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24th July 2022 – 17th Sunday of the Year C

WORD FOR TODAY

Parents have to set standards for their children but at the same time they will do anything to see the good side of them if they show the slightest remorse or regret.

When we do wrong and admit it before God, why should he be any different?

Sunday 24th July - 9.15am – Norah & Gordon Davies RIP
Sunday 24th July – 6.30pm – Patrick Joseph Cunningham RIP
Sunday 31st July – 9.15am – George & Delia Lancaster RIP
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SUNDAY 9.15am Mass - will **not be** live streamed today 24th and the 31st July.

World Day for Grandparents and Elderly is 24th July. Pope Francis is calling on Catholics to pray throughout the month for the elderly. He noted never before in human history have there been so many elderly people. 'We cannot speak about family without talking about the importance of the elderly among us, we elderly people often have a special sensitivity for care, for reflection and affection. We are or we can become teachers of tenderness.' Pope Francis

JUSTICE & PEACE Meeting on Wednesday 27th July after 7.00pm Mass.
Everybody welcome.

PIETY SHOP

New stock has arrived in the Piety Shop. Please look when you are next in Church. Lots of cards, small gifts etc. Well worth a browse and you also help support the SVP.

SUNDAY COFFEES

Coffees are being hosted by, Elspeth (Kumi) and HCPT during July. August will be hosted by Sue Simpson & family - fundraising for Ukraine and September is the turn of the SVP (when we should be in the new kitchen). We will be looking for people to host from October through to the year end. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Will be cancelled during the summer holidays – back in September.

SVP NEWS

A large part of our ministry is visiting people in their homes and in care homes, which we have not been able to do through the pandemic. We are now able to visit once more ensuring that we take all possible precautions. If you know of anyone who would like to be visited and maybe also receive communion please contact me Brenda Hasler at behasler@icloud.com

LITURGICAL FORMATION AND DAYS OF REFLECTION

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission is pleased to share their Autumn calendar for Liturgical Formation and Days of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers. Please visit bit.ly/Liturgy2022 for further details or see the poster and information sheet on the notice board. Please book via the parish office. Further dates will be announced for other ministries.

THE VICARIATE FOR FAITH AND MISSION

has now produced the '*Encountering the Holy Spirit*' booklet, which is the third of a series of reflection booklets to accompany the Year of the Eucharist. The booklet is available on the Diocesan website from the following link: <https://bit.ly/3R2gJRZ>

HEALING MASS - WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST 2.30PM AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Celebrated by Brother Robert. After Mass Coffee and Cake will be provided in the Church Hall by The Catenians. Please email rpabbott@btinternet.com if you are attending. The Catenians have offered transport for those who might otherwise struggle to attend. You are invited to call Ray Abbot on 07796610757 to request transport or email as above.

STARS Pantomime January 2023

Following on from the success of the last, award winning, STARS panto in January 2020 we are proud to present a Panto version of **Hansel and Gretel** on **Wednesday 25 – Saturday 28 January 2023**.

To help make this family fun pantomime another huge success, we need your help. We need cast members, musicians, lighting/sound, costume, makeup and backstage. This is your time to make that decision to be involved in some shape or form. STARS needs new people to help make this and future productions as professional as we all know they usually are.

Information evenings and auditions (nothing too daunting!!) for cast and chorus will take place on **Sunday 11 September** and **Friday 16 September 7-9.30pm** in the Parish Centre. The show is open to anyone Year 6 upwards and adults of any age!! So please come along to find out about how you can be part of the show!. For further details please contact Adrian Frank 07981366724.

First Reading; Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice? The Lord replied, If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.

Abraham replied, I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five? No, he replied I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there. Again Abraham said to him, Perhaps there will only be forty there. I will not do it he replied for the sake of the forty.

Abraham said, I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there. I will not do it he replied if I find thirty there. He said, I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there. I will not destroy it he replied for the sake of the twenty. He said, I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten. I will not destroy it he replied for the sake of the ten.

THE PSALM

On the day I called,
You answered me, O Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive
each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test." '

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'



JUSTICE & PEACE

SAY NO TO HASSOCKFILEDS – Some information to help you understand the situation inside the Derwentshire Immigration Removal Centre.

Approximately 40 women are currently detained as of late June. Of those referred to Medical Justice (MJ) they were aged between 27 and 68. Nationalities include Vietnamese, Albanian, Nigerian, South African, Brazilian and Indonesian. Three accommodation blocks in the centre now being used.

Some women who have arrived crossing the channel in boats are now being detained directly when they arrive in the UK. Many have suffered domestic violence, gender-based violence, and trafficking. Few women speak English, and even then, it may be rudimentary. Access to adequate interpretation support is very difficult.

Women detained at Derwentside are often transferred multiple times before they arrive there. For instance, women who are initially arrested in the south of England - having either arrived by boat or having been arrested at home, or when reporting to the Home Office - are taken initially to Colnbrook, near Heathrow. From there they are transferred to the short-term holding facility in Manchester, before finally being transferred to Hassockfield/Derwentside. When they receive removal directions, they are moved back along same route. If their removal direction is cancelled, then they begin the return journey. The women's phones are confiscated during journeys, so they are denied vital contact with their lawyers, family and friends during this time.

Women detained receive 72p a day from the detention centre (£5.04 a week) into their accounts. They can order shower gel, shampoo, sanitary products, cigarettes and some food items but prices inside Derwentside match shop prices so the money they are receiving does not cover things they need. Money can't be transferred electronically and distance from family/supporters means they lack other funds.

The organisation **Friendship across Borders** have so far distributed over 80 welcome packs to women arriving at the IRC, also giving them £20 phone credit. The mobile phone signal is poor inside the building, but this is the only way of contacting family, support organisations and legal advice. They and Women for Refugee Women are transferring money into the Women's accounts, but the demand is soon going to outstrip availability of funds.

Medical Justice - who produce medico-legal reports to try to evidence harm in detention and reasons for release, and help onward asylum claims - have had 21 referrals and done 7 assessments (2 face to face). Of the 7 assessments they have carried out, MJ believe all, but one woman has been released, but cannot say for sure that this was a direct result of the medico-legal reports.

What can you do? Donate to Women for Refugee Women's crowdfunding appeal calling for Derwentside's closure and learn more about it.

<https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/stop-the-detention-of-women/>

If you want to volunteer as a visitor at Hassockfield/Derwentside contact AVID via enquiries@aviddetention.org.uk

Donate to Friendship across Borders directly -

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friendship-across-borders-827>

Contact Friendship Across Borders via friendshipacrossborders@hotmail.com if you want to donate items for Friendship Packs or help with their work.

I have asked for a list of items we could collect here at St Augustine's and when I receive this will put it on the bulletin.

Clinicians are needed to volunteer for Medical Justice if you know of someone or if you yourself feels qualified, contact them via <https://medicaljustice.org.uk/volunteering/>

Friendship Packs

Following last week's report on Hassockfields/Derwentshire IRC, I have received a list of items that make up the 'friendship packs' for the women detained there. If you would like to donate an item or items, I will get them to the members of the Justice & Peace Council who hold the monthly prayer vigil outside the centre.

These are the items supplied to the women: - Thick shower Gels, Thick moisturisers, Face Cloths, Eye Masks, Ear Plugs, Toothpaste and Toothbrush, Slipper socks or slippers, Socks, Period pads (no tampons please), Deodorants (no aerosols allowed), Hand written card sending support.

Shampoo is not supplied since they have been advised by other support groups that shampoo that works well with Caucasian hair doesn't suit those women from Afro Caribbean countries.

Everything must be in date, unopened and alcohol-free

I will put a marked box/basket at the back of Church for any donated items.

Marjory Knowles

USHAW'S SPECTACULAR FLOWER FESTIVAL IS BACK!

FRIDAY 9TH - SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Celebrating everything that's great about County Durham, join us for the **Ushaw Flower Fest**. With the exciting talent of flower arrangers and florists from across the region coming together to create a floral tour of County Durham; highlighting its heritage, culture, people and landscape.

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Sunday	St Augustine's & Live-Streamed St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	Norah & Gordon Davies RIP Patrick Joseph Cunningham RIP
Monday	St Augustine's St Augustine's	11.00 am 12.15 pm	EXPOSITION In Thanksgiving R&D
Tuesday			
Wednesday	St Augustine's St Augustine's	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Mary & Lawrence RIP Justice & Peace Meeting
Thursday	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Rose Hodge & Family
Friday	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Mary & Rose Kane RIP
Saturday	St Augustine's	10.00 am	D/M Flaws Family
Sunday 31 st July 18 th Sunday of the Year C	St Augustine's & Live-Streamed St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	George & Delia Lancaster RIP Lyn Smith RIP
THOSE WHO ARE SICK	Please remember Fr Gary Dickson, Fr Michael McKenna, & all priests and religious in the diocese. Also the sick & housebound of the parish - Michelle Butler, Betty Smith, Michael Grogan, Doris Trees, Sylvia McGee, Iris McCready and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD +	Fr Thomas Burke		
ANNIVERSARIES	July Anniversaries – Kathleen Flaws, Bill Carter, Teresa Taylor, Rita Taylor, Irene Humphrey, John Mace, Liam Ryan, Mary Welsh, Brian Campbell, Marion Turner, John Hennessey, Elizabeth Thirtle, Lawrence McDonald, Paul Dodsworth, Elizabeth Leeman, Garry Pease, Clare Whelan, John May, Christine Green. <i>May they rest in peace.</i>		
WELCOMERS	31 st July	9.15am	Chris & Elspeth Robinson

Thank you for monies received in June 2022		
Loose Plate	£1,869	Gift Aid £3,037
		Non-Gift Aid £279
<u>Total £5,472</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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