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26th December 2021 - Holy Family – Year C



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,

Friday 24th December 4pm – Joyce Connolly RIP
Friday 24th December 7pm – Frank & Mary McMahan RIP
Friday 24th December Midnight – Duncan Taylor RIP
Saturday 25th December 10am – Vincent McCullah RIP
Sunday 26th December 9.15am – Dorothy Tobin RIP,
Sunday 26th December 6.30pm – Ints. of Allen Reid
Sunday 2nd January – 9.15am – Osmund & Betty Poad RIP
Sunday 2nd January – 6.30pm – Rose Sehi 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.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This will be divided between the SVP and the Refugees.



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?

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

SVP - South Sudan Christmas Appeal. Once again, we are asking for your crib donations to support the SVP in South Sudan. Circumstances have changed. Floods, rampant inflation and COVID has delayed planned development programmes. This year it is planned to support a baby feeding centre in Lologu and rations at the Displaced Persons Camp through this. £50 will feed a child for a year. the country and the lives of individual families.



Say No to Hassockfields. Derwentside Asylum Detention Facility (formerly known as Hassockfields and also Medomsley Young Offenders Institute) is now housing the women asylum seekers moved from Yarlswood. The J & P Network in the NE received this message: - 'I just heard that today Yarlswood Asylum Detention Centre closed its doors to women and the existing residents were moved to 'Derwentside' (otherwise known as Medomsley.) My sister volunteered in Yarlswood, providing clothes and toiletries etc and a friendly face to these women. The stories she could tell about the lives of these women.

Who knows what kind of Christmas they will have? I think that they are in need of our prayers.

Regards

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Let us remember these women in our prayers and pray for a just and humane asylum seeking process.

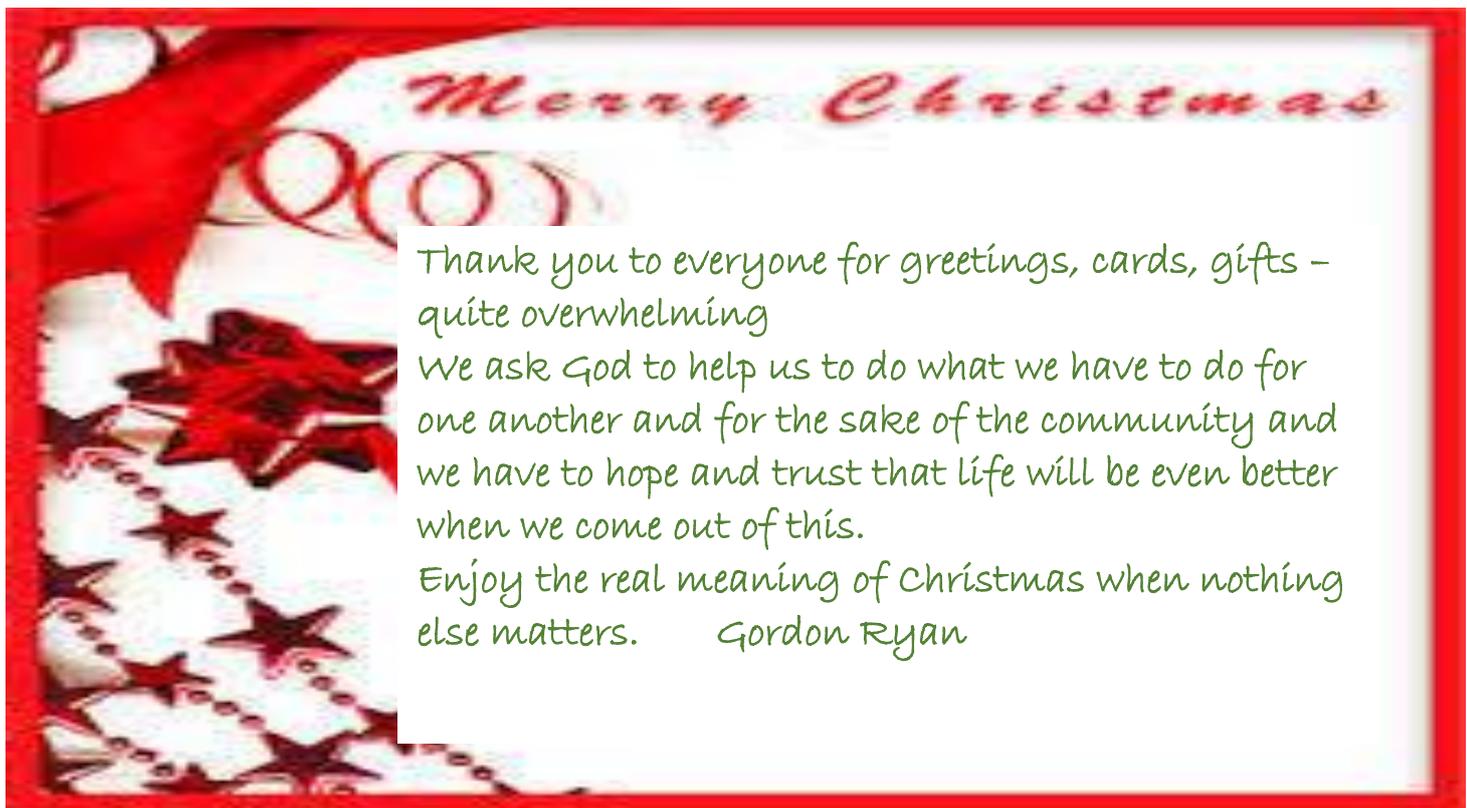
The J & P Group will resume meeting (Covid permitting) in the new year. Please think about joining us as one of your New Year Resolutions. A very Happy Christmas and a Hopeful, Joyful and Peaceful New year.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Classes will take place for those children in Year 4 starting on 13th of January 2022 on a Thursday evening at 6pm in Church.

All the dates are published on the website.

Fr Gordon would like to meet with the parents separately at some of these sessions, details and dates to be confirmed later.



CHRISTIAN NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

- Spend more time with God, family and friends. Get to know God better and that will increase your appreciation for those he has put into your life to share your days with.
- Enjoy life more. God created us to know him, love him and serve him. Life is intended to be a joyful experience not a drudge. Knowing God makes us more grateful for all we have been gifted with and it allows us to enjoy every moment as precious.
- Get rid of a habit that's been holding you back and doing you no good. Whether it's a negative attitude or even some obvious sin, choose something definite to work on during this coming year.
- Make a more determined effort to help others. Volunteer for some community task or go out of your way to keep an eye on someone you know needs it. By helping others you are showing them the face of God and are giving proof of your faith.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22.24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel, since she said, I asked the Lord for him.

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.

There she left him, for the Lord.

The Psalm

They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2.21-24

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.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

First Sunday of each month from 6th 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.



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

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

CHURCH HALLS & MEETING SPACES

Our Church services take place in a well-controlled environment if all guidelines are followed, but this is not true for church halls and meeting spaces. Socialising and most other forms of group activity in our church halls and meeting spaces present a very serious risk of COVID transmission. We do have controls in place in our halls but it is much more difficult to maintain social distancing; so the much more transmissible Omicron variant has an ideal environment in which to spread.

Bishop Robert recommends that we close our Church Halls and meeting spaces to all groups and activities from Friday 17th December. They should remain closed until further notice. A further review of COVID controls relating to church halls will take place in January when the effects of the Omicron variant may be apparent.

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

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.

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.

ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES TO BE LIVE-STREAMED

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| Friday – Christmas Eve | St Augustine's | 4.00 pm | Joyce Connolly RIP |
| | St Augustine's | 7.00 pm | Frank & Mary McMahan RIP |
| | St Augustine's | Midnight | Duncan Taylor |
| SATURDAY – Christmas Day | St Augustine's | 10.00 am | Vincent McCullah RIP |

| 26 th December 2021 | | Baptism of Our Lord – Year C | |
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| Sunday 9.15am Mass live streamed | St Augustine's | 9.15 am | Dorothy Tobin RIP |
| | St Augustine's | 6.30 pm | Ints of Allen Reid |
| Monday | St Augustine's | 10.00 am 10.30 am | Prayers for Healing Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 11.30 am |
| Tuesday | | | |
| Wednesday | St Augustine's | 7.00 pm | NO MASS |
| Thursday | St Augustine's | 12.15pm | NO MASS |
| Friday | St Augustine's | 7.00 pm | NO MASS |
| Saturday | St Augustine's | 10.00 am | NO MASS |

*The office will be closed until Tuesday 4th January 2022.
If you wish to speak/contact Fr Gordon please ring the office -
266602 or email info@staugustineschurch.org.uk.*



| 2 nd January 2022 | 2 nd Sunday after Christmas – Year C | | |
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| Sunday 2 nd Sunday after Christmas 9.15am Mass live streamed | St Augustine's | 9.15 am | Osmund & Betty Poad RIP |
| | St Augustine's | 6.30 pm | Rose Sehi RIP |
| Monday | St Augustine's | 11.00 am 12.15pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 12 noon Mgr James Rooney RIP |
| Tuesday | | | |
| Wednesday | St Augustine's | 7.00 pm | Marjorie Murphy RIP |
| Thursday The Epiphany Holyday of Obligation | St Augustine's | 12.15pm | Andrew & Tess Keough RIP |
| Friday | St Augustine's | 7.00 pm | In Thanksgiving R&D |
| Saturday | St Augustine's | 10.00 am | Special Int. Sandra Todd |
| Sunday 9 th January Baptism of the Lord | St Augustine's & Live-Streamed St Augustine's | 9.15 am 6.30 pm | Terence O'Neil RIP Wyn Gaffney RIP |
| THOSE WHO ARE SICK | <p>Please remember Fr Gary Dickson, Fr Michael McKenna & all priests and religious in the diocese and people of the parish who have health problems.</p> <p>Also the sick & housebound of the parish - Michelle Butler, Betty Smith, Michael Grogan, Doris Trees, Sylvia McGee, Iris McCready, Anna Lloyd, John Appleton and those looking after them.</p> | | |
| LATELY DEAD + | Fr John F Brady, Fr Richard Harriott, Ray Hankin | | |
| ANNIVERSARIES | <p>January Anniversaries – Osmund Poad, John Daley, Jack & Jimmy Taylor, Elsie Morton, Noreen Jameson, Peter Taylor, William Lisle, Kevin McKeown, Valerie Haigh, Clifford Hutchinson, Stephen Love, Patrick Crooks, Edward Jones, Margaret Patterson, Hilda & Domenico Bambino, Maureen Harrison, Tommy Marley, Peter Gilligan, Rose Cowan, Brian Simpson, Dorothy Catterall, Neville Patterson, Michael White, Christopher Hammond.</p> <p><i>May they rest in peace.</i></p> | | |