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Hogarth Partnership

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

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12th January 2020 – Baptism of Our Lord

WORD FOR TODAY

Our baptism isn't something that's over and done with. It's like a tree that's planted and which keeps growing every day of its life.

At baptism we were set apart to share in building God's kingdom on earth and this is something we have to renew constantly

A very warm welcome to all our visitors; we're delighted to see you and hope you have an enjoyable visit.

CHRISTMAS MONIES

The collection held at Christmas realised £2,316.76. This will be distributed between your recommended chosen charities. Please let Fr Gordon know, or drop a note into the office with the name of the charity, plus your name and contact number.

BAPTISM COURSE



Where? St Augustine's Parish Centre
When? Thursday 30th January and 6th February 2020
7.15pm – 8.30pm

Please let us know if you will be attending, either by telephone on 266602 or by email info@staugustineschurch.org.uk. Both sessions need to be completed.

MARRIAGE COURSE



If you wish to marry in any of our Partnership Churches, you must attend a Marriage Preparation course. The courses for 2020 are:

Saturday 25th April

Saturday 10th October

both at St Thomas Aquinas Church 10am - 4.00pm.

To book a place ring 0800 3893801/email marriagecare.tyneside@gmail.com

MEETINGS

- Justice & Peace meet on Wednesday 15th January after 7pm Mass
- Worship Group meet on Wednesday 22nd January after 7pm Mass.

POWERPOINT FOR CHURCH

if you can help with this please come to the Worship Group meeting on Wednesday 22nd January.

SPUC collection will be held on Sunday 19th January 2020.

HOGARTH/PARTNERSHIP
NEWS/EVENTS

Alpha course starting on January 22nd which will run for 12 weeks. See us on our new Facebook page 'Hogarth Alpha' where full details and other information will be posted. This course will be run at St William's on Barton Street. Contact Ray on 07796 610757 with any questions.

Next PDG Meeting 23/01/2020 7.00pm

STARS present Aladdin, a traditional family pantomime. Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 January 2020 at 7.30pm and Saturday 25 January at 1pm matinee and 6pm evening (new times). Tickets are £10 / £5 with a 2 for 1 offer on Wednesday evening. Tickets available in the Parish Centre after each mass as well as from www.starsdarlington.co.uk and by calling 07397774913

VOLUNTEERS

It has been brought to our attention by the Diocese that when volunteers are required to drive a personal motor vehicle to carry out church activities the Diocese does not hold any motor insurance in case of an accident. Some examples listed by the Diocese are:

- A parish financial volunteer driving to the bank to deposit collection monies.
- A car rota to collect members of a lunch club.
- Ministers taking Holy Communion to the sick or housebound.
- An organised or semi organised arrangement where parishioners with cars pick up other parishioners to bring them to mass.

You need to check the level of cover provided by your insurance company and tell them that you are a church volunteer. In the vast majority of cases they will not charge an additional premium and will make a note on your policy, OR you need to add personal business cover to your insurance policy.

You then need to complete an annual declaration form and submit it to the office. Copies of this document are available from the office or from the middle of Church.

NORTHERN CROSS is on sale this weekend after Mass which costs £1. The SVP are able to claim back 20p on every paper sold.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from dungeon.

Psalm

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said, 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replies, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should in this way, do all the righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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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.

NO. 10 ST AUGUSTINE'S COURT (OPPOSITE CHURCH)

When the Church is open for various services, toilet facilities are available in this property, along with a baby changing table.

We have now put a 2020 planner on the wall – it would be good if any groups who use these facilities could fill the details on the planner so that we can keep a check of when the building is being used.

Thank you.

WHEELCHAIR – there is a foldable wheelchair available for use in the Church and is kept in the Side passage of the Church (under the stairs). Please return if/when used.

EXPLORE, LISTEN, DISCOVER GOD'S CALL....For single Catholic women open to a possible call to religious life. A weekend retreat of prayer, discussion, reflection, community...a time to discern & to be with others on a similar journey. Friday 28th February -Sunday 1st March at 216A Wingrove Road, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE4 9DD. Further information on the Noticeboard.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENINGS - 2020 THEME IS STAND TOGETHER:

2020 marks the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz–Birkenau.

- A Holocaust Memorial Ceremony will be held in Queen Elizabeth 6th Form College, Vane Terrace, Darlington on **Monday 27th January** at 7pm. The ceremony will be led by The Right Reverend Andrew Tremlett, Dean of Durham Cathedral.
- On **Thursday 30 January** St. Michael's Catholic Academy, Beamish Road, Billingham is host for a Diocesan commemoration. This event starts at 7.00pm with the guest speaker, Marta Joseph's who will recall her father's experiences during the Holocaust. (Booking is essential) Visit the Diocesan website for more information on all these events and the latest news from the Department for Interreligious Relations.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FEBRUARY

A preliminary planning meeting is being held on Monday afternoon 13th January at 2.00pm and it would be good if somebody could go representing St Augustine's. For further details please contact Anne Gibbon 484900.

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

TUESDAY LUNCHEON GROUP

21st January 2020 from 12.30 pm with last orders at 1.30pm. Cost is £2.50 which includes homemade soup, bread and cake. Everybody welcome.

Peru Mission (Paddington Bear) Any loose change (basket in the middle of Church) is forwarded onto Joe Plumb in Peru. Currently the monies raised stand at

This week £19.51 Total £ 32,887.51



**COFFEES AFTER MASS
are being hosted by
HCPT**

TOO HEALTHY?

An elderly couple met their demise in a car accident and were transported to heaven.

The faithful couple were recognised by St Peter and escorted into the Welcome Centre, where they began to take in all the wonder and amazement of the place. He pointed out the food court and told them that they could of course eat anything and not worry about their health.

The husband especially began enjoying the pastries and deserts.

The wife was amazed at the beauty, the peace and joy she felt and commented over and over about what a nice place Heaven was and how happy she felt to be there.

However the husband began to look quite angry, his wife asked what the problem was. He replied, "If it weren't for you and your oat bran muffins and health food, we'd probably have been here 15 years ago!"

<u>January 12th 2020</u>		<u>Epiphany of the Lord</u>	
SUNDAY	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Kathleen Stack RIP Thanksgiving 50yrs Married
MONDAY	No. 10	12.15 pm	Ints of Dean & Self Families
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service
WEDNESDAY	No. 10	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Joseph Mercer RIP Justice & Peace Meeting
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15pm	John Micaloff RIP
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Vincent McCulla RIP
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Patrick McQuaid RIP Followed by Confessions
SUNDAY 17 th January	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Francis O'Hare RIP Rose Cowan RIP
THOSE WHO ARE SICK	Please remember Fr Gary Dickson, Fr Richard Harriott, Fr Wilfrid Elkin, and all priests and religious in the diocese and people of the parish who have health problems. Also the sick & housebound of the parish - Michelle Butler, Anne Kee, Betty Smith, Elizabeth Leeman, Michael Grogan, Joan McIntyre, Betty Poad, Eunice Davis and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD	Neville Patterson		
ANNIVERSARIES	January Anniversaries – Osmund Poad, John Daley, Jack Taylor, Jimmy Taylor, Noreen Jameson, 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, Stephen Love, Patrick Crooks, Edward Jones, Margaret Patterson, Hilda & Domenico Bambino, Maureen Harrison, Tommy Marley. <i>May they rest in peace.</i>		

MINISTERS	Sunday 19 th January	
	9.15 am	6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	St Augustine's Academy	C Spence/J Crowe
READERS	St Augustine's Academy	C Woolley/J Owens
OFFERTORY	St Augustine's Academy	P Widdall
COUNTERS TEAM	(B) T Appleton/ G Harrison/G Doherty	

THIS SUNDAY

12 th January	9.15 am	6.30 pm
WELCOMERS	<i>J Cunningham/S Noble/P Ingham</i>	<i>C Spence/R Ivanec</i>
READERS	<i>C Iley/J Scott</i>	<i>A Webster/P Mann</i>
OFFERTORY	<i>Nigel Tobin</i>	<i>J Crowe</i>