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27th March 2022 – 4th Sunday of Lent - Year C

WORD FOR TODAY

There is nothing that is so bad that God cannot forgive it if we are truly sorry. There is no sin that can put us out of reach of God's mercy. Today

we are reminded that the God we worship is the same God who is humble enough to welcome sinners and to eat with them. Repentance

has a central place in the Christian life. But fear doesn't.

St Augustine's Church
No longer required to book in for Sunday Mass

Sunday 27th March – 9.15am – George & Delia Lancaster RIP

Sunday 27th March – 6.30pm – Mary & Rose Kane RIP

Sunday 3rd April- 9.15am – Michael Lindsay RIP

Sunday 3rd April – 6.30pm – Virgilio Tanganan RIP

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.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

There will be 4 sessions before the children make their First Communion. The second session takes place this **Thursday 31st March** in Church at 6pm lasting for an hour, Fr Gordon would also like to meet with the parents at the same time.

The remaining two sessions are on

Thursday 28th April

Thursday 12th May

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

MEETINGS

- Liturgy Meeting Wednesday 30th March after 7.00pm Mass to discuss Holy Week and Easter preparations.

SUNDAY COFFEES AFTER MASS

The kitchen extension started on Monday 14th March. We are still going to provide coffees and biscuits after Mass. If we can make it work, we might 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.



BRITISH SUMMER TIME
CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 hour on Sunday
27th March 1.00 am



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 28th March – Rev James Harvey – Anglican

Monday 4th April – Rev John Bower - Methodist

SVP MASS ON FRIDAY APRIL 1ST

The evening mass will be for the intentions of our Conference. We will remember those who we visit and have visited in the past. We will pray for all who have contributed so much over the years to the work that we do, including of course those who make it possible through their financial contributions and their prayers. During mass we will welcome our new president, Brenda Hasler and acknowledge the wonderful contribution of David Watson, our president of many years. During his period of office, our conference has developed from a very small number into the vibrant group that we celebrate today.

All are welcome to join us.

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 21st 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 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 or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you. The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

PSALM

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found." '

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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.

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 took place Thursday afternoon. Proposals have to be given the go-ahead from the Trustees of the Diocese. Once this is received a statement will come to parishes (which should be this week) 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 9th 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>



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...

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.

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Sunday	St Augustine's & Live-Streamed	9.15 am	George & Delia Lancaster RIP
9.15am Mass live streamed	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Mary & Rose Kane 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
	St Augustine's	6.00 pm	First Communion Mtg – Children and parents
Friday	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Intentions of the SVP
Saturday	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Nick Robinson RIP
Sunday 3 rd April	St Augustine's & Live-Streamed	9.15 am	Michael Lindsay RIP
5 th Sunday in Lent	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Virgilio Tanganan 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	March Anniversaries – 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
<u>Total £5,241</u>		

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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