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 Hogarth Partnership 

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

ST AUGUSTINE'S BULLETIN

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13th January 2019 – Baptism of Our Lord – Year C

BREVIARY WEEK : 2

WORD FOR TODAY

Our baptism is something we have to say "yes" to each day. It is the challenge to look at the world with eyes that see beyond the obvious and to respond to God's invitation to live according to the values of his kingdom.

MEETINGS

- ❖ **Liturgy Meeting** Wednesday 23rd January in No. 10 following the 7pm Mass.
- ❖ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** Monday 28th January in No. 10. Please let us know if you have any items you would like to be placed on the Agenda.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity, £2,413.61 was given at the Christmas Masses. The collection held at Christmas will be distributed between nominated charities, if any parishioner would like to recommend their chosen charity please let Fr Gordon know, or drop a note into the office with the name of the charity, plus your name and contact number.

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.

CLOTHES APPEAL

On the first Sunday of every month, SUNDAY STOP provides a meal for the homeless and vulnerable in the Parish Centre. At this time of year we would like to provide them with something extra – warm clothes.

If you have any unwanted coats, jumpers, stout shoes, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, then we would like them.

There will be a one day only collection on Sunday 27th January. Please bring any donations along to Mass and leave at No.10. S.V.P. members will be on hand to help. If you have any questions please contact Gerry Lynch on 466343.

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.

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.

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

Partnership Meeting

This will take place on Monday 11th February 7pm in No. 10.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL – Today 13th January

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will hold its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11

'Console my people, console them,' says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her
that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Psalm

Bless the Lord, my soul!, Lord God, how great you are!

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16.21-22

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.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove, And a voice came from the heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests with you.'

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Mr and Mrs Smith had a baby boy, Edward, whom they had baptised in St John's Catholic Church. They never went to church except at Christmas and Easter. He went to a Catholic school, made his first Holy Communion and was confirmed. Like most other students he considered his religious involvement now complete and like his parents never went to church.

At university he had some minimal contact with the New Age movement where he met a girl and was married in the Catholic Church. When their first child was born they had her baptised. The Church now had a new member and the cycle was completed. Or was it just about to begin all over again?

(Adapted from William J Bausch)

REFLECTION – Baptism

Baptism was not over and done with
the day we were taken to the font.
We are baptised by all that happens to us in life.
We are baptised by hardship; in its turbulent waters
we are purified of all that is false and useless.
We are baptised by suffering; in its murky waters
we grow in humility and compassion.
We are baptised by joy: in its gurgling waters
we experience the goodness of life.
We are baptised by love: in its singing waters
we blossom like flowers in the sun.
Baptism is like the planting of a seed.
It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen.

DIOCESAN JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT - Our Lady of Lourdes Deaf Centre, Newcastle.

The Project currently has over 600 asylum seekers who come looking for help. They receive a bag of essential food items every week. Those who have been refused leave to stay (and are destitute as they lose their homes, are not allowed to work and are refused benefits) also receive £25 per month.

One of the most needed and requested items are toilet rolls. These are only given out when available and as a swap for another item in the bag of groceries. For the last few years we have been collecting toilet rolls here at St. Augustines and have been joined in this by the Youth SVP group at Carmel College. They are delivered to the Project once a month. Please keep your donations of toilet rolls coming in. They are much needed and greatly appreciated.

We also collect tins of sardines. Where possible could you please donate sardines in oil.

N.B – the box for this collection is now inside church under the new shelf in the middle aisle and not at the door.

DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Hexham & Newcastle Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes under the leadership of the Bishop will take place from 26th July - 2nd August 2019. There are posters, leaflets & application forms at the back of church for further information.

COFFEES AFTER MASS Provided by Carmel Taize Group

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	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
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LUNCH GROUP 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 APPEAL

<i>This Week</i>	<i>£9.68</i>
<i>Total in Bank</i>	<i>£445.02</i>
<i>Total so far</i>	<i>£31,95.94</i>

This appeal started in October 2000, when we were asked to help Joe Plumb – Peru Mission. We adopted Paddington Bear as the symbol and used empty film canisters which holds twenty-five 2p coins. Some empty canisters are kept in the Porch. (*Coins to the value of more than 2p can be used if you so wish.* These can be returned each Sunday to the Paddington Bear bucket inside the Church. The running total from October 2000 to December 2018 now stands at just under **£32,000**. This is an ongoing fund raising project

VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy:

Finance Assistant, Dept. for Finance, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle – full-time, 3 year fixed term contract. Closing date: 21 January. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us (0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)

<u>January 13th</u>		<u>Baptism of Our Lord - YEAR C</u>	
SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Francis O'Hare RIP Anthony Jayakody RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Req. Mass Bernard Carrigan RIP
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's	12 noon	Req. Mass Mick Bennett RIP
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	D/M Duffy Family
FRIDAY	No. 10	7.00 pm	Personal Intentions (JGS)
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Agnes Creegan RIP Followed by Confessions
SUNDAY 20 th January 2 nd Sunday of Year C	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Vincent McCulla RIP Ints. of B Dunleavy
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, Philip Robinson, Elizabeth Leeman, Michael Grogan, Madeleine Swift, Joan McIntyre and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD			
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 20 th January		
		9.15 am	6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	St Augustine's Academy	S Hughes/A Webster	
READERS	St Augustine's Academy	A Ivanec/B Dunleavy	
OFFERTORY	St Augustine's Academy	G Connor	
COUNTERS TEAM (B) T Appleton/ G Harrison/J Poad/G Doherty			
	Sunday 6 th January	£516.89	
	December Bankers Orders	£2,295 £243.70 (£304.62 gift aided)	
	£2,754 gift aided	£ 760.59	