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Hogarth Partnership

St Teresa, St Thomas Aquinas, SS William & Francis De Sales

ST AUGUSTINE'S BULLETIN

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24th March 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C

BREVIARY WEEK : 3

WORD FOR TODAY

We all think that we have plenty of time to get round to sorting out our lives and our relationship with God. But today's gospel warns us that we never know what's around the corner; besides, what's so undesirable about God that we would we want to put off committing ourselves fully to him?

OPEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING to be held today Sunday 24th March 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Everybody welcome.

FORTY DAYS - FORTY ITEMS

The SVP invite you to join us in a new idea to mark Lent this year. Please try to remember to support those less fortunate than ourselves by making a donation each day to either the Food Bank or to the refugees in Newcastle; both of which are projects supported by SVP members and others within our parish. ***Toilet rolls and tinned sardines (preferably in oil)*** for the refugees are in very short supply. The Food Bank need ***UHT milk, tinned meats and vegetables*** and other foods that can be easily prepared with minimum cooking facilities. Donations may be left in the boxes in church; they may also be sent into St Augustine's School.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & EXPOSITION

- Stations of the Cross Friday 12.15pm – St Augustine's Church.
- Stations of the Cross Tuesday 7pm – Holy Family Church.
- Stations of the Cross Saturday 4.20pm - St Anne's Church (before Mass).
- Stations of the Cross Sunday 4pm - St Teresa's Church.

TIME WITH JESUS DURING LENT

On Monday evenings during Lent ***7pm-8pm***, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament here in church. This will include guided meditations and periods of silence for those people who would like to enter into a deeper prayer life with Jesus during this Lenten period. All are welcome.

Rehearsals for Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday 20 April, 8.00pm at St Thomas Aquinas

This year the Easter Vigil for St Augustine's, Holy Family and St Thomas Aquinas will be celebrated at St Thomas's.

Do you enjoy singing at Mass, or are you part of a parish choir or group? Or do you play a musical instrument? Then come along to rehearsals for the Easter Vigil at St Thomas Aquinas Church (North Road, Darlington) on the following

Sunday afternoons at 3.00pm: 31 March, 7 April & 14 April.

The hymns and music chosen are familiar in all our parishes, none are difficult to sing or learn. Fr David Russell.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2020

Parents who would like their children to celebrate First Holy Communion in 2020 (Yr 4 and above) please speak to Fr Ryan after Mass as soon as possible.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 hour on Sunday 31st March 1.00 am



PARTNERSHIP LENTEN SESSIONS

25th March – St. William’s Parish Hall 7pm Attraction and Call

1st April – St. Teresa’s –7pm Cause to Celebrate

8th April- St. Anne’s Parish Hall 7pm Making things New

We extend a warm welcome to all the modules to all our partnership member

BREAK 4 LENT

Details of the course: Followers of Jesus:

Monday 25th March Rev Paul Revill (Baptist)

Monday 1st April Ven. Rick Simpson (Anglican)

Monday 8th April Rev John Bower (Methodist)

10.30am coffee/tea, scone, 11.00am speaker, to finish by 11.30am.

Suggested minimum donation £2 Venue: St Cuthbert’s Church Parish Hall

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.

Alpha

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: 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

'The Selfish Giant' The children and young people of STEPPS are presenting this one act short play by Oscar Wilde. **On Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th April. At 2pm in St Teresa’s church.** The youngsters range from 3yrs – 17yrs old (With the addition and support of a couple of adults.) This is the first time the young people have presented a play and would love to have your support. Tickets are £4.00 adults, £2.50 children, under 5’s free. To include refreshments in the porch after the performance, **Tickets available after Mass or contact Angela at angelastepps@live.co.uk.**

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8.13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. I must go and look at this strange sight, Moses said, and see why the bush is not burnt. Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, Moses, Moses! he said. Here I am he answered. Come no nearer he said. Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father, he said the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.

Then Moses said to God, I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you. But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them? And God said to Moses, I Am who I Am. This he added is what you must say to the sons of Israel: I Am has sent me to you. And God also said to Moses, You are to say to the sons of Israel: The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.

PSALM

The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down." '

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Did you hear about the little girl who thought that God was called Peter.
When her mother asked her why she thought this, she said it was because at
the end of Mass the priest said,
"Go in peace" and we all replied, "Thanks, Peter God".

NO GREATER LOVE THAN THIS A Meditation in Song & Pictures on the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by David Ritson. Sunday 7th April 4.00pm in St Bede's Church, Stockton.

REFLECTION – What I fail to do

It isn't the things you do,
it's the things you leave undone,
which give you a little heartache
at the setting of the sun.
The gentle word forgotten,
the letter you didn't write;
the flowers you might have sent,
are your haunting ghosts tonight.
The stone you might have lifted
out of your brother's way;
the little heart-felt counsel
you were hurried too much to say.
The tender touch of the hand,
the gentle and kindly tone;
which we have no time or thought for,
with troubles enough of our own.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are running low on mass intentions for the *masses that take place during the week*. If you would like a Mass for a special anniversary, remembrance or a personal intention there are envelopes available in Church. These can be left on the collection plate or handed to Fr Gordon. Thank you.

CEILIDH - HOLY FAMILY PARISH, SATURDAY 30TH MARCH 7PM.

You are invited to join the dance led by 'Blind Panic Ceilidh Band,' and enjoy a light supper, raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £10 adults, children free with paying adults. Money raised will be shared between Fr Raphael Mozambique, and Parish centre fund. Tickets: Tricia 07929337908.

PIETY SHOP: NEW STOCK

Mother's Day cards, Easter Cards, Happy Easter wooden banners and paper packs to customise your banner, First Communion cards, jewellery and rosary beads.

We also have a SALE box full of bargains.

Come and browse. If you can't see what you want, ask and we'll do our best to get it for 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 7.30 - 10.30pm

I'm sitting on the dock of a rain lashed ferry terminal in Amsterdam, wondering why I ever agreed to come back and run the Parish Centre Quiz on Friday 29th at 8 pm (only £1 per person) ... and then I remember. Because it's fun ! I promise it will be a Brexit-free zone. Mike Webber

JOB VACANCIES

- **St. Augustine's R.C. Primary School** (Carmel Education Trust)
Fulltime Permanent Teacher Vacancy for September 2019
Closing date: 4pm Thursday 4th April 2019.
Interviews will be held on Monday 8th April 2019.
For full advert and application packs please visit the school website:
www.staugustinesacademy.org.uk
Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and positively encouraged, please contact the School Office on Tel: 01325 380819 or email:
enquiries@staugustinesacademy.org.uk
St Augustine's R.C. Primary School, Beechwood Avenue, Darlington DL3 7H
- **Administrator, Dept. for Safeguarding** – full-time, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 10 April. See website www.rcdhn.org.uk
- **Admission Appeals Panel Members**
The Diocesan Department for Education are looking for persons to be considered as lay or non-lay members of appeal panels for school admissions for the Catholic schools within the Diocese. Application forms from www.edurcdhn.or/uk, or email education@diocesehn.org.uk or by phone on 01912 433313. Closing date Thursday 18th April 2019.
- **Quakers Meeting House – Temporary Centre Manager**
They are looking to recruit for one year only (to cover maternity leave) a Centre manager, hours flexible 12-18 hrs per week. See notice board for further details.

<u>March 24th</u>		<u>3rd Sunday of Lent - YEAR C</u>	
SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Private Int. (Safe Pregnancy) Bessie & Kevin Murphy RIP
MONDAY	No. 10	12.15 pm	Jubin George – In Thanksgiving
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	No 10	7.00 pm	Ints of St Joseph the Worker
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	For the Souls of BP, HF, CC RIP
FRIDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	12 noon 7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross Holy Souls
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	D/M Kidson Family Confessions after Mass
SUNDAY 31 st March 4 th Sunday of Lent Year C	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Josefa Santamaria RIP Maureen Gaffney 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, Philip Robinson, Elizabeth Leeman, Michael Grogan, Madeleine Swift, Joan McIntyre and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD			
ANNIVERSARIES	March Anniversaries – Lily Daley, May Sellers, Maurcie Conway, Stanley Butterfield, Delia Lancaster, Betty Baldwin, Patrick McMullan, Janet Horner, Winifred Hewitt, Patricia Stewart, Kathleen Kelly, Rona Gunnell, Jean Patricio, Hilda Pattison, Noel Doherty. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 31 st March		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	J Cunningham/Noble Family	Mr & Mrs Humphrey	
READERS	G Wiper/C McAllister	J Devine/G Connor	
OFFERTORY	Irving Family	P Widdall	
COUNTERS TEAM (D)	J Kilgour/B Tully/M Knowles/C McKeown		
	Sunday 17 TH March	£ 499.33	
	February Bankers Orders	£2,295 £ 252.57 (£315.71 gift aided)	
	£2,869 gift aided	£ 751.90	

COFFEES AFTER MASS IN THE PARISH CENTRE – PROVIDED BY HCPT