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12th December 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Advent – Year C

WORD FOR TODAY

Does your faith make you happy or is it a burden?

Do you think of the presence of God in your life as something to rejoice over or something to fear?

How does the practice of your religion boost your life?



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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 12<sup>TH</sup> December 9.15am – Kath Webber RIP*

*Sunday 12<sup>TH</sup> December 6.30pm – Paddy Leonard RIP*

*Sunday 19<sup>TH</sup> December 9.15am – Jim & Elsie Lawley RIP*

*Sunday 19<sup>TH</sup> December 6.30pm – Rose & Keith Cowan RIP*

*Bishop Robert has asked us to retain most of the COVID control measures  
and cleaning protocols that are in place. These were reviewed again in  
November with no change - and will be reviewed in February.*

### **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.

## FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN

Please remember in your prayers those Children who made their First Holy Communion yesterday.

Lilia, Dominic, Maddison, Anya, Jakub, Bartosz, Alena, Edwin, Finley, Felicity, Charlie, Maggie, Valentina, Henry, Isaac, Athena, Olly, Noah, Oscar, Henry



## 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.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve – Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

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| St Augustine's | 4.00 pm  |
| St Augustine's | 7.00 pm  |
| St Augustine's | midnight |

### Christmas Day – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

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| St Augustine's | 10.00 am |
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### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December

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| St Augustine's | 9.15am |
| St Augustine's | 6.30pm |

All places need to be booked from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December **6-8pm ONLY**

07786 615638 (80 units max per Mass)

Some of the masses will be live-streamed, details to follow



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

## 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 or The Kumi Foundation. Or maybe a gift from Palestine. Take a look at olive wood carvings and craft goods from L'Arche in Bethlehem on [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk) Tel: 02082034884.



**SAFE IN FAITH:** Monday 29 November 2021 saw the launch of Safe In Faith, a new initiative with a unique vision: to provide victims of domestic abuse, who are part of a faith community, with safe, faith based support and counselling that is tailored to their needs as believers. The launch was timed to coincide with the fifth day of the global Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence.

*If you are experiencing Domestic Abuse, or know someone who is, click here for useful information and links [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/useful-links.php](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/useful-links.php)*

*If you are a counsellor or psychotherapist wishing to join the Safe in Faith network please contact [safeinfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safeinfaith@rcdow.org.uk).*

## CALLING YEARS 9 TO 13 STUDENTS

**“No one is too small to make a difference, everyone can do something. If everyone does something, then huge differences can happen.”**  
Climate activist Greta Thunberg to Channel 4 News.

### SCHOOLS MEDIA COMPETITION

We are looking for students (Year 9 to Year 13) to submit an original piece of writing or an original image on the theme:

## ANYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHANGEMAKERS

Who in the world today is doing something about inequality, injustice, exclusion and environmental degradation? What can they teach us? How can we draw on our own faith and personal experience to be changemakers?

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

For more information on entry guidelines see: [www.columbancompetition.com](http://www.columbancompetition.com) or email [hello@columbancompetition.com](mailto:hello@columbancompetition.com)

**PRINT PRIZES**  
1<sup>ST</sup> £300  
2<sup>ND</sup> £150 - 3<sup>RD</sup> £100

**IMAGE PRIZES**  
1<sup>ST</sup> £300  
2<sup>ND</sup> £150 - 3<sup>RD</sup> £100

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES

**ECO-THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:-** *Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed.* — Mahatma Gandhi

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Wreath Making workshops last month. We raised **£1,300** in total for the SVP Sunday Stop, which is an impressive amount and will help provide a hot meal for people in need every month in the Parish Centre.



## First Reading; Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem;  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

### The Psalm

Sing and shout for joy  
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

## Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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### REFLECTION

There is a clear note of joy in today's liturgy.

Joy is a blend of laughter and tears.

It consists in having a love affair with life.

It is having a heart aglow with warmth  
for all one's companions on the road of life.

It is looking for the happiness that comes in small packages,  
knowing that big packages are few and far between.

It is making the most of the present,  
enjoying what is at hand right now.

Joy is love bubbling over into life.

And it can coexist with pain.

Joy is the flag we fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace,  
has taken up residence in our hearts.

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18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

We wanted to let you know that we completed and survived a night sleeping outside to raise funds & awareness for homeless charities. We are trustees of First Stop, a local charity that supports the homeless and those living in substandard accommodation & they will be one of the charities that benefit from the money raised. A big shoutout to all our very generous sponsors & those who prayed for good weather. You helped us raise over ..... drum roll please .....

**Total including Gift Aid: £4,119.88**

Thank you again - you are all brilliant.

**Debbie and Bernadette**

### 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](mailto:Marjory.knowles@gmail.com)

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)

## MISSIO RED BOX

It is time for me to collect and deposit the money from your Missio Red Boxes. There are a number of ways that we can do this - you can empty your box and bring the contents into church and leave them in the Presbytery. I am also happy to collect the money from you, or you could drop it off at my house. However, the easiest way is by one of the options in the notice below which involves you emptying your own box, counting the money, depositing it in your own bank account and sending a cheque, giving online, via text, by phone or by bank transfer. Please let me know via text if you do this, so I can keep track of the donations from our parish. If you would like your box collected and emptied by me, or if you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Mary Mustard, on 07900 898990. Many thanks for your generosity and support.

### Please count the money in your Red Box and:



#### Send a cheque

Make it payable to **Missio-Mill Hill** and post it to **Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU**



#### Give online

Scan the QR code above or go to [missio.org.uk/redbox](https://missio.org.uk/redbox)  
You can use the camera on your phone, just use it to look at the QR code above



#### Give via Text

Text **REDBOX 5** (to donate £5) or **REDBOX 10** (to donate £10) to **70085**  
This costs £5 or £10 plus your standard rate message



#### By phone

Call us on **020 7821 9755** during office hours to donate with your credit or debit card



#### Bank transfer

Account Name: **Missio**  
Sort Code: **16-00-16**  
Account Number: **10824230**  
Reference: **RB+ your postcode**

Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers overseas and all missionaries who share God's love - they tell us the love and strength they receive from us keeps them going.

Money given through the Red Box goes to support both the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries:

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Registered Charity No 1056651

[millhillmissionaries.com](https://millhillmissionaries.com)  
Registered Charity No 220690



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## 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.

## 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.

**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 November 2021

Loose Plate £1,029

Gift Aid £3,329

Non Gift Aid £471

## CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS



We will be practising on the next two Sundays after the 6.30 p.m. Mass. (Socially distanced, in the gallery!)

If you would like to help lead the music at Midnight Mass, please come and join us



### First Sunday of each month from 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022



We are looking forward to returning to lead the singing once a month at the 9.15 a.m. Mass.

No musical training required.

As long as you can carry a tune in a bucket and commit to regular rehearsals (1 hour max)

please come and join us!

Call 01325 380434 to find out more.

The Bishops of England & Wales have issued a joint statement regarding our observance of Sunday. Given the prevailing conditions, they have decided that it would not be right to reinstate the Sunday obligation to attend Mass at the present; however, they strongly urge us all to place the worship of God at the centre of Sunday, attending Mass where possible, but also trying to make sure that other activities do not draw us away from him.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouringsunday/>

### *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>12<sup>th</sup> December 2021</u>                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year C</u> |                                                                      |
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| SUNDAY                                                               | St Augustine's & Live-Streamed<br>St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 9.15 am<br>6.30 pm                              | Kath Webber RIP<br>Paddy Leonard RIP                                 |
| MONDAY                                                               | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 11.00 am<br>12.15pm                             | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 12 noon<br>Clare Whelan RIP |
| TUESDAY                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                 |                                                                      |
| WEDNESDAY                                                            | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 7.00 pm                                         | In Thanksgiving (R&D)                                                |
| THURSDAY                                                             | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 12.15pm                                         | Maura & John Kavanagh RIP                                            |
| FRIDAY                                                               | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 7.00 pm                                         | Liam Taylor RIP                                                      |
| SATURDAY                                                             | St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10.00 am                                        | Pauline McLean RIP                                                   |
| SUNDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> December<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent | St Augustine's & Live-Streamed<br>St Augustine's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 9.15 am<br>6.30 pm                              | Jim & Elsie Lawley RIP<br>Rose & Keith Cowan RIP                     |
| THOSE WHO ARE SICK                                                   | Please remember 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, Betty Smith, Michael Grogan, Doris Trees, Sylvia McGee, Iris McCready, Anna Lloyd, John Appleton and all those looking after them.    |                                                 |                                                                      |
| LATELY DEAD <b>+</b>                                                 | Anne Kee, Fr Kevin Daly, Elizabeth Shaftoe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                 |                                                                      |
| ANNIVERSARIES                                                        | <b>December Anniversaries</b> – Stella Davies, Emma Howard, Keith Cowan, Mary & James Courtney, Teresa Conway, Jean Carter, Joe Lyonette, Francies O'Hare, James Christey, Aldo Di-Duca, Caroline Bainbridge, Christine Fawcett, Paul McGregor, Peggy Coatman, Alan Sisk, Bernard Carrigan, Mike Bennett, Jonny McTaggart, Kathleen Webber.<br><i>May they rest in peace.</i> |                                                 |                                                                      |

### 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.