

St Anne, St Augustine, Holy Family, St Mary, St Osmund

# Hogarth Partnership

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

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*20<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year B*

## WORD FOR TODAY

*God may not send an angel like Gabriel to appear to each of us. But he does want to hear our “yes”, our “let it be done to me” just as he waited for Mary’s response. As Advent draws to a close we too are invited to ask what it is that God is asking of us at this time, and to respond in faith.*

*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](mailto:info@staugustineschurch.org.uk).*

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*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am – Vincent McCulla RIP  
6.30 pm - Keith & Rose Cowan RIP*

*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am – Kath Webber RIP  
6.30 pm – Stan Glendenning RIP*

*Funerals limited to 30 people only*

*Weddings limited to 15 people only.*

*Church is now open for Sunday and weekday Masses.*

*The 9.15am and 6.30pm Mass on Sundays will now take place in Church, with  
the 9.15am still continuing to be live-streamed.*

*Guidelines must be followed, i.e. face coverings, and social distancing to be  
observed. Contact details must also be given to comply with "Track and  
Trace". There will be Stewards there to assist.*

*If you wish to attend next Sunday you will need to book a place by phoning  
07786 615638 (permanent Sunday Mass booking number)*

**Wednesday-Friday 6pm-8pm ONLY.**

*Places will be allocated on a first come first basis.*

*You will need to book in for each week.*

**Churches open for Sunday Mass – Hogarth Partnership**

- **St Augustine's – capacity 57 people - 9.15am & 6.30pm**  
Phone 07786 615638 Wednesday – Friday, 6pm-8pm.  
9.15am Mass will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook or Youtube.
- **St Teresa's – capacity 140 people - 9.30am**  
Phone 07734 274559 Wednesday – Friday, 6pm-8pm, or go on-line and  
email [mikejcox@live.co.uk](mailto:mikejcox@live.co.uk).
- **St Williams' – capacity 108 people - 9.00am**  
Phone 07709 114307 Wednesday & Thursday between 4pm-7pm.
- **St Thomas' – capacity - 8.45am and 10.30am**  
Phone Fr Kevin at St Thomas' 463636
- **Holy Family – capacity 68 people – Sunday 4pm**  
Phone Fr Kevin at St Thomas' 463636
- **St Anne's – capacity 48 people - Saturday – 5pm**  
Phone 07504 263339 Wednesday – 6pm
- **St Osmund's – capacity 20 people**

## MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ROBERT

As we approach Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work for your parish and the diocese in this time of pandemic. To those who have helped to keep our churches open for Mass and those who have reached out to the less fortunate I want to say a big thank you. It is by our faith and unity that we can be a sign to the world of the love Christ showed us in becoming one of us in the holy season. I would like to wish you and your family a happy and peaceful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

## HAPPY ADVENT! EXCITING TIMES!

Last week of our Advent Trail?

Each day a new window will be revealed and will be lit between 4-8pm. Here are this week's and the previous weeks locations...

Please follow current government guidelines when visiting the windows! Feel free to take photos and send them to the church Facebook Page. Enjoy!



Date – Week 4	Location
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Cleveland Terrace
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Greenmount Road
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lawton's Court, High Coniscliffe, DL2 2LX AND Marwood Crescent DL3 OJU AND Elton Grove
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Leconfield (off Cleveland Tce)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Number 10
January 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> 2021	Number 10
Day 1	Number 10 St Augustine's Court Larchfield Street
Day 2	Elton Road (nr Milbank Road)
Day 3	Greenmount Road
Day 4	Southend Avenue (Nr Harewood)



## First Reading: Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent. Nathan said to the king, Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

Go and tell my servant David, Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.

## PSALM

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

## Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal

God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

### Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

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God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them.  
*(Augustine)*

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## REFLECTION – Lonely at Christmas

You sometimes hear people say,  
'I always find Christmas Day a lonely day.'

I think what they are really saying is:

'I always feel lonely on Christmas day.'

Loneliness is caused chiefly by two things:

Absence and emptiness.

Let us spare a thought, a prayer, and maybe a visit  
for someone who will spend Christmas alone.

And if while spending Christmas in the midst of others,  
we still feel lonely, let us not be alarmed.

Our hearts are always longing for something more,  
or rather, for Someone else.

In every human heart there is an empty chamber  
waiting for a guest. That guest is God.

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## BALAMMA SATRAM AT HOLY FAMILY

As you may recall at our last Parish Council meeting we agreed to still continue to support Fr Sarves and Mary Skaag in their work they did at Balamma Satram. We have just received a thank you letter for the unexpected donation, but gladly received. Mary had been delayed in India at the beginning of the year, due to Covid but in hindsight was so pleased that she spent more time there, as Fr Sarves died from another massive stroke on 6<sup>th</sup> September. She is going to continue with this work that they started 20 years ago, but asks that you remember him in your prayers.

## MASS INTENTIONS

We are running low on Mass intentions. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular person or intention please let us know. It is traditional to make a monetary offering according to your means.

## GIFT AID

Many thanks to everyone who now makes their offering by standing order. Not only do these regular payments help the Parish manage its outgoings but there is a potential saving on offertory envelopes too.

If anyone feels that they may be eligible to sign up so that St Augustines can receive Gift Aid on your offering, please email me at

[giftaid.staugustines@gmail.com](mailto:giftaid.staugustines@gmail.com)

- o Gift Aid is a way of increasing your donation at no further cost to yourself – the Diocese claims the amount for us from the Government (HMRC)
- o For every £1 that you donate, the Parish will receive £1.25
- o You must be a current UK taxpayer
- o You must pay income tax or capital gains tax equal to or more than the total amount of total Gift Aid claimed in the tax year
- o The name on the Gift Aid form must be the same as your bank account. If you have a joint bank account, either person may complete the Gift Aid form (even if they do not attend Mass), but they must be a taxpayer
- o You must update us if any of your circumstances change.

PLEASE CONTACT ME ON THE ABOVE EMAIL  
ADDRESS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES AT ALL  
REGARDING YOUR OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION  
OR GIFT AID – OR TO RECORD ANY CHANGES TO  
YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

Finally, with all the changes, and to save money on envelopes, I will be rescheduling the number system so your envelope number may change. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Debbie Irving  
Gift Aid Co-ordinator

**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**

**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](mailto:JohnK@svp-tyne.org.uk).

*Not wishing to appear presumptuous but if anybody has any intention of giving me a Christmas present I would like to say thank you in advance but if you would like to send it to Zaytoun to plant olive trees in Palestine that would be appreciated. Their contact details are: [contact@zaytoun.org](mailto:contact@zaytoun.org). or website [www.zaytoun.org](http://www.zaytoun.org)*

<u>December 20<sup>th</sup> 2020</u>		<u>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year (B)</u>	
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MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	D/M Brockley & Rogers Family
TUESDAY			
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Ints of St Joseph
THURSDAY – Christmas Eve All Masses for Christmas must be booked	St Augustine's 07786 615638	4.00 pm 7.00 pm Midnight	People of the Parish John Mayne RIP May Hardy RIP
FRIDAY – Christmas Day	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Al Gunnell RIP
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Linda Russell RIP
SUNDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> December Feast of the Holy Family Year (B)	St Augustine's & Live-Streamed St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Kath Webber RIP Stan Glendenning 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 ✝	Linda Russell, the mother of Fr David Russell		
ANNIVERSARIES	<b>December Anniversaries</b> – Stella Davies, Emma Howard, Keith Cowan, Mary & James Courtney, Teresa Conway, Jean Carter, Francis O'Hare, Moira Griffin, Joe Lyonette, Hilda McCallum, Anthony Millett, James Christey, Aldo Di-Duca, Caroline Bainbridge, Christine Fawcett, Paul McGregor, Peggy Coatman, Alan Sisk, Bernard Carrigan, Mike Bennett, Jonny McTaggart. <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.