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WORD FOR TODAY

When faced with difficulties and problems, how do we try to solve them? Do we bring the light of our faith to bear on our decisions? Do we seek the enlightenment that our belief in Jesus can bring? Does prayer ever enter into the equation, or do we just muddle through?

Please remember to pray for all those affected by Coronavirus, including NHS Staff, and those whose business or livelihood is affected.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As from the evening of Friday the 20th March all public liturgies will be suspended. That means no Sunday or weekday masses. All Obligation is also removed until further notice. Masses will be celebrated by the Priest but without the faithful. Baptisms will also be deferred. If any have been scheduled in the next month or so, please contact the Priest to see what can be done. The celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony should also be deferred until such time that people can gather in numbers safely. However, if this is not possible and only in the most pressing of circumstances, then those present for the marriage should be restricted to the celebrant, the bride and groom and immediate family and the legal registrar. Funeral services should take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the cemetery or crematorium authorities. Arrangements should be made for a Mass to be celebrated in memoriam when congregations are allowed to gather. This advice will be reviewed and developed as necessary weekly.

Rev. Canon C. Thomas, General Secretary to the Bishops' Conference. 18th March 2020.

CHURCH SERVICES TV stream live Masses from many locations across the UK and The Tablet has put together a useful summary of resources you can use. Go to <https://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/12590/isolated-but-not-alone-resources-for-catholics>.

The Pope's daily Masses at Casa Santa Marta and the Sunday Angelus are being streamed live on the **Vatican's YouTube channel**. No need to watch live, tune in at any time.

We are hoping to livestream Sunday Mass check the website or St Augustine's Face Book page to see if we have managed to upload it.

COMMUNITY PEER MENTOR

Supporting people across Conty Durham and Darlington.

If you are feeling vulnerable or isolated please ring the office (266602) or email Community.PeerMentors@durham.pnn.police.uk and we can arrange for somebody to ring and talk to you.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons. When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, Surely the Lords anointed one stands there before him, but the Lord said to Samuel, Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart. Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, The Lord has not chosen these. He then asked Jesse, Are these all the sons you have? He answered, There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep. Then Samuel said to Jesse, Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes. Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said Come, anoint him, for this is the one. At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel: John 9: 9:1.6-9.13-17.34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and

said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him

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HOGARTH/PARTNERSHIP NEWS/EVENTS
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<i>Hogarth News/Bulletins – web site: staugustineschurch.org.uk</i>

Until we get permission to set up a Hogarth Partnership Website there will be a page on our website (Staugustineschurch.org.uk) dedicated to the Hogarth Partnership, which will include other parish bulletins, and events.
