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Hogarth Partnership

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

ST AUGUSTINE'S BULLETIN

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31st March 2019 – 4th Sunday of Lent - Year C

BREVIARY WEEK : 4

WORD FOR TODAY

There is nothing that is so bad that God cannot forgive it if we are truly sorry. There is no sin that can put us out of reach of God's mercy. Today we are reminded that the God we worship is the same God who is humble enough to welcome sinners and to eat with them. Repentance has a central place in the Christian life. But fear doesn't.



A MOTHER...

When you're a child she walks before you,
to set an example.

When you're a teenager she walks behind you
to be there should you need her.

When you're an adult she walks beside you
so that as two friends you can enjoy life together.

FORTY DAYS - FORTY ITEMS

The SVP invite you 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

On Monday 8th April there will be Stations of the Cross with some of the children from St Augustine's School at 9.30am & 11.00am.

- 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 in church. This will include guided meditations and periods of silence.

TAIZE EVENING – in Church on Monday 15th April 7-8pm. 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.

LITURGY MEETING

Following the 7pm Mass on *Wednesday 10th April*.

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.

PARTNERSHIP LENTEN SESSIONS

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 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

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

'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.** Tickets are £4.00 adults, £2.50 children, under 5’s free. To include refreshments in the porch after the performance, **Tickets - contact Angela at angelastepps@live.co.uk.**

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL STATEMENT:

For six years we have had a highly successful annual diocesan festival. In good biblical tradition this year will be a fallow year. We will be back in June 2020 with a bigger and brighter vision inspired by ‘The God who speaks’ (Bishops Conference of England and Wales Year of the Word 2020). To receive updates and to be the first to book check out our Diocesan social media page and website.

Now lost for something to do on the 22nd June 2019? Join us at the Emmaus Youth Village for a family day filled with Fun and Faith – details to follow.

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you. The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

PSALM

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3.11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local

inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found." '

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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 – Loved in our sins

The prodigal son came home empty-handed.
He had no trophies to show his father,
no achievements with which to earn
his praise, his welcome, and his love.
He was a failure. Worse – he was a sinner.
He deserved to be punished – and he knew it.
Yet punishment was the last thing he needed.
To punish him would be like pouring water on a dying fire.
What happened?
When the father saw his lost son coming towards him,
his heart went out to him,
and next minute they were in each other's arms.
It is an extraordinary experience to be loved in one's sinfulness
such love is like a breeze to a dying fire,
or rain falling on parched ground.
Those who have experienced this kind of love,
know something about the heart of God.

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.

GOSPEL CONCERT

We hosted an event last year in the Parish Centre for a Gospel Evening. They have booked again this year and will be running this event on Saturday 25th May from 6-9pm (doors open at 5.30pm). Admission is by ticket but it is free entry. There are some tickets available in the middle of Church. It was a fantastic evening last year, suitable for all ages. For more info please contact 07585 956096 / vogospel2017@gmail.com or check them out on facebook/the voiceofgospel.

BACK SACRISTY

At the open parish council held on Sunday, one of the questions raised was the Back Sacristy which at the moment is used for the Children's Liturgy as well as storage/flower arrangers/cleaners. If anybody has any ideas of how this could be improved/changed please contact the office/Fr Gordon.

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

*The Parish Club has now gone contactless,
payments for drinks at the bar can be taken by card, phone, or even cash.*

JOB VACANCIES

- **St. Augustine's R.C. Primary School** (Carmel Education Trust)
Full-time 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.org.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 31st</u>		<u>4th Sunday of Lent - YEAR C</u>	
SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Josefa Santamaria RIP Maureen Gaffney RIP
MONDAY	No. 10	12.15 pm	NO MASS
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	No 10	7.00 pm	Sini Johnson RIP
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Ints of Fitzgerald Family
FRIDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	12 noon 7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross John&Seraphine Barnabas RIP
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Ints of Our Lady NO CONFESSIONS
SUNDAY 7 th April 5 th Sunday of Lent YearC	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	George&Delia Lancaster RIP Private Intention (sick)
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	Fr Jim Keane		
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 7 th April		
	9.15 am		6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	T Murray/Appleton Family	Brian Dunleavey/Chris	
READERS	Alex Nicholson/Julie King	Mike & Ann Webster	
OFFERTORY	Tobin Family	Holborn Family	
COUNTERS TEAM (A) P Anwyll/C Webb/J Brown			
Sunday 24 TH March		£ 570.35	
February Bankers Orders £2,295		£ 246.40 (£308 gift aided)	
£2,869 gift aided		£ 816.75	

COFFEES AFTER MASS IN THE PARISH CENTRE – PROVIDED BY HCPT