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17th May 2020 – 6th Sunday of Easter

WORD FOR TODAY

*The Advocate promised by Jesus is real.
In our daily lives we have a ready presence
to guide us, support us and inspire us.
Access to this gift of God comes only
through prayer.*

How often do we ask for it?

*The office is closed for the time being,
If you wish to speak/contact Fr Gordon please ring the office -
266602 or email info@staugustineschurch.org.uk.*

*I will be saying Mass privately every day at 12.15pm
if you wish to join me in spirit.*

Sunday 17th May 9.15am – D/M Deery Family

Monday 12.15pm

Tuesday 12.15pm

Wednesday 12.15pm

Thursday 21st May 7.00pm – Ascension of the Lord (live-streaming)

Friday 12.15pm

Saturday 12.15pm

Sunday 24th May 9.15am – Monica Morgan RIP

Sunday 31st May 9.15am – Frank Connolly RIP

Please let us know if you are happy for a mass intention that you have already asked for on a particular date to still take place.

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, Doris Trees and Pat Cunningham and all those looking after them.
LATELY DEAD +	Madeleine Swift, Con Larkin, Mike Lindsay, Mary Shepherd, Keith Holdsworth, Jenny Castle, Fr Tony Pearson
ANNIVERSARIES	May Anniversaries – Dick Hansell, Ronnie Tempest, Frank Connolly, Sarah Danks, Hugh McGee, Carole Charlton, May Smollet, Corazon Thompson, Sue Gatenby, Maria Alden, David Whalen, George Clarkson, Peter Forrest. <i>May they rest in peace.</i>

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

Bishop Robert says thank you to everyone who is helping to overcome the challenges, and assures us of his prayers.

CAFOD are hosting a live online [children's liturgy](#) for families, on **Sundays at 10am.**

COMMUNITY PEER MENTOR

Supporting people across County 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.

CHURCH SERVICES

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.

- **St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle**
[Cathedral's YouTube Channel](#). Each day at 12.00 noon (Sunday at 11.30am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and devotions live streamed at 5.00pm each day.

There is a full list on the website of those churches (that we know of) within the Diocese which are live-streaming Masses, prayer services, benediction, Exposition of the Eucharist.

Catholic Bishops of England and Wales.

Mass for the Sick and their families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in social care.

In order to show spiritual solidarity with people suffering from hardship, isolation and other reasons, a Mass will be live-streamed from a Cathedral each week during May on a Thursday at 7pm.

21st May – Bishop Mark Davies - Shrewsbury Cathedral

28th May – Bishop Terence Drainey - Middlesborough Cathedral

Visit the individual Cathedral websites or Bishop Conference webpage (cbcew.org.uk) links for live-streaming can be found.

The **NORTHERN CROSS** this month is only available on line. Please contact northerncross.org.uk.

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Psalm

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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*Do you love God because you are looking forward to the reward of heaven?
Because you are afraid of being punished?
Because it's the decent thing to do?
Or because you're so grateful for everything God does for you that you want
to share it?*

FIRST STOP DARLINGTON

The local charity helping those in need and distress are operating a telephone system for advice on benefits, housing and any difficulties people may be experiencing please contact freephone 0800 195 3144.

FOOD BANK – please leave any donations inside the door of the Presbytery.

King's Foodbank Opening Times: Mon, Wed & Fri, 1pm – 3pm

Find us on Facebook Tel. 01325 469884

King's Church, Prospect Place, Whessoe Road, Darlington DL3 0QT

St.Columba's Opening Times: Friday, 11:00am – 12:00noon

St.Columba's Church, Clifton Ave, Darlington DL1 5EE

If you know of anybody in need please contact John Kilgour at, JohnK@svp-tyne.org.uk or phone the office (266602) and leave a message.

You can donate directly by bank transfer to The SVP or Kings Foodbank for details please contact John on the email - JohnK@svp-tyne.org.uk.



JUSTICE & PEACE – H&N DIOCESE

The Justice and Peace Co-Ordinating Council has a management committee for the Refugee and Asylum Seekers' project. Its members have worked very hard to maintain support for those who can no longer visit the project, which

had to close temporarily.

It now provides £30 food coupons via Tesco and Asda for those in greatest need. By 20th April 46 had been distributed and this has been a life saver for many. It has passed on food supplies from its store for distribution.

Our work is still costing money, so donations would be appreciated by Bank Transfer for Sort Code 40-34-18 Account 52854058.

The AGM and annual Mass has been postponed.

COUNSELLING AND LISTENING SERVICES

As part of the pastoral care of parishioners and others during this COVID-19 lockdown, a number of qualified counsellors and listeners have generously made themselves available to anyone who may be troubled by the negative effects of the situation. These counsellors and listeners can be contacted through the St Mary's Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.

PARISH BULLETIN

We are hoping to send out the bulletin via email – using the details supplied by yourselves on the last parish census. If you know you didn't fill in one of these but would like to be included please let us know/alternatively if you want your name removed from the list just contact us at the office.

info@staugustineschurch.org.uk

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO

A seven session Discernment Programme for men considering Priesthood in Hexham & Newcastle Diocese.

An online course of reflection and discussion started on Monday 11th May. To find out more please contact Fr Christopher Warren at

Vocations@rcdhn.org.uk.

MARRIAGE CARE

All Diocesan arranged day courses have been suspended and for those couples who had booked onto a course they should have been advised. There is still ongoing online preparation, known as FOCCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study), is an alternative, always available, whereby couples register online to complete a comprehensive questionnaire, covering the same themes as a day course, which is reviewed by a trained facilitation. Booking access is gained via the MarriageCare website – [www:marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk), under the 'How we help' section, 'Relationship counselling'.

They also provide many useful links for Relationship support organisations; Debt and Finance; Family support organisations; Domestic abuse, which includes support for women, men and children.

If anybody would like to change their envelope donation to a direct debit our bank details are as follows:

DHN Darlington St Augustine A registered Charity
HSBC Bank Account No. **11163914** Sort Code **40-3418**

CAFOD - NEWS

- CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities.

While we are not able to hold physical collections in church, you can donate as individuals at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal.

- We are living through the biggest public health crisis in a century. Right across the UK, coronavirus is having a devastating impact on all of our daily lives, and many people have lost precious loved ones. But in many developing countries where poverty is widespread and healthcare systems are much more fragile, the effects are likely to be disastrous. We must never forget that we are one global family, united in this struggle. Now is not the time to build barriers, but for the world to unite in love and compassion.
- Out of love for our sisters and brothers overseas, sign our petition asking the Prime Minister to ensure that the most vulnerable people are the priority in the UK's international efforts as well as at home.

<https://e-activist.com/page/59334/petition/1?>

- Our sisters and brothers overseas do not have access to healthcare systems as brilliant as the NHS. I urge you to work together with other world leaders to:
- Make sure that any vaccine developed with UK public money is made available to everyone regardless of their income or where in the world they live.
- Provide urgent financial and technical support to help developing countries cope with this crisis.
- Cancel all debt payments by developing countries due in 2020 so that countries can spend money on much needed healthcare rather than debt repayments.
- Put plans in place to rebuild a fairer, more just society after the crisis so that the world's most vulnerable people can live in dignity and to restore our common home for future generations.