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31st January 2021 – 4th Sunday of Year B

WORD FOR TODAY

Today's gospel reminds us that the teaching of Jesus is not simply one path among many, one philosophy that might work for some but not for others.

It is a teaching that has authority behind it, for it contains the word of God.

It is the message of eternal life.

*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.*

***After consultation with the Parish Council the decision has
been taken to close St Augustine's Church
until further notice.***

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended,

Funerals limited to 30 people only

Weddings limited to 6 people only.

Church is now closed for Sunday and weekday Masses.

I will continue to offer Mass privately during the week.

The 9.15am Mass will be live-streamed.

Sunday 31st January 9.15am – Cath & Tony Brockley on their
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40th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday 7th February 9.15am – Margaret Lindsay RIP

St Thomas' and Holy Family Churches are also closed.

Guidance for Communal Worship during England's COVID-19 Lockdown From Tuesday, 5 January 2021, a lockdown will be in force for England to curb the transmission of COVID-19. Catholic churches in England can remain open for communal worship such as the celebration of Mass providing the necessary steps are taken to keep people safe. This means you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times. If you are in the clinically extremely vulnerable group & have been advised to shield, you should not attend church at this time. Please do not attend if you or any of your household feel unwell with any symptoms at all, not just COVID. We are strictly following the national guidance on the safe use of places of worship so we ask that you help us to do this by following all instructions when attending church. Thank you. Please also note that Sunday & Holy Day obligation remains suspended.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – 31ST JANUARY 2021

This weekend we celebrate Racial Justice Sunday with this year's theme 'A Time to Act' and it is perhaps more important than ever for us to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

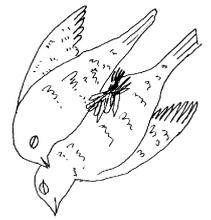
Bishops' Conference have produced some resources, which can be [found here](#). It also includes a [message](#) from Bishop Paul McAleenan, the lead Bishop for Racial Justice.

A NOVENA FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Beginning on Tuesday 2nd February, Fr Stephen Watson (Lourdes Pilgrimage Director) will lead a novena for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11th February. Fr Stephen will lead us daily in a few minutes of prayer which can be accessed via the 'Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes' Facebook page. Daily prayers will be shared at 8am and can be viewed at any time after that. You are invited to join in this time of prayer.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (February 2nd)

Jewish parents had to "buy back" their first-born son from the Lord to whom he belonged. This was done on the 40th day after his birth by offering two turtle doves or a pair of pigeons and, by so doing, the mother was ritually purified after giving birth. This is what is being celebrated on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. But when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple they met two elderly people, Anna and Simeon. It was these two characters who publicly confirmed what Mary and Joseph had known in the secret of their hearts: that this child was no ordinary baby but one destined to be a light for the nations, to save many and to be responsible for delivering God's people



ST BLAISE (February 3rd)

Just as the procession to the doctor's for the winter flu-jab is a common enough thing today, in the past our churches used to be full on February 3rd as people queued for the winter blessing of St Blaise. That's because Blaise, bishop of Sebastea in Armenia (died 315), is the patron saint of throats and winter ailments. It is said that he rescued a young boy from choking on a fishbone. Of course, you could always pray the ancient blessing for yourself or members of your family. This is how it goes:

"Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver me (you/us) from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. Do not let me hear again you said the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die; and the Lord said to me, All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

PSALM

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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MASS INTENTIONS

We have very few 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.

The North East Catholic Writers` Guild are running a literary competition for schoolchildren – the theme is:

"Compose a hopeful prayer for this difficult time"

Maximum 20 lines. The lines don't have to rhyme. Open to 8-10 year-olds.

Please include your age, name, address and phone number and send to:

Veronica Whitty, Secretary, Catholic Writers` Guild (NE), 51 Queen`s

Crescent, Wallsend, NE28 8DW Or e-mail: veronicawhitty@hotmail.com

Deadline: 8th April 2021

NB: Entries: excludes anyone related to any member of the Guild or related to anyone connected with the Northern Cross.

REFLECTION – Speaking with authority

Ideally words and deeds should always go together.
The weakness of a lot of words arises from the fact
that they are not preceded by, or accompanied by,
or followed by deeds.

Lord grant that what we say with our lips,
we may believe with our hearts,
and practise with our lives.

JOB VACANCY - ST AUGUSTINE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL - CARETAKER

This is a permanent but part-time position -
20 hrs per week, 31 days annual leave, plus bank holidays.
Closing date: 1st February 2021

Visits to the school can be arranged in line with their Covid-19 visitor risk
assessment. Please contact the school office to arrange. Further details
and application forms are available from the school website:

www.staugustines.bhcet.org.uk

For more information about this post please call the school office on 01325
380819.

Completed application forms to be emailed to
recruitment@staugustinesacademy.org.uk or posted to

Mrs M McCollom, Headteacher, St. Augustine's R.C. Primary School,
Beechwood Avenue, Darlington, DL3 7HP.

LATEST SCAM – CORONAVIRUS VACCINE

Criminals are using the COVID-19 vaccine to target the public by tricking
them to hand over cash or financial details. They are sending convincing
looking text messages letting people know they are eligible for the vaccine or
phoning people directly pretending to be from the NHS, or local pharmacy.

The NHS will:

- NEVER ask for payment - the vaccine is free
- NEVER ask for your bank details
- NEVER arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- NEVER ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport

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.

DIOCESAN COURSES

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

For anyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) to explore ideas and experience of virtual presentations for our young parishioners. Contact the vicariate to register for the next online meeting, and find out about joining the community network of CLOW leaders from across the Diocese.

- **Called & Gifted**

God is calling you to a work of love that will fill your life with purpose and joy. Are you ready to discern your gifts? Our new programme starts on Wednesday 24 February 2021 and if you would like to apply for a place, please [email us](#) by Friday 19 February. See our [poster](#) or visit <https://siena.org/charisms-faq> for more information.

Contact details:

Vicariate of Faith & Mission by [email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk) or by tel: 0191 243 3316 or mob: 07375 934713.

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>January 31st 2021</u>		<u>4th Sunday of Year (B)</u>	
SUNDAY	Live-Streamed	9.15 am	Cath & Tony Brockley's 40 th Wedding Anniversary
MONDAY	Privately		Healing of Gillian Murphy
TUESDAY			
WEDNESDAY	Privately		Gillian Craig RIP
THURSDAY	Privately		Ints of St Joseph
FRIDAY	Privately		Richard Ashton RIP
SATURDAY	Privately		New Baby in Kumi
SUNDAY 7 th February 5 th Sunday (Year B)	Live-Streamed	9.15 am	Margaret Lindsay 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, Cath Simpson, Iris McCready and all those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD +	Elfreda Francis, Tony Daykin, Patricia Robinson, Dorothy Dimelow		
ANNIVERSARIES	January Anniversaries – Osmund Poad, John Daley, Jack & Jimmy Taylor, Peter Taylor, William Lisle, Kevin McKeown, Valerie Haigh, Clifford Hutchinson, Michael Devitt, Mary Jones, Stanley Smollett, Ethel Maxwell, Stephen Love, Edward Jones, Margaret Patterson, Hilda & Domenico Bambino, Maureen Harrison, Tommy Marley, Peter Gilligan, Rose Cowan, Brian Simpson, Dorothy Catterall, Neville Patterson, George White <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.