	
£2,754 gift aided		£ 817.07	