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28th November 2021 - 1st Sunday of Advent – Year C

WORD FOR TODAY

As Advent begins do we expect anything different? Are we awaiting the return of Christ to our world or do we think that it's very unlikely? And how do we see this second coming?

A cosmic event or a gradual change in society effected by what I do and others join in with?



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*St Augustine's Church is open for Sunday 9.15am & 6.30pm Mass  
along with weekday masses*

*The number to ring to book in for Sunday 9.15am mass  
07786 615638*

*(This phone is only available on a Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 6.8pm)*

*The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended,*

*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 9.15am – Jim & Elsie Lawley RIP*

*Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am – Duncan Taylor RIP*

*Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm – Martin McCann RIP*

*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.*

AS FROM TODAY SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER (1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT)  
WE WILL RESUME THE 6.30PM SUNDAY EVENING MASS.  
(no booking necessary)

### **A REMINDER for when attending Mass:**

- You must continue to book for Sunday 9.15am Mass. The number to ring 07786 615638

*Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 6-8pm only*

- No bookings required for the Sunday evening or 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. There should be 1m between each household.
- You can now join in the singing behind your mask.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be on **Mondays from 11-12 noon, before the 12.15pm Mass**. Please consider coming to sit with Jesus for a while. No need to stay the whole time, a short visit is fine.

## SUNDAY COFFEES CONTINUE AFTER MORNING MASS

We 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, and only individual wrapped biscuits, there will be a box for a donation which will be split between a couple of charities. Don't forget we still need to wear a mask.

## PIETY SHOP and SVP

The Piety Shop has a range of items labelled 'Piety Plus', these are cards and devotional items locally crafted by our parishioners from which all the money raised is donated to the SVP. Most recently Catholic Diaries and Rosaries plus Rosary cards have been purchased to give to Brian Dunleavy (Catholic Chaplain) for distribution at the Young Offenders Institute at Deerbolt (Barnard Castle) and Low Newton Women's Prison in Durham.

Please make a visit to the Piety Shop and see for yourself the wonderful items available.

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The most familiar journey is the Road to Emmaus which gives us the signposts on our Synod pilgrimage. We are invited to recall our experiences, re-read those experiences in greater depth, open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and gather the fruits to share. We are pilgrims 'journeying together' whose listening and speaking is that of those who seek and not that of those who believe they have found.

The synod questions are framed within Emmaus to help us see where the questions are pointing and where the Holy Spirit is guiding us as we reflect together on this Synod pilgrimage.

- Who walks with us on the path of our faith and life journey? Who can we see on the edge of the path? How might we walk with them? How do we meet, walk and welcome those curious about faith because of the pandemic?
- How do we listen to each other in these post-pandemic days? What do we hear? How do we make our listening "a listening of the heart" and not just about hearing what's being said? How do we listen to the signs of the times outside the Church and respond to them?
- How well do we communicate with each other in our groups, parish, partnership, diocese? Do we have the freedom, truth and charity to speak with candour, directness and sincerity (*parrhesia*) and prudence? How are we living out our prophetic vocation to speak the truth as revealed by Jesus, given at baptism?

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### JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

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. Christmas gifts and cards will continue to be available at the back of Church. These are proving to be very popular.



Let us think about and pray for those people who drowned in the English Channel this week hoping for sanctuary. Let us pray for those who mourn them.

**ECO-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.** It's Okay: - To repeat clothes, not to upgrade your phone, to buy second hand items and to live in a simple home. It's okay to live a simple life.

Darlington and District Soroptimists are colouring the town orange on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, which runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day. The Town Hall, the town clock and the Hippodrome will be illuminated in orange so look out around the town for our posters and pick up a flyer for more information.



<https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism>

### KABUYANDA HEALTH CENTRE - UGANDA

The Health Centre was built by a charity set up by a parishioner Damian Wynne, and he asked John McGovern and Tony Brockley to become Trustees. Some of you may well recall supporting the project by "losing your shirt" at a race meeting held in the PC in pre pandemic days. This raised over £3K.

It is with joy that we can advise you that Kabuyanda Health Centre in Uganda was formally opened last Friday and admitted its first patients on Saturday.

The project has taken four years and cost some £122k. It provides three wards and replaces one room with four beds. The Church gave the land and will provide nursing staff. The Ugandan State are providing doctors. This is a great leap forward for a very poor part of a poor country and the people of Kabuyanda send their thanks for your support.

The charity will continue to provide support with running costs so that enhanced services can be provided and there is already talk of a maternity ward so maybe we will be racing again once the Covid position is clearer.

Thank you once again Damian Wynne  
(for more information please email [kabuyanda@btinternet.com](mailto:kabuyanda@btinternet.com))  
Copies of a newsletter at the back of Church.

### INNER WHEEL

They usually hold their annual charity coffee morning in the Parish Centre, but this year they have had to move to having a Market Stall in Darlington on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00 until 4.00 p.m. Unfortunately they can't have their cake stall but will be having Christmas crafts and a tombola which we hope will help plug the gap from the fundraising they normally do at the PC. Please go along and give them your support.

### First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.

### The Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

## Gospel: Luke 21:25-28.34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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### REFLECTION – Life is fleeting

The hill flowers fade,  
but will bloom again next year.  
But we never get back our youth.  
Life is a fragile gift which we enjoy only briefly;  
our life is like the warming of oneself in the sun.  
We live in a flash of light; before we know it,  
evening comes and night falls.  
But the very fleetingness of life  
makes it all the more precious.  
Lord, may your gentle and sure light  
guide us on the unfolding road,  
so that we may walk with confidence  
towards the light that never fades  
and the life that never ends.

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## 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

This year's **WALK FOR PEACE** will take place **TODAY 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.*

## More In Common, Darlington/Darlington Assistance For Refugees

They are hosting an event on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## HOLY ISLAND VINNIE CAMP 2022

Holy Island Camp will be running holidays for children in 2022. Our helpers are all volunteers and to go ahead successfully in 2022 we urgently need new volunteers to help in the kitchens, preparing food, washing up and clearing the dining hall. We also need caretaking staff who would be able to carry out a cleaning role. The work is tiring but also fun (you would be joining an established and very welcoming team) and the young people benefit enormously from a traditional seaside type holiday. The commitment can be for as little as three days a year in Term Time or more if you are able to help on multiple weeks or through the Summer Holidays. All helpers will be required to obtain a free Diocesan DBS check and some training. If you are interested, please visit our website <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp>

**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

Thank you for monies received in October 2021

Loose Plate £1,031.50 Gift Aid £3,728.50 Non Gift Aid £304

**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).

## PARISH CLUB/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.

## AGM PARISH CLUB/PARISH CENTRE - 19TH DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.45PM

The AGM for the Club and the Parish Centre Committee will be held in the Parish Centre at 7.45 p.m. on Sunday 19th December 2021. All members are invited to attend.

Due to the fact that numbers need to be managed for Covid19 safety reasons, members are asked to notify us in advance of their intention to attend.

Please do this by emailing [staugclub@gmail.com](mailto:staugclub@gmail.com) or signing the form on the notice board at the Parish Centre. The centre is now open for coffees after 9.15 Mass and the bar is open on Sunday evenings.

At the meeting the Directors of the Club and the members of the Parish Centre Committee will be standing for re-election. There are vacancies for both Committees. Anyone wishing to stand for either Committee is asked to put their name on the proposal forms which are displayed on the Parish Centre notice board. Anyone proposing to stand as a Director of the Club will need to be proposed and seconded by two members of the Club.

If anyone has any items for the agenda for either meeting could you please notify the secretary of the item in writing 14 days prior to the meeting. This can be done by emailing [staugclub@gmail.com](mailto:staugclub@gmail.com) or leaving a letter at the bar.

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The *Vicariate for Faith and Mission* has produced a set of booklets of Advent reflections, one for each week of Advent.

The Seasonal Reflections page on the diocesan website can be found here: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#seasonal>
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## FIVE BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way!

Five Wednesdays: 24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time). Free of Charge | LIVE sessions on YouTube.

Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

## DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Preparations are beginning for the annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 29th July - Friday 5th August 2022. It is hoped that this year, we will be able to travel together as a Diocese once more. In order to aid the planning stages, it would be helpful if you could indicate your interest in travelling to Lourdes in July 2022 and state if you would be willing to offer any help or volunteer for any of the roles that support the smooth running of the Pilgrimage. Please contact [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk) for an 'expression of interest' form.

## JOB VACANY

### St Anne's Parish Hall – Welbeck Avenue

Are looking to recruit a cleaner for their Church Hall. The role is permanent, 3 hours a week, £9.50 per hour. Closing date : 6th December 2021. See diocese website for details and application pack [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk).

### ***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.

| <u>28<sup>TH</sup> November 2021</u>                                | <u>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year C</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                     |                                                                                |
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| SUNDAY                                                              | St Augustine's &<br>Live-Streamed<br>St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 9.15 am<br>6.30 pm  | Duncan Taylor RIP<br>Martin McCann RIP                                         |
| MONDAY                                                              | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 11.00 am<br>12.15pm | Exposition of the Blessed<br>Sacrament till 12 noon<br>Special Intention (Job) |
| TUESDAY                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                     |                                                                                |
| WEDNESDAY                                                           | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 7.00 pm             | Wynn Gaffney RIP                                                               |
| THURSDAY                                                            | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 12.15pm             | Moira Corcora RIP                                                              |
| FRIDAY                                                              | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 7.00 pm             | Brian Pegg RIP                                                                 |
| SATURDAY                                                            | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10.00 am            | Alex Peter and Teresa Alex RIP                                                 |
| SUNDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> December<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent | St Augustine's &<br>Live-Streamed<br>St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 9.15 am<br>6.30 pm  | Jean Carter RIP<br>Martin Newbould RIP                                         |
| THOSE WHO ARE SICK                                                  | Please remember Fr Kevin Daly, Fr Gary Dickson, Fr Richard Harriott, Fr Michael McKenna 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>                                                | Pauline McLean                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |                                                                                |
| ANNIVERSARIES                                                       | <b>November Anniversaries</b> – Gordon Davies, Thomas Taylor, Kathleen Taylor, Mary Ord, Francis Keenan, Joan Beckwith, Joan Green, Jimmy Bailie, Margaret Urwin, Patricia Richardson, Danny O'Toole, Pat Coates, Lilian Stephenson, David Ord, Jack Jolly, John Albert Gunnell, Thomas Ward, Thomas Benson.<br><i>May they rest in peace.</i>                                                      |                     |                                                                                |

### Your Community Needs YOU

We are looking for more Sunday Mass readers to help share God's word!

Could you become involved?

9:15am, 6:30pm, or pre-recorded if you would prefer.

Please contact: [info@staugustineschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@staugustineschurch.org.uk)