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12th September 2021 - 24th Sunday of the Year B

WORD FOR TODAY

Who do I think Jesus is?

A great thinker?

A superb religious leader?

An extraordinary philosopher?

A miracle worker?

Christ, the Son of God?

The centre of my life?

Or just a person from history?

*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 – Intentions 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.

WELCOME TO FR TONY CORNFORTH WHO IS CELEBRATING MASS WITH US
THIS MORNING.

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

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@diocesehn.org.uk

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

Exploring Sycamore – a taster session

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life
today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs,
and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film
and time for discussion. Everyone is welcome. Faith & Mission invite you to
a **Sycamore Taster Session** on Sunday, 19th September at 4 pm via Zoom.

A number of groups from across our diocese are using Sycamore which offers
various pathways around enquiry, formation and sacramental preparation. Please
visit <https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/> for more information.

To register a place, you can [register online](#) or

email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk with your name, contact details and
parish/town.

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.

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

The Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty", without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: "You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show."

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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REFLECTION Faith without works

A watch may have a gold chain,
but if it doesn't tell the time it is useless.
A fruit tree may be teeming with blossoms,
but if it doesn't produce fruit it is useless.
A lamp may be studded with diamonds,
but if it doesn't give light it is worthless.
And a faith that doesn't result in good works is dead.
The fruit of prayer is faith.
The fruit of faith is love.
The fruit of love is service.
And the fruit of service is peace.

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: Food Bank

For some years now members of our parish SVP conference have been working with King's Church to operate a Food bank each Friday morning at St Columba's on Clifton Road in Darlington. Together with other volunteers, we collect the food parcels from the hub at King's Church, set up at St Columba's then between 11am and 12 noon, distribute the bags of groceries to our clients.

If donations of fresh food from our local supermarkets are low, St Augustine's SVP funds and organises supplementing this, purchasing fruit and vegetables to give out. The food parcels typically comprise tins and packets of basic foodstuffs, such as pasta, rice, tinned meat and vegetables, plus a few goodies along with a bag of bread and fresh produce. Where possible we also offer toiletries and dog/cat food.

As well as collecting, organising and distributing the food parcels, there is administrative work to do as all clients must register and provide evidence of their need for emergency food. This is reviewed every six to ten weeks. Over the years we have got to know clients who require long-term support and have tried to provide a sympathetic ear as well as the practical help. With others we have shared the joy of a change in circumstances so that they no longer need our help. Yet others come from time to time, when they are at a low point financially for a variety of reasons and it is a privilege for us to be able to give a helping hand. Numbers vary from week to week, probably averaging 14-18 though at times we have had over 20 clients.

At times our SVP has identified some additional needs of clients, for example setting up in accommodation, struggles to afford nappies for a baby, a desk for a family member to be able to study, and we have been able to step in to ease the burden.

Throughout the pandemic, a small core group of SVP members continued to run the St Columba's Food Bank with Covid measures in place. None of this would be possible without the generous support of parishioners, some of whom donate items for distribution and others who make a financial contribution to our parish conference, This enables us to continue to help and support some of the most vulnerable and needy members of our local community, in keeping with our Vincentian mission "so that our hearts beat with the heartbeat of the poor and we come to see poverty through their eyes".

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.

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.

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| SUNDAY | St Augustine's | 9.15 am | Ints of Tobin Family |
| 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 | Peter Gaffney RIP |
| SUNDAY 19 TH September 25 th Sunday of the Year B | St Augustine's & Live-Streamed | 9.15 am | Clare Whelan RIP |
| 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 + | | | |
| 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.