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15th November 2020 – 33rd Sunday of Year A

WORD FOR TODAY

A Christian fact hard to swallow is that God allows us to behave in a way that rejects him. We are free to be faithful to his gospel and his commandments, or to ignore them. But today he does remind us of the consequences of burying both our heads and our talents in the sand.



NOVEMBER is the month of Holy Souls, when we remember and pray for those who have died, especially our loved ones. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Today we remember all those in our parish, along with friends and relatives who have died in the last twelve months by the reading of their names and lighting a candle at Mass.

*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.*

*Sunday 15th November 9.15am – Deceased of the Parish
Sunday 22nd November 9.15am – Jack Jolly RIP*

RE-OPENING OF CHURCH

As from 5th November 2020

All places of worship closed except for private prayer
Funerals limited to 30 people only.

*Church will be closed for private worship and Mass for the next four weeks,
I will continue to offer masses privately.*

Sunday Mass will continue to be live-streamed at 9.15am.

FOOD BANK – please take any donations *direct* to the Food Banks.

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.

EXCITING NEW PROJECT - LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR TRAIL - want to join in?

Because of the uncertainty of the restrictions, we have found a **new way for our community to celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas** this year. We are planning an Advent Trail which can be accessed safely, throughout the season, without the need for a gathering.

The plan is for different parishioners to decorate and light up a window each day of Advent to form a 'Living Advent Calendar' which can be appreciated by the whole community. You don't need to be a fabulous artist, you just need to have a few ideas and a little bit of enthusiasm. There are a few people willing to give advice or discuss your ideas. In order to avoid repetition, volunteers will be given a choice of themes. It is a great idea to get your whole family involved.

Obviously this will need a little bit of planning so it would be great if you could let us know as soon as possible if you are interested to 'host' a window.

Email info@staugustineschurch.org.uk

Phone 266602

Message the parish FB page

There are a few important points.

- The window should be visible from the road (we don't want to encourage people onto your property)
- It can be upstairs or downstairs
- You need to be happy for your Street (but not your name) to be included in the trail details
- The window needs to be lit daily between 4pm and 8pm
- The window should stay decorated from the allotted day until the Epiphany (6th January)

Families and parishioners will be able to spot the windows at their own convenience, whilst keeping within the current guidelines and avoiding gathering. It sounds like fun doesn't it?

Hurry to volunteer to host a window....



First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

A perfect wife - who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

PSALM

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." '

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), published its investigation report into the Catholic Church in England and Wales this week. This is based on the main public hearings held in October and November 2019. Bishop Byrne CO and the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle fully supports the response from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: If you have been affected by this report further support is also available: See statement on the Diocesan website.

1. You can contact the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Safeguarding Team on 0191 243 3305.
2. '*Safe Spaces*' is an independent service supporting survivors of church-related abuse. This independent service is run by the charity Victim Support and is free to access via telephone – 0300 303 1056 (answerphone available outside of opening times), email – safespaces@victimsupport.org, or web-chat via www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk.
3. Other organisations offering support can also be found via the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service at <https://www.csas.uk.net/>.

STAY SAFE

There has been a massive increase in 'Scams' and 'Frauds' in the last 6 months.

Please remember:

- The Police will never ring you and tell you that a fraud has taken place against you and ask you to ring them back on 999 – This is a Scam!
- HMRC will NEVER threaten to issue you with a warrant for your arrest if you do not follow the instructions from a voicemail or text
- HMRC will NEVER text you to inform you that you have a tax rebate
- No Bank will just text or call you to inform you that there has been fraudulent use on your account

If you receive a call and you are unsure ask them to call you back in 10 minutes and then ring a friend or relative; this will show if your line has been held open by offenders who may be posing as police.

If you are unsure ring 101 and ask to speak to someone from Durham Constabulary and ask them to check if the request is true.

If you feel you have been the victim of a fraud please ring 101 and ask for Durham Constabulary and let them know

PARISH FINANCES

The first six months of the financial year have now passed and a comparison has been done between Mar-Sep 2020 and Mar-Sep 2019.

	30/9/2020	30/9/2019
Receipts		
Collections		
• Gift Aid	£13,712	£20,153
• Loose Plate	£ 5,251	£12,944
Special Collections	£18,963	£33,097
• Diocese	£0	
• Others	£190	£2,382
	£190	£4,362
Total Receipts	£23,480	£6,744
		£57,784
Payments		
• General Admin	£9,283	£7,520
• Wages	£2,225	£6,864
• Heat & Light	£5,803	£9,003
• Clergy Allowances	£3,270	£1,288
• Piety & Papers	£ 495	£3,091
Total Payments	£33,312	£41,720

As you can see income has dropped by half, and payments have not reduced very significantly. At the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday it was agreed that we would send a parish donation of £5,000 split between those appeals that we should have supported this year through a second collection – there would have been 15 different collections, i.e. Cafod, Sick & Retired Priests, Little Sisters of the Poor, Home/Mission Sunday, annual Mission appeal etc. If you would like to contribute towards these please use our banking details below:

THANK YOU to those parishioners who donate by standing order every month, and those who have changed from envelope to standing order.

If you would like to change your envelope donation and pay direct:
(can you please use your name and envelope number as the reference)

our bank details are as follows:

DHN Darlington St Augustine A registered Charity
(HSBC) Bank Account No. **11163914** Sort Code **40-34-18**

<u>November 15th 2020</u>	<u>33rd Sunday of Year (A)</u>		
SUNDAY	Live-Streamed	9.15 am	Deceased of the Parish
MONDAY	In Private		Kathleen Tinney RIP
TUESDAY			Private Int.
WEDNESDAY	In Private		May Hardy RIP
THURSDAY	In Private		In Thanksgiving (Jose Family)
FRIDAY	In Private		Ints. of Foy Family
SATURDAY	In Private		Dorothy Tobin RIP
SUNDAY 22 nd November Christ the King - Year A	Live-Streamed	9.15 am	Jack Jolly 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, Michael Grogan, Doris Trees, Sylvia McGee & Robyn Drummond and all those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD +	Delia Green, Al Gunnell (car park attendant), Muriel Elliott, Fr Stephen Johnson		
ANNIVERSARIES	November Anniversaries – Gordon Davies, Thomas Taylor, Kathleen Taylor, Mary Ord, Francis Keenan, Louisa Temple, Mary Appleby, Mavis McGuirl, Joan Beckwith, Joan Green, Jimmy Bailie, Margaret Urwin, Patricia Richardson, Danny O’Toole, Pat Coates, Lillian Stephenson, David Ord, Jack Jolly. <i>May they rest in peace.</i>		

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.