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8th November 2020 – 32nd Sunday of Year A

WORD FOR TODAY

As the Church's year draws to a close over the next few weeks we are reminded of the need to be alert for the coming of the Lord. Have we fallen into the same laxadaisical habits as the five foolish bridesmaids? Are there daily ways in which Jesus comes to meet us that we may be overlooking?



NOVEMBER is the month of Holy Souls, when we remember and pray for those who have died, especially our loved ones. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

On Sunday 15th November those whose funerals have been held here in St Augustine's parish in the last year will be remembered by the reading of their names and lighting a candle at our Sunday Mass.

If you would like the name of a relative or friend whom you have lost this year to be added to the parish list please contact the office, Fr Gordon.

*The office is closed for the time being,
If you wish to speak/contact Fr Gordon please ring the office -
266602 or email info@staugustineschurch.org.uk.*

*Sunday 8th November 9.15am – Mary Marks RIP
Sunday 15th November 9.15am – Deceased of the Parish*

RE-OPENING OF CHURCH

As from 5th November 2020

**All places of worship closed except for private prayer
Funerals limited to 30 people only.**

***Church will be closed for private worship and Mass for the next four weeks,
I will continue to offer masses privately.
Sunday Mass will continue to be live-streamed.***



PARISH FINANCES

The first six months of the financial year have now passed and a comparison has been done between Mar-Sep 2020 and Mar-Sep 2019.

| | 30/9/2020 | 30/9/2019 |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Receipts | | |
| Collections | | |
| • Gift Aid | £13,712 | £20,153 |
| • Loose Plate | £ 5,251 £18,963 | £12,944 £33,097 |
| Special Collections | | |
| • Diocese | £0 | £2,382 |
| • Others | £190 £190 | £4,362 £6,744 |
| Total Receipts | £23,480 | £57,784 |
| Payments | | |
| • General Admin | £9,283 | £7,520 |
| • Wages | £2,225 | £6,864 |
| • Heat & Light | £5,803 | £9,003 |
| • Clergy Allowances | £3,270 | £1,288 |
| • Piety & Papers | £ 495 | £3,091 |
| Total Payments | £33,312 | £41,720 |

As you can see income has dropped by half, and payments have not reduced very significantly. At the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday it was agreed that we would send a parish donation of £5,000 split between those appeals that we should have supported this year through a second collection – there would have been 15 different collections, i.e. Cafod, Sick & Retired Priests, Little Sisters of the Poor, Home/Mission Sunday, annual Mission appeal etc. If you would like to contribute towards these please use our banking details below:

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

If you would like to change your envelope donation and pay direct:
(can you please use your name and envelope number as the reference)

our bank details are as follows:

DHN Darlington St Augustine A registered Charity
(HSBC) Bank Account No. 11163914 Sort Code 40-34-18

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

PSALM

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION - 2021

If anybody would like their child to receive Confirmation (Year 11) or First Communion (Yr 4 and above) please get in touch with Fr Gordon - 266602.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If anybody would like to help with the preparation of those wishing to be confirmed next year, please get in touch with Fr Gordon - 266602.

SVP UPDATE

The last seven months have been a challenge for us all in so many ways. We have all had to quickly adapt to new ways of working and communicating. The SVP has been very busy in these exceptionally difficult times. Through your generosity we have been able to continue to support the most vulnerable in communities at home and abroad.

At home we have:

- provided electronic tablets to four nursing homes to allow residents to see and hear their loved ones when visits have not been possible.
- continued to support Kings Food bank, particularly at St Columba's which is increasingly busy.
- supported several families with essential help to enable them to remain independent.
- provided care packs to young offenders who have been unable to have visits or social contact for all but an hour a day.
- maintained contact with those we previously visited, by phone calls, letters, prayer cards and, where appropriate, doorstep visits.
- restarted the Sunday Stop meals for vulnerable people in the locality.
- helped to pack food parcels to support children who would not be receiving a free school meal during the holiday.

Further afield we:

- continue to support two SVP communities in India
- continue to support fifteen Indian pupils in their education.
- plan to make our usual contribution to the Christmas Sudan Baby Appeal.

Thank you to all who have donated, especially those tax-payers who have completed a gift aid form which allows us to claim a further 25%.

If you would like more information on how you could help to support the work of the SVP, please look at the website at svp.org.uk. There are new ways of providing assistance without the need to become a full member. If you would like to contribute financially, more details can be obtained through the email address below. And of course, please remember to include in your prayers everyone who is striving to make a difference in these difficult times.

Brian Humphrey

treasurerc211506@svp.org.uk

STAY SAFE

There has been a massive increase in 'Scams' and 'Frauds' in the last 6 months; we want you to remain safe and keep hold of your hard-earned money, property and personal information.

Please remember:

- The Police will never ring you and tell you that a fraud has taken place against you and ask you to ring them back on 999 – This is a Scam!
- HMRC will NEVER threaten to issue you with a warrant for your arrest if you do not follow the instructions from a voicemail or text
- HMRC will NEVER text you to inform you that you have a tax rebate
- No Bank will just text or call you to inform you that there has been fraudulent use on your account

If you receive a call and you are unsure ask them to call you back in 10 minutes and then ring a friend or relative; this will show if your line has been held open by offenders who may be posing as police.

If you are unsure ring 101 and ask to speak to someone from Durham Constabulary and ask them to check if the request is true.

Police will never ask you to go to your bank or building society to withdraw cash so they can collect it – **This IS a Fraud.**

If you feel you have been the victim of a fraud please ring 101 and ask for Durham Constabulary and let them know

If you wish you can have a look at this training which will take around 20 minutes to complete and it will show you what to look for :

www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk/elearning/durham

All the very best and take care – Jim Cunningham

FOOD BANK – please take any donations *direct* to the Food Banks.

King's Foodbank Opening Times: Mon, Wed & Fri, 1pm – 3pm

Find us on Facebook Tel. 01325 469884

King's Church, Prospect Place, Whessoe Road, Darlington DL3 0QT

St.Columba's Opening Times: Friday, 11:00am – 12:00noon

St.Columba's Church, Clifton Ave, Darlington DL1 5EE

If you know of anybody in need please contact John Kilgour at, JohnK@svp-tyne.org.uk or phone the office (266602) and leave a message. **You can donate directly by bank transfer to The SVP or Kings Foodbank for details please contact John on the email - JohnK@svp-tyne.org.uk.**

| <u>November 8th 2020</u> | | <u>32nd Sunday of Year (A)</u> | |
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| SUNDAY | Live-Streamed | 9.15 am | Mary Marks RIP |
| MONDAY | In Private | | Thanksgiving for Life (BT) |
| TUESDAY | | | |
| WEDNESDAY | In Private | | Danny O'Toole RIP |
| THURSDAY | In Private | | Mary McCrann RIP |
| FRIDAY | In Private | | Constantine Larkin RIP |
| SATURDAY | In Private | | Private Intention (SD) |
| SUNDAY 15th November 33rd Sunday of Year A | Live-Streamed | 9.15 am | Deceased of the Parish |
| THOSE WHO ARE SICK | Please remember Fr Gary Dickson, Fr Richard Harriott, Fr Wilfrid Elkin, and 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, Anne Kee, Betty Smith, Michael Grogan, Doris Trees, Sylvia McGee & Robyn Drummond and all those looking after them. | | |
| LATELY DEAD + | Hans Peterburs, Mildred Mary Langley | | |
| ANNIVERSARIES | November Anniversaries – Gordon Davies, Thomas Taylor, Kathleen Taylor, Mary Ord, Francis Keenan, Louisa Temple, Mary Appleby, Mavis McGuirl, Joan Beckwith, Joan Green, Jimmy Bailie, Margaret Urwin, Patricia Richardson, Danny O'Toole, Pat Coates, Lillian Stephenson, David Ord, Jack Jolly. <i>May they rest in peace.</i> | | |

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

NEW TO THE FAITH

There is an open invitation to those received into the Church this year.

Please register to join an online welcome meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 11th November. E: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk