

20th MARCH 2016 – PASSION SUNDAY - YEAR C



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PARISH BULLETIN

BREVIARY WEEK : 2

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Word for Today

We follow the events of this coming Holy Week as onlookers in the crowd. We see what the world sees; we hear what the world hears. Yet God offers us the chance to move beyond the obvious, to embrace the gift of life that comes as a result of Jesus' death. Will we cheer for Barabbas or will we use the week to renew our commitment to the innocent Lamb who takes away our sin and removes our shame?



Passion Sunday / Holy Places

This year there will be a second collection today - Palm Sunday, for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places).



SERVICES

Monday	Exposition	12 noon – 3.00 pm
Tuesday	Mass	12.15pm
	Passover – Parish Centre	7.00pm
Wednesday	Stations of the Cross	12.15pm
Maundy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.00pm
		Watching till 10pm
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	10.00am
	Ecumenical Act of Witness	11.00am - Monument
	Passion of Our Lord	3.00pm
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	8.00pm
Easter Sunday	Mass	9.15am
	Mass	11.00am

Please note:

There will be **no** 12.15pm Mass on Maundy Thursday

There will be **no** confessions on Easter Saturday

There will be **no** Sunday evening Cluster Mass on Easter Sunday

PASSION SUNDAY – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross at 4.30pm here in St Augustine's led by Rev Robert Williamson from St Cuthbert's Church.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL – LENT LITURGY

On Tuesday 22nd March at 10.00am – Lent liturgy in Church. Please join them for a short liturgy focusing on the events of Holy Week and their own Lenten promises.

PASSOVER – Tuesday 22nd March

We will set the room up on Monday evening approx 8pm, and prepare the food from 2.30pm on the Tuesday afternoon, if anybody is available your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. There will be a small supper in the tradition of the passover with wine or juice, with lots of music. There is no charge, but a donation on the night is appreciated. If you haven't attended before it is a

good night with plenty of ritual and songs. It is suitable for families with older children. The evening will commence at 7.00pm.

CHRISM MASS – Holy Thursday 24th April

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Thursday 24th April at 11.00 am when the three oils to be used in the diocese over the coming year in the celebration of the Sacraments are blessed. All priests present will renew their priestly commitment. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome to do so.

- **Feet Washing**

Would you be willing to help in our liturgy on Maundy Thursday when we re-enact the way in which Jesus washed the feet of his apostles as a sign of our need to serve one another? If so, then please sign the list on the table at the back of church. Thank you.

- **Watching With The Blessed Sacrament**

We will have an opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be reflective music for about half an hour after the Mass, and then we will leave the Blessed Sacrament on the altar until 10.00pm.

- **Maundy Thursday SVP Collection**

The collection taken during Mass on Maundy Thursday is to support the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, which works with vulnerable families and individuals in Darlington, and supports two SVP groups in rural India. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

PS If you would like your contribution to be increased at no cost to yourself, please do not put your offering on the collection plate, but instead take a Gift Aid envelope which will be available after mass.

There will be a **collection for the SVP** at the Evening Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of The Cross at 10.00 am

Ecumenical Act of Witness 11.00am–11.30am at the Joseph Pease Monument

Passion of our Lord – 3.00 pm

<u>CLOCKS CHANGE NEXT WEEKEND EASTER SATURDAY</u>
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move clocks forward by one hour

YEAR OF MERCY

began on December 8th 2015 - 20th November 2016.

Exploring Different Ways Into Personal Prayer – Thursdays 11-12noon in the large meeting room in No. 10 (opposite main Church doors)

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Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.

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PASSOVER-SEDER CELEBRATION

This will take place on **TUESDAY 22ND MARCH at 7.00pm.**

Tickets will be available next week, on a first come first served basis. There will be 100 tickets, but we do ask that if you wish to come please take a ticket in order for us to help with the planning and catering - a small supper in the tradition of the passover with wine or juice. There is no charge, but a donation on the night is appreciated.

If you haven't attended before it is a good night with plenty of ritual and songs. It is suitable for families with older children.

A list is available for those people willing to help on setting up the hall, and/or during the day with the food preparation.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Barbara on 266602.

FEET WASHING – HOLY THURSDAY

There is a list at the back of Church if you would like to take part in the foot-washing ritual on Holy Thursday.

BECOME A COMMUNITY PEER MENTOR The Community Peer Mentor project is a joint initiative between Durham Police & Crime Commissioner & Darlington Borough Council. It aims to support those suffering from anti-social behaviour or neighbourhood disputes. The project aims to help reduce the pressure on frontline services by engaging with individuals who make frequent calls & demands on services.

This is a great opportunity to be a volunteer & to help support vulnerable & isolated individuals & make a real difference to people at difficult times in their lives.

No previous experience is needed & training will be provided. For further information please contact Jim Cunningham on Tel: 01325 405565 or

jum.cunningham@darlington.gov.uk.

GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

New boxes of Gift Aid envelopes for the next tax year are now ready for collection at the back of church. Please note that the first Sunday for using the new envelopes is 3rd APRIL 2016.

There will be another opportunity for parishioners to join the Gift Aid scheme after all Masses this week.

RED BOX HOLDERS AND SUPPORTERS

The latest edition of Mission Today is available for you to collect from the back of the church.

The Vatican has recently released statistics on the Catholic Church around the world. There are 1,069 missionary dioceses which are either too young or too poor to support themselves. However, thanks to your generosity and prayerful support, the work of the Church has been able to continue in these areas – educating children and young people, providing care homes, clinics, orphanages and much more. This year the Mill Hill Missionaries celebrate 150 years of service. If you feel called to start supporting the Missionaries, please contact Sheila Taylor on 07717 074991.

DIVINE MERCY AFTERNOON

- Sunday 3rd April here in St Augustine's 2-4pm, including confessions.
Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.
- Sunday 3rd April at St Joseph's Church, Norton. Holy Hour 2.30 – 3.30pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration, Benediction, Confessions.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord Yahweh has given me a disciples tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord Yahweh has opened my ear.

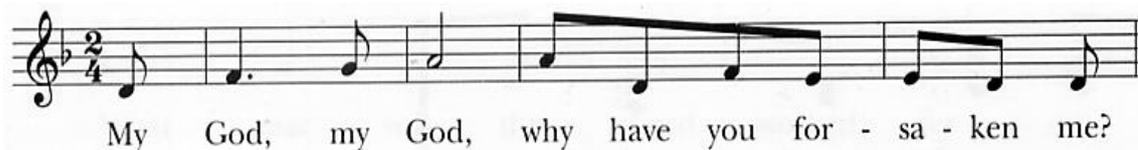
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord Yahweh comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

THE PSALM

Either: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Or:



Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on the earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of the Father.

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

We will sit and listen to the Passion of St Luke

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“Never will I leave you, nor forsake you”

I am here

I am here because I want to be,

I am here because I care;

I am here because you're a part of Me,

A part that's always near.

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EASTER SUNDAY – PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 6.30PM EVENING MASS

REFLECTION – Weep not for me but for yourselves

This week each year Christians are drawn to Jerusalem,
if not in body, at least in mind.

They stand at the foot of the cross, beating their breasts,
and staring with pity at Jesus of Nazareth.

They listen with reverence as he prays for his killers:

'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'
But when the week is over they return to their homes
to resume their deep-rooted spites
and the burden of things they can't forgive.
Let us not then weep for Jesus.
Let us weep for our own sins.
Then maybe, like Jesus, we will be able
to forgive others who sin against us.

REFLECTION –

GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION AND CELEBRATION OF CHILD BAPTISM

The Diocese is carrying out a consultation to inform the writing of new guidelines. Our parish has been selected to take part. Questionnaires for parishioners are available in the Sacristy. Once completed please return them to the office.

A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

"If only you knew the Gift of God and who it is that is asking you"

With Sr Anne McCarthy on Saturday 9th April 10.30-3.30pm at St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY (opposite St Cuthbert's House). No charge but booking is essential. Adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or tel 0191 2433313

PADDINGTON BEAR APPEAL

13/03/2016	£	29.48
Total in Bank	£	636.31
Total so far	£	30,768.38

SAINSBURY VOUCHERS

As both St Augustine's Primary School and Carmel RC Academy School along with Paradise Playgroup are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, we will divide any vouchers received between them. Please accept these vouchers in store and leave them on the collection basket. Thank you.

St Augustine's School used some of their vouchers last year for ballroom dancing classes.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH CLUB/CENTRE INFORMATION

PARISH CENTRE INFORMATION

To book the Parish Centre : email staugspc@gmail.com or
telephone 07909 747145

Bar Opening Times: Friday 7-11pm
Sunday 12-2pm & 7-10.30pm

DATES FOR DIARY

- **ST AUGUSTINE'S FPA**

are holding an 80's fancy dress disco (adults only) on Friday 13th May.
Tickets available from school or text Julie Watson – 07768 708786.

- **SUMMER BALL**

Saturday 4th June – Dinner & Live Music/Dance– please come along
and join us – a chance to dress up. Details within the next few weeks.

In July of this year our daughter, Eleanor, will be spending a month in Uganda as a volunteer with a charity, East African Playgrounds, which builds and maintains play areas for poor communities in a variety of African countries. To support her and the charity we are providing coffees after mass for the month of March. Please join us.

Julie & Brian Humphrey



COFFEES AFTER MASS

Eleanor Humphrey
East African Playgrounds

THANK YOU – The Happy Wanderers Handicapped Club wish to thank all the people who have supported them, and especially the helpers for all their hard work during the February coffee mornings.

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	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Fitzgerald Family
	St Augustine's	11.00 am	George & Lilian Kidson
	St Augustine's	4.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	D/M Darcy Family
MONDAY	St Augustine's	12.00 pm - 3.00 pm	Eucharistic Service Followed by Exposition
TUESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Patricia Gray RIP
WEDNESDAY	St Augustine's	12.15 pm	Stations of the Cross
THURSDAY	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Margaret Lindsay RIP Watching till 10.00 pm
FRIDAY	St Augustine's	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Passion of our Lord
SATURDAY	NO CONFESSIONS 10-11 AM		
	St Augustine's	8.00 pm	Joseph Mercer RIP
SUNDAY 27 th March Easter Passion Sunday Year C	St Augustine's	9.15 am	Maureen Preston RIP
	St Augustine's	11.00 am	Peter & Mary Carrigan RIP
	St Augustine's	4.30 pm	NO MASS Fitzgerald Family
	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	George & Lilian Kidson Stations of the Cross D/M Darcy Family
THOSE WHO ARE SICK	Please remember Fr Gary Dickson, Fr Richard Harriott, Sister Evelyn and all priests and religious in the diocese who have health problems. Also the sick and housebound of the parish – Pat Cooke, Joan Foster, Maureen Harrison, Monica Hibbert, Margaret Keelan, Anne Kee, and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD			
ANNIVERSARIES	March Anniversaries – Lily Daley, May Sellers, Maurice Conway, Stanley Butterfield, Delia Lancaster, Betty Baldwin, Jean Gallagher, Selwyn Spencer, Josephine Ward, Margaret Maddison, Margaret Costello, Irene McRedmond, Dorothy		

	Smith, Patrick McMullan, Janet Horner, Winifred Hewitt, Patricia Stewart, Kathleen Kelly, Rona Gunnell, Jean Patricio. May they rest in peace.		
MINISTERS	SUNDAY 270 th March 2016		
	9.15 am	11.00 am	6.30 pm
READERS	L Carlson/J Potter	A Gibbon/E Knight	NO MASS
OFFERTORY	E Singh & Michael	Tobin Family	A Webster/J King
WELCOMERS	Watson FamilyE McLesh/J Daley Daley Family J Scott/P Howard	P Ingham C McAllister/D Taylor Mr & Mrs Allinson D Trees	P Widdall J McGarrity
COUNTERS (CB) B Humphrey/G Lynch/P Owen/L EasthamT Appleton/G Harrison/J Poad/G Doherty/C McAllister			
	136 th March 2016	£579.96 571.13	
		<u>£ 729.68 236.78</u> (£912.10 295.97- gift aided)	
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