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31st October 2021 - All Saints

WORD FOR TODAY

Christianity is not a religion of rules. It's a religion that's founded on one simple principle: if you show that you love God by the way you treat your neighbour then you will not be far from the kingdom of God.

*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,

Sunday 31st October 9.15am – Madeleine Swift RIP

Sunday 7th November 9.15am – Deceased Members of the Parish

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

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Following the launch of our Diocesan Year of the Eucharist we will be having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays after the 12.15pm Mass till 2.00 pm. Please consider coming to sit with Jesus for a while. No need to stay the whole time. A short visit is fine eg Mothers and small children welcome and shoppers passing by.

FIRST COMMUNION

The children will continue their preparation on Thursday 4th November at 6pm in Church. The parents will have their sessions on 11th and 18th November, also in Church at 6pm. On the 11th November there will be gifts and cards available to purchase from the Piety Stall.

We are planning a grand Re-opening of the Church on November 14th with all the groups that are part of our Church being represented over in the Parish Centre after Mass. 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, 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.

Indian Community, Polish Community.



In recalling our most recent experiences, the world has come through a profound period with the Covid-19 pandemic.

- What strengths and weaknesses have emerged during this period as a faithful community?
- What has been the experience of the touch of God in these times?
- What challenges and vulnerabilities have been exposed in our lives, both individually and ecclesially, which need to be addressed?

PARTNERSHIP MEMORIAL MASS – FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 7.00 PM

The ways in which we were able to say goodbye to our loved ones and to celebrate their funerals have been severely restricted since the start of the pandemic. This applies to those who died from Coronavirus and to those we have lost through other circumstances. During November, every parish is invited to prepare a 'Book of Remembrance' to contain the names of all those who died during these difficult days. These Books of Remembrance will be brought to Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, so that all those named may be remembered at a Solemn Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert at 11.00am on Saturday 27th November. Representation from the parishes will be invited to this Mass while respecting the ongoing need for distancing.

There will be a book of remembrance at the back of Church for those names to be entered.

- **St Augustine's Parishioners**

We will celebrate our own parishioners and friends who have died in the last 12 months at *Sunday 9.15am Mass on 7th November*. Please let us know any names that you wish to include.

- Bishop Robert Byrne will celebrate a Requiem Mass, particularly for all those affected by the COVID19 pandemic at the Church of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Sidlaw Road, Billingham on *Thursday 25th November* 2021 at 7pm. Everybody welcome.

If anyone wants a family member or friend who has died since the start of Covid or who has died since last November in our Remembrance book and you aren't at the moment attending mass please let us know and we can put the names in for you. The Partnership memorial mass is next Friday at 7pm here in St Augustine's.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE

The Diocese has launched a new website www.diocesehn.org.uk (please note the new address) from this weekend. Over the next few weeks additional pages will be added, including one where you will be able to donate to an individual parish.

They are always pleased to receive any feedback you may have,
iain.riddell@diocesehn.org.uk

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD:

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

PARISH CENTRE

All events, private and parish have to be risk assessed and approval given, along with some other forms that need completing. Each event must have a designated leader who will ensure that everybody follows the guidelines outlined by the Diocese. Face coverings still to be worn, unless seated.

SUNDAY COFFEES AFTER MASS

We are hoping to start having teas/coffee after Mass on November 7th.

We will set tables out and ask you to take a seat on a table of 6, and the drinks will be brought to your table. At the moment we aren't allowed to have cakes etc., but it would be nice to see everybody again. Again we will ask for a donation, rather than taking money which will be split between a couple of charities. We still need to wear a mask, (unless eating or drinking), and we can only have 2 people in the kitchen at any one time.

We will monitor this, but hopefully we will be able to continue.

More In Common, Darlington/Darlington Assistance For Refugees

They are hosting an event on Tuesday 30th November 7-9pm at the Friends' Meeting House, Skinnergate, when author Gulwali Passarlay tells his story how as a 12 year old he travelled from Afghanistan to England all alone.

Entry is free but restricted to numbers, email: admin@moreincommondarlo to register.

First Reading Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God. Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb! And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from? I answered him, You can tell me, my lord. Then he said, These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.

The Psalm

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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If you judge someone then you have no time to love them.

(Mother Teresa)

JUSTICE and PEACE GROUP LIVE SIMPLY CHRISTMAS

Consider a simpler Christmas this year. Think about simple or alternative gifts like World Gifts from Cafod -

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

And/or

Traidcraft & The Kumi Foundation

After Mass today, 31st October (in Church) and Sunday 14th November (in the Parish Centre), we are holding a sale of Christmas cards & alternative Christmas gifts after Mass.

DIVESTMENT FROM FOSSIL FUELS

Yesterday, Operation Noah – along with partners the Laudato Si' Movement, the World Council of Churches, Green Anglicans and GreenFaith – announced that 72 faith institutions from six continents and 10 countries, including 37 from the UK, [have come together to make the largest-ever joint divestment announcement by faith groups.](#)

As world leaders and campaigners begin to gather in Glasgow for COP26, it's significant that the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Scotland has joined our divestment announcement, together with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church; the Presbyterian Church of Wales; the Presbyterian Church of Ireland; 15 Catholic dioceses in the UK and Ireland; two Church of England dioceses; and St Mary's University, Twickenham.

Unfortunately, neither the Bishops Conference of England & Wales nor the Diocese of Hexham of Newcastle are among them.

ECO-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Consider looking at and calculating your carbon footprint -

<https://www.climatestewards.org/carbon-calculators/> or

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>

PIETY SHOP

Christmas cards, diaries, calendars and other bits and bobs will be on sale in the Piety Shop from this weekend. The shop isn't always manned but it is always open. An honesty box is there for items bought and a book for you to write down what you've bought and the cost of it (this helps me keep the accounts in order and to see what sells well) Any suggestions for goods to buy in for the shop are always welcome. Many thanks for your continued support, Catherine Holborn





CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS

We are pleased to announce that we are able to hold two Christmas Wreath Making workshops this year. They will be on Saturday 27th November 2.30pm- 5pm and Sunday 28th November 2.30pm-5pm in the Parish Centre. The cost per person is £25. Tickets will be available after mass on Sunday 24th and 31st October outside church between 10.15 and 10.45. It would be really helpful if you could bring the correct money!

It has been difficult to plan for the workshops and we just have to hope that there are no changes to government regulations that would mean it couldn't go ahead.

We would like to make you aware of the changes that will be in place compared to previous years. Participants will need to wear masks unless seated at their table. Only 6 people per table. Refreshments will be served to each table. Each participant will need to have a ticket so unfortunately children will not be able to come along unless they have a ticket.

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This year's **WALK FOR PEACE** will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of November. Starting at the Quakers Friends Meeting House in Skinnergate at 12:30pm. The **Walk for Peace will cover 3 miles and call at seven venues**, finishing at the Dolphin Centre at 4pm. They will call here at St Augustine's around 1.15pm.

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| Friends Meeting House        | 12:30 - 12:45 | Saint Cuthbert's Church        | 14:05 - 14:15 |
| Grange Road Baptist's Church | 12:55 - 13:05 | Sikh Gurudwara Sahib           | 14:35 - 15:20 |
| Saint Augustine's Church     | 13:15 - 13:25 | Atisha Kadampa Buddhist Centre | 15:35 - 15:45 |
| Jamia Mosque                 | 13:35 - 13:45 | The Dolphin Centre             | 15:55         |

*Some of the venues on the Walk for Peace will be gathering outside, rather than inside this year.*



18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Most of us reading this will have a safe, comfortable, hygienic place to live. Regretfully this is not true for everyone and there are many people who are denied what we consider

the basics of life.

Bernadette Morgan & Debbie Irving as trustees of First Stop\* are taking part in a "Sleep Out" to raise awareness and funds for charities that support the most disadvantaged including the homeless, those at risk of homelessness and people in substandard accommodation, as well as those experiencing severe poverty.

We will not say that we are looking forward to it, but we are willing to take part as representatives of First Stop, if it means that we can raise money to help – so PLEASE dig deep and support this wonderful cause, by clicking on one of the links below. We will be able to go home to a hot shower & a warm home after our night sleeping out – those we are supporting are not always so fortunate.

Thank you so much

Bernadette & Debbie

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/BernadetteChapman1>

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Debbielrving1>

\*First Stop are a Same Day Access Centre providing support to individuals and families with a range of issues including poverty housing, homelessness, debt matters, mental health, wellbeing, confidence, and self-worth issues.

For more information about First Stop Darlington - check out their website at

[First Stop Darlington](#)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION - PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

This fund will remain open until 28<sup>th</sup> November for individual donations. Please note that your donation can be gift-aided, by noting your weekly envelope number onto an envelope. If you pay by bankers' orders you need to mark the envelope with your name so that records can be kept for the Inland Revenue.

**THANK YOU** to those parishioners who donate by standing order every month, and those who have changed from envelope to standing order.

our bank details are as follows:

St Augustine

(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).

### **DHN JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT**

This project is gradually re-opening and they now need your food donations.

Any of the following priority items will be gratefully received: - *tinned tomatoes, chickpeas, fish (tuna, sardines in oil or water only), toilet rolls, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant*. A basket will be at the back of Church, under the shelf, where you can leave your donations. If you would prefer to make a financial donation you can do so either by bank transfer to: - A/C name: - DHN Justice & Peace Refugee Project, Sort Code: - 40-34-18 A/C No: - 52854058 or by Cheque in the name of above account and sent/given to me. Marjory Knowles (J & P Treasurer) Marjory.knowles@gmail.com

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

This will be held over in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Please let us know if you have any items for the Agenda.

| <u>31<sup>st</sup> October 2021</u>                                | <u>All Saints Day</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |                                                                                  |
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| SUNDAY                                                             | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 9.15 am            | Madeleine Swift RIP                                                              |
| MONDAY                                                             | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 12.15pm            | Martin McCann RIP<br>followed by Exposition of the<br>Blessed Sacrament till 1pm |
| TUESDAY                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                    |                                                                                  |
| WEDNESDAY                                                          | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 12 noon<br>7.00 pm | Req. Mass Duncan Taylor<br><b>NO MASS</b>                                        |
| THURSDAY                                                           | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                    | <b>NO MASS</b>                                                                   |
| FRIDAY                                                             | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>7.00 pm</b>     | <b>PARTNERSHIP MEMORIAL MASS</b>                                                 |
| SATURDAY                                                           | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10.00 am           | Thomas Flaws RIP                                                                 |
| SUNDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> November<br>32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Year | St Augustine's &<br>Live-Streamed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 9.15 am            | D/M of the Parish                                                                |
| 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.<br>Also the sick & housebound of the parish - Michelle Butler, Anne Kee, Betty Smith, Michael Grogan, Doris Trees, Sylvia McGee, Iris McCready, Anna Lloyd, John Appleton and all those looking after them.                    |                    |                                                                                  |
| LATELY DEAD <b>+</b>                                               | Bjorn Dockree                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |                                                                                  |
| ANNIVERSARIES                                                      | <b>October Anniversaries</b> – John Hutchinson, Lawrence Davies, Kathleen Trees, Catherine Appleton, Kevin Cundy, Joseph Mercer, Joseph Baldwin, Andrew Blair, John Tweedy, Monica Hibbert, Barbara & Hans Peterburs, James Hughes, Andrew Keough, Noreen Staples, Vin Ferguson, Kenneth Hardman, Bert Walsh, Steve Watt, Bruno Amicucci, Mary Ward, Delia Green.<br><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.