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9th January 2022 – Baptism of Our Lord - Year C

Our baptism is something we have to say "yes" to each day. It is the challenge to look at the world with eyes that see beyond the obvious and to respond to God's invitation to live according to the values of his kingdom.

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 9th January – 9.15am – Terence O'Neil RIP

Sunday 9th January – 6.30pm – Wyn Gaffney RIP

Sunday 16th January – 9.15am – Vincent McCullah RIP

Sunday 16th January – 6.30pm – Mary & Rose Kane 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

Thank you for your generosity, £1,214 was given at the Christmas Masses which will be divided between the SVP and the Refugees.

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

Next Sunday, 16 January, is **PEACE SUNDAY** and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'.



The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peacemaking? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about? In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media.

Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Middlesbrough Diocese Justice and Peace Commission invite you to
'Climate Change, Arms and Conflict: What does security mean in a time of climate crisis?' Lead by Aisling Griffin, Schools and Education Officer with Pax Christi

'We will explore how climate change, conflict, military emissions and arms are all interconnected. We will consider what security means in the face of the climate crisis, and reflect on how we can respond as people of faith.' On Saturday 15th January 2022 at 11.00a.m. – 12.30p.m. Via Zoom.

All most welcome. To register please e.mail bhungin@yahoo.co.uk

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

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 on the 20th January 2022 also at 6pm.

If you haven't already put your child's name down please just come along to the first session.

First Reading; Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11

'Console my people, console them,' says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her
that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Psalm

Bless the Lord, my soul!, Lord God, how great you are!

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16.21-22

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.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove, And a voice came from the heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests with you.'



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.

- In what ways do the Mass and the Sacraments inspire us to a deeper encounter with Jesus? How does prayer change how we understand our involvement in the mission of the Church? What flows out from the Mass and the Sacraments to our local communities?
- How does our identity and action as Church relate to the Great commission of Jesus to make disciples of all the nations (Matt. 28:18-20)? What formation do we need to be more committed to the mission of the Church? How are we having an impact and making a difference?
- In what ways does our Church community speak to society? How can we have further impact in this area? In what ways can we develop dialogue with those who hold different views?

Meetings will be held to discuss these questions on

Wednesday 19th January after 7.00pm Mass
Thursday 20th January after 12.15pm Mass
Friday 21st January 6.00pm before 7.00pm Mass

REFLECTION – Baptism

Baptism was not over and done with
the day we were taken to the font.
We are baptised by all that happens to us in life.
We are baptised by hardship; in its turbulent waters
we are purified of all that is false and useless.
We are baptised by suffering; in its murky waters
we grow in humility and compassion.
We are baptised by joy: in its gurgling waters
we experience the goodness of life.
We are baptised by love: in its singing waters
we blossom like flowers in the sun.
Baptism is like the planting of a seed.
It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen.

CHURCH HALLS & MEETING SPACES

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 December 2021

Loose Plate £926

Gift Aid £3,286

Non Gift Aid £264

9 th January 2022		2 nd Sunday after Christmas – Year C	
Sunday Baptism of the Lord 9.15am Mass live streamed	St Augustine's & Live-Streamed St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Terence O'Neil RIP Wyn Gaffney RIP
Monday	St Augustine's	11.00 am 12.15pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 12 noon A special Intention
Tuesday			
Wednesday	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Amy Purvis RIP
Thursday	St Augustine's	12.15pm	Ints of Anita Fowell
Friday	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Margaret Canavan RIP
Saturday	St Augustine's	10.00 am	D/M Parker Family
Sunday 16 th January 2 nd Sunday of Year C	St Augustine's & Live-Streamed St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Vincent McCullah RIP Mary & Rose Kane RIP
THOSE WHO ARE SICK	Please remember Fr Gary Dickson, Fr Michael McKenna & 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, Betty Smith, Michael Grogan, Doris Trees, Sylvia McGee, Iris McCready, Anna Lloyd, John Appleton and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD †			
ANNIVERSARIES	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. <i>May they rest in peace.</i>		