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5th September 2021 - 23rd Sunday of the Year B

WORD FOR TODAY

God keeps faith for ever. A good thumbnail test of our progress in faith is to ask how much our eyes see of God's presence in our lives, how much our ears recognise the sounds of God's voice, and how often we leap for joy at the graces God offers us.

*St Augustine's Church is open for Sunday 9.15am Mass
and weekday masses*

The number to ring to book in for Sunday mass

07786 615638

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended,

Funerals at St Augustine's may have 60 attending

Weddings may have 60 attending

Sunday 5th September 9.15am – Maurice and Teresa Conway RIP

Sunday 12th September 9.15am – Ins of Tobin Family

Bishop Robert has asked us to retain all of the COVID control measures and cleaning protocols that are in place which will be reviewed again in September.

A REMINDER for when attending Mass:

- Please continue to book for Sunday Mass. The number to ring 07786 615638. No bookings required for the weekday masses
- Please continue to wear a face covering
- Sanitise hands on entry to the Church
- Social distancing- please sit in the places marked, family groups can sit together.

FIRST STEPS – Exploring the Catholic Faith Online

Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start?

Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. Starts Wednesday 22nd September at 7pm.

If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register using the [Online Enquiry Form](#) or email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

PIETY SHOP

This has now been re-stocked with lots of new cards and gifts. Please take a look next time you are in church.

DIOCESAN INFORMATION

Diocesan Environmental Group invites you to attend

*Caring for our Common Home Conference
responding to the cry of the earth and the poor*

September 18th, free event but booking is essential (by 10th September) at Emmaus Village 10-4pm, Mass, inspiring speakers and workshops.

For bookings please contact melany.francisco@ymt.org, or chrisj.myers57@gmail.com

A Day Of Reflection For Leaders Of RCIA Groups

Saturday 11th September 10.30-3.30pm at St Joseph's Parsh Hall, Gateshead. If you wish to attend you must book by Monday 6th September

Readers - Day of Reflection on Saturday 9 October.

10.30am - 3.30pm Registration & refreshments from 10.00am A light lunch and tea and coffee will be provided at Ushaw College Durham PLEASE BOOK NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2021.

Eucharistic Ministers -Day of Reflection Saturday 16th October 10.30am - 3.30pm or Saturday 30th October 10.30am - 3.30pm Ushaw College , Durham.

contact The Vicariate for Faith & Mission | 07375 934713 | email:

adminfaith.mission@diocesahn.org.uk

The cost of the day will be paid by the parish.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Classes will take place for those children going into Year 5 (or older) in September 2021 on a Thursday evening at 6pm starting 16th September 2021. For those children who will be going into Year 4 in September 2021 the classes will start on 13th of January 2022 again on a Thursday evening at 6pm.

All the dates are published on the website.

Fr Gordon would like to meet with the parents separately at some of these sessions, details and dates to be confirmed later.

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.

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
Courage! Do not be afraid.

Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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REFLECTION – Precious gifts

The gift of hearing is a precious gift.
But it is only with the heart that we can hear rightly.
The cry of a needy person may reach our ears,
but unless it reaches our heart
we will not feel the person's pain,
and it is unlikely that we will respond.
And the gift of speech is a precious gift.
But again it is only with the heart that we can speak rightly.
For our words to ring true, they must come from the heart.
If they come only from the lips,
they will have a hollow sound and will have little effect.
They will be like a wind that ruffles the surface of the water
but leaves the depths untouched.
But words that come from the heart, enter the heart.

SVP AWARENESS MONTH

Help! The need now is greater than ever

The parish SVP group is appealing to all parishioners for help. The St Vincent de Paul Society, or SVP for short, is a group of volunteer parishioners who set out to help anyone in need. They need your assistance now more than ever as people suffer terrible hardship as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. There are families short of food, lonely people who need a friend, homeless individuals and families, people struggling with financial hardship, or those facing illness. Please help in whatever way you can – whether it's picking up some shopping for a neighbour, phoning someone for a chat, or giving someone a lift to the doctor. In addition, if you could make a donation that would also be a huge help. Email treasurer211506@svp.org.uk. Please help – the need now is greater than ever.

SVP: Sunday Stop

As you know, for several years now, the SVP and friends have been providing a lunch on the first Sunday of every month for anyone who wishes to join us. Some of our guests are homeless, some are on a low income, and some just want company and a home-cooked meal.

As well as the flurry of activity between 12.00 and 3pm on those Sundays, many parishioners (not just SVP members) do a lot of valuable work behind the scenes – shopping, sorting bags, baking, fundraising, washing up and other food preparation. We are always happy to have more volunteers, especially at the moment. Since the start of lockdown, we have had to make do with distributing food bags from the car park; however, we hope to resume proper sit-down lunches as soon as possible.

Usually 30 to 40 guests come along, and about 6-10 helpers. If possible, we like to sit down to eat together, as we enjoy getting to know each other, but on busy days, it's all we can do to get the food on the tables! At Christmas and Easter, we often give out a few extra things: Greggs vouchers, hats and gloves, and this year, some beautiful home-made face masks.

Most of the bakers provide lovely things (sticky toffee pudding, brownies, lemon drizzle cakes etc) without charging us for the ingredients. We try to

ensure that everyone is provided with a starter, a main course and a dessert.

This is funded in several ways. We have received some very kind donations from you over the past few years – without them, none of this would be possible. The main funding for Sunday Stop was the Christmas wreath-making and Easter flower-arranging; these have not been possible during the pandemic.

The SVP's vision is inspired by Christ's message to love our neighbour as ourselves, helping individuals and families who are in any form of need to have hope, together with a sense of dignity, worth, well-being and peace of mind.

Through conversation with other organisations such as First Stop, we try to be as responsive as possible to the needs of the local community.

Thank you!

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

We are planning a grand Re-opening of the Church, with all the groups that are part of our Church being represented. We have made a list and if we have missed anybody please let us know. Would members of these groups be on standby to promote their groups.

Parish Priest/Administrator, Parish Centre Committee, Parish Club Committee, Parish Council, Finance Committee, Gift Aid, Safeguarding. Mass Preparation Group/IT, Servers, Sacristans, Readers, Welcomers, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Lay Leaders, Music Groups 9.15 & 6.30, Children's Liturgy, Display (flowers), Piety Shop, Church Cleaners. Sacramental Preparation, Baptism, 1st Holy Communion, Marriage, Confirmation, RCIA, Alpha, Prayer Groups. SVP, Justice & Peace, CAFOD, Missio Red Boxes, Kumi, Sunday Stop, First Stop, Credit Union, HCPT, Hospital Chaplaincy Visitors, Lunch Group, Church Catering Group, Gardens & Maintenance, STARS, Schools.

PARISH CENTRE

Unfortunately due to Diocesan guidelines we are unable to allow the hall be used for parish events. The Centre will only be available for the use of regulated groups who have PL insurance, have completed a full risk assessment and have a designated leader who will ensure that they follow the guidelines outlined by the Diocese.

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SUNDAY	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Maurice & Teresa Conway RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	NO MASS
TUESDAY			
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	NO MASS
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	NO MASS
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	NO MASS
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	NO MASS
SUNDAY 12th September 24th Sunday of the Year B	St Augustine's & Live-Streamed	9.15 am	Ints of Tobin Family
THOSE WHO ARE SICK	Please remember Fr Kevin Daly, Fr Gary Dickson, Fr Richard Harriott, 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, Iris McCready, Anna Lloyd and all those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD ✝	Margarita Harris		
ANNIVERSARIES	September Anniversaries – Thomas Flaws, Norah Davies, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Dreda Taylor, Amelia & George Debbas, Francis Mace, Raymond Lancaster, Maurice Pattison, Francis Baldwin, Susan Magraw, Winifred Wasilewski, Sheila Briddick, Deirdre Allen, Ian McRae, Maria King. <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.