

St Anne, St Augustine, Holy Family, St Mary, St Osmund

# Hogarth Partnership

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*20<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year C*

## WORD FOR TODAY

*We all think that we have plenty of time to get round to sorting out our lives and our relationship with God. But today's gospel warns us that we never know what's around the corner; besides, what's so undesirable about God that we would we want to put off committing ourselves fully to him?*

## *St Augustine's Church*

### *No longer required to book in for Sunday Mass*

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March- 9.15am – Bernard Carrigan RIP

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### *We will continue with our own guidelines as below.*

- **NO** bookings required for the Sunday or weekday masses
- You are encouraged to continue to wear a face covering
- Sanitise hands on entry to the Church
- Social distancing still best practice - perhaps if somebody is sitting down in front of you, don't use the kneelers.

### AWAKENING 2022

Eucharistic Adoration of 100 days organized by Jesus Youth that began on Ash Wednesday lasting till Pentecost across the UK and Europe.

Our church will be partaking today *March 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday, from 11 am till 2 pm.*

We will be praying for various intentions, especially for our parish community, world peace, especially in Ukraine, and therefore kindly request your participation.

### FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

There will be 4 sessions before the children make their First Communion. The first one took place this week the next sessions which take place in Church at 6pm lasting for an hour are:

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Fr Gordon would like to meet with the parents on 31<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm the same time the children will be attending.

First Communion will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am.

### MEETINGS

- Liturgy Meeting Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March after 7.00pm Mass to discuss Holy Week and Easter preparations.
- Parish Council meeting Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm in the Parish Centre

## SUNDAY COFFEES AFTER MASS

The kitchen extension started this Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March. We are still going to provide coffees and biscuits this Sunday and see if we can make it work and then perhaps get some of our groups back in to continue on a monthly basis. All donations will be given to a local charity.

## WANTED VOLUNTEERS

- WELCOMERS, READERS, CHILDREN'S LITURGY, FLOWERS/CHURCH DISPLAYS

There are sheets at the back of Church if you would like to sign up or find out more information. The more volunteers we have the less of a burden it becomes.

## BREAK FOR LENT 2022

These have been organised by Churches Together in Darlington in support of Christian Aid. The venue is St Cuthbert's Church Parish Hall, 10.30am for coffee/biscuits followed by the speaker at 11.00 am. It is planned to finish by 11.30 am. Suggested minimum donation £2

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Rev Vicky Thompson – Baptist

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Rev James Harvey – Anglican

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Rev John Bower - Methodist

DIOCESAN LENTEN REFLECTIONS The Lenten Reflections are now available to download (in two parts) from the Diocesan website. Father Sean Hall continues to offer his weekly reflections on the Sunday Readings – available to read online or download.

## HOGARTH ALPHA - ON LINE

Do you want to explore your faith and ask the big questions on life? Then try Alpha! It's starting once again for our deanery and beyond, on *the 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30* for 12 weeks online.

Further information about Alpha can be found on the Hogarth Alpha partnership face book page and please invite your friends. Siobhan Casswell will be happy to answer any questions!

Please email [Hogarthalphaonline@gmail.com](mailto:Hogarthalphaonline@gmail.com) to register your wish to attend or for further information re Alpha contact Keld O'Shea on this email.

## MARRIAGE CARE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Catholic Marriage Care are looking for **Marriage Preparation Facilitators** to help prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage and **Trustees** to join the national board. Find out more about how you could help support couples and families at:

[www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk).

## First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8.13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. I must go and look at this strange sight, Moses said, and see why the bush is not burnt. Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, Moses, Moses! he said. Here I am he answered. Come no nearer he said. Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father, he said the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.

Then Moses said to God, I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you. But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them? And God said to Moses, I Am who I Am. This he added is what you must say to the sons of Israel: I Am has sent me to you. And God also said to Moses, You are to say to the sons of Israel: The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.

## PSALM

The Lord is compassion and love.

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

### Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down." '

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PRAY WITH UKRAINE, PRAY FOR UKRAINE, PRAY FOR  
PEACE

Моліться з Україною, моліться за Україну,  
моліться за мир

We pray for the Church: that in this time of crisis, she may speak words of truth and justice, act with compassion and be a sign of Christ's love for all those who are suffering. Lord in your mercy...

## JUSTICE & PEACE

### Diocesan response to the Ukraine Crisis – A Message From Fr Adrian Tuckwell Episcopal Vicar for Caritas

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking into how it can safely welcome and support any Ukrainian Refugees who may find their way to the North East.



Working with CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network) diocesan departments and project volunteers are looking at properties which we may be able to use; safeguarding and support for the individual families who will come and how we can support our own parishioners who are generously offering their property and homes as places of refuge. We will keep you informed on the developments we make.

I also take this opportunity to thank you for the many donations which the Polish Community have received and for the church collections you are taking in parishes across the diocese. Once again, the people of our diocese are showing their faith in action.

Please also continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and, of course, refugees from so many places of war, violence and persecution. Perhaps you may like to join me and so many others in using this prayer from Pope Francis for all who have left their homelands:

*Merciful God, we pray to you for all the men, women and children who have died after leaving their homelands in search of a better life.*

*Though many of their graves bear no name, to you each one is known, loved and cherished.*

*May we never forget them but honour their sacrifice with deeds more than words. We entrust to you all those who have made this journey, enduring fear, uncertainty and humiliation, in order to reach a place of safety and hope.*

*Just as you never abandoned your Son as he was brought to a safe place by Mary and Joseph, so now be close to these, your sons and daughters, through our tenderness and protection.*

*In caring for them may we seek a world where none are forced to leave their home and where all can live in freedom, dignity and peace.*

*Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from the slumber of indifference, open our eyes to their suffering, and free us from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centredness.*

**UPDATE** The first meeting of the above group will take place next week. What we will be looking at is a being a Group Sponsoring organisation. Hopefully this may cut a lot of bureaucracy and give parishes/parishioners/others a way to support our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

## Finding Christ in the Eucharist, the poor and creation - A time of reflection

April 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am –12.30pm via zoom

This morning of reflection aims at widening our understanding about the connection between the Eucharist, food justice and the ecological crisis we are in. It will explore how we are nourished by the Eucharist and are invited to nourish others and the whole of creation.

Speaker is Fr. Chris Hughes and there will be an opportunity for sharing.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finding-jesus-in-the-eucharist-the-poor-and-creation-tickets-276896313327>

## CHANGE YOUR LIFE AND TRANSFORM SOMEONE ELSE'S THIS LENT?

**CAFOD WALK AGAINST HUNGER.** Don't forget John, Teresa, Jessica and Brian our parishioners who have stepped up to the challenge to walk 200k this Lent and help stamp out hunger, one step at a time. If you spot them out, give them a wave and maybe a shout-out. You may recognise them by their special laces.

**FROM CAFOD** Give yourself some quiet time for reflection each day to draw closer to God in prayer by sign up for short daily reflections during lent. at

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-calendar>

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## PIETY SHOP

Why not take a look in, there are some new items in the shop. We also have a range of Mother's Day cards and Easter Cards on the bench in the middle of Church with all profits going to the SVP – these were kindly donated by a parishioner.

## MASS INTENTIONS

We are running low on mass intentions for the *masses that take place during the week*. If you would like a Mass for a special anniversary, remembrance or a personal intention there are envelopes available in Church. These can be left on the collection plate or handed to Fr Gordon. Thank you.

## JOB VACANCY

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a new Senior Administrator in the Safeguarding Team. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle and is full-time. Closing date for applications: 23 March 2022. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301

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9.15am Mass live streamed	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	James Charlton RIP
Monday	St Augustine's	11.00 am	Exposition till 12 noon
	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	D/M Spence Family
Tuesday			
Wednesday	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Virgilio Tanganan RIP Liturgy Meeting after Mass
Thursday	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	In Thanksgiving R&D
Friday	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Thanksgiving (DT)
Saturday	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Nick Robinson RIP
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	St Augustine's & Live-Streamed	9.15 am	George & Delia Lancaster RIP
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	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, and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD	+		
ANNIVERSARIES	<b>March Anniversaries</b> – Lily Daley, May Sellers, Maurice Conway, Stanley Butterfield, Delia Lancaster, Betty Baldwin, Hilda Pattison, Noel Doherty, Maureen Roscamp, Constantine Larkin. <i>May they rest in peace.</i>		

Thank you for monies received in February 2022		
Loose Plate	£1,288	Gift Aid £3,704
		Non-Gift Aid £249
<b><u>Total £5,241</u></b>		

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