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19th September 2021 - 25th Sunday of the Year B

WORD FOR TODAY

Coming last isn't something we usually strive to do. Yet Jesus tells us that the last place of all is the best place to put ourselves when it comes to serving others. And he should know: he emptied himself of all glory so that he could guide us towards everlasting happiness.

Those who put themselves last will be first in the kingdom.

*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 19th September 9.15am – Clare Whelan RIP

Sunday 26th September 9.15am – Tess Keough RIP

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:

- You must 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

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.

Kumi Community Foundation

Darlington to Kumi Virtual Walk 2021

In May, 6,000 miles and £6,000 were our targets for the walk and these were surpassed with 15,151 miles walked and £6,585 raised and rising! Thank you to the parishioners who walked, donated and supported our cause. This has enabled thirty five youngsters to undergo surgery in Kumi Hospital for their condition, Gluteal Fibrosis, caused by quinine injections in the treatment of malaria. With the surplus funds, we have fed our many rural families living in extreme poverty with the basic foods as the prolonged drought and the effect of COVID have caused severe hunger and malnutrition. With the surplus miles, we plan to walk the return journey by a different route which is yet to be decided; east, west, who knows, whichever way we select, we will not be contributing to the carbon footprint!

Why not follow us on Facebook: @kumicommunityfoundationuganda ?

First Reading Wisdom 2:12.17-20

The godless say to themselves,
Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is Gods son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.

The Psalm

The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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REFLECTION -THE REWARDS OF THE JUST

God's inspiration is at work in everyone.
However, there are people in whom divine inspiration
seems to have no effect;
People who commit crimes cold-bloodedly,
and who never rejoice at the sight of the true and the beautiful.
Even though they may seem to prosper,
their punishment is assured even in this world.
The anxieties and fears that assail them
make their prosperity a bitterness to them.
As for the just, even though their passage through life
is often dogged by misfortune,
the inward satisfaction of obeying divine inspiration
gives them great strength,
and is sufficient reward for them.

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

The Season of Creation started on 1st September and finishes on 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis wants us 'to grow in the awareness that we all live in a common home as members of a single family'. This year the theme is '**A home for all? Renewing the oikos of God**'. Oikos is Greek and can mean family house/safe place or a basic unit of society and the symbol this year is Abraham's tent.

Next Sunday, 26th October, also happens to be World Day of Migrants and Refugees and falling within this time is quite symbolic. We plan (weather permitting) to have a 'Camino' next Sunday when we will have a short ramble round the Church Garden and across to the Parish Centre Garden. We would invite you to join us and for anyone taking part to bring a '**simple**' lunch and we can sit and eat together at the end. We had hoped that there would have been a relaxation in Covid regulations which would have allowed us to use the Parish Centre, however that hasn't happened yet. During our ramble we will have stops to pray the Novena to St Francis, for a world under threat. This Novena will also be on St Augustine's Facebook Page daily from today until next Sunday. Our ramble will start at 12 noon outside the Presbytery.

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 treasurerc211506@svp.org.uk. Please help – the need now is greater than ever.

St Augustine's SVP Conference and Prison Visiting

In 2005 a parishioner, Richard Quinton, a member of the IMB (Independent Monitoring Board) at The Young Offender's Institute at Deerbolt, Barnard Castle asked the SVP if they could help the Catholic Chaplain, Fr Patrick Cope with purchases of Religious items for the young men who attended Chapel. So began our long association with the Catholic Chaplaincy which led to us visiting the prison on a weekly basis to help set up the Chapel for Mass and provide drinks and biscuits afterwards. There may be 10 to 25 lads attending each Mass – imagine that at St Augustine's! They choose to come to Mass for a variety of reasons and we engage with them to ensure they know that people outside the prison care for them. It is a privilege to act as witnesses of our faith in action.

HMYOI Deerbolt is a Category C Prison for young men aged 18 to 21 with accommodation for up to 500 prisoners. The Chapel is a multi-faith building used by other Christian Faiths and the Muslim Faith. The Chaplains work closely together under the leadership of a Managing Chaplain.

Over the years the SVP has continued to buy rosaries, prayer cards and Catholic Diaries. In addition, we have provided 'treats' - chocolates at Christmas and eggs at Easter. During 'lockdown' we have supplied pens and pencils, puzzle and colouring sheets, Easter cards for them to send home and prayer and reflection books. Many of the items have been given to all attending the wider Chaplaincy and even as Competition prizes at Christmas for all prisoners. This has all been possible because of St Augustine's Parishioners generous donations.

During this time there have been many changes in people and what is allowed in the prison. We now have to be registered as 'Volunteer Chaplains' and are security vetted. We're not allowed to bring in biscuits and chocolates but are permitted to 'deliver' items via the Chaplain. In recent years we have been joined in the work by members of another Vincentian organisation, the AIC (Ladies of Charity) from our Parish.

The SVP in England & Wales have set up a network of Conferences who visit and work in Prisons which helps share best practice and provides support to the SVP members involved. In our area the SVP in Stockton visit Holme House Prison and the SVP in Durham visit Frankland High Security Prison and Low Newton Women's Prison.

Father Patrick and Richard have both since passed away, but their legacy still lives on in our support of the prison and even more so now that Brian Dunleavy from Darlington is the Lay Catholic Chaplain for both Deerbolt and Low Newton and Fr Tony Cornforth of Newton Aycliffe celebrates the Mass in normal times. We are working with Brian to continue the support and whilst we have not been able to physically visit during Covid we have supplied items through him.

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SUNDAY	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Clare Whelan RIP
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Martin McCann RIP
TUESDAY			
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Kath Webber RIP
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Anthony Durkin RIP
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Rose Hodge & Family
SATURDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	For Successful Surgery
SUNDAY 26 th September 26 th Sunday of the Year B	St Augustine's & Live-Streamed	9.15 am	Tess Keough 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 ✝	Tess Keough		
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.

NORTHER CROSS on sale this week £1.50 – please put the money in the basket provided.