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WORD FOR TODAY

Christ has no body now but yours.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Next Sunday 22nd October, there will be a Parish AGM after the 9:15 Mass in the Parish Hall. There will be coffees and cake and the raffle as usual, but we will then consider five areas of our parish life: faith and worship; our mission; safeguarding; social activities; and buildings and finances. The aim to report on these areas and to give any parishioner who wishes the opportunity to raise questions or suggestions about our life as a Christian community. We will aim to finish between 11:30 and 12.

ALL SOULS- FAURE'S REQUIEM at 7pm on 2nd November our All Souls Mass will be a sung Mass of Faure's Requiem. This is a Partnership event. We hope to inform those who have been bereaved in the past year that their loved ones will be prayed for in this Mass and to invite them to attend should they wish. Because of the music the Mass will be longer than usual but this will give us the opportunity to light candles for our beloved dead, to remember them with love and to commend them to the care of our loving Father in heaven. Please do your part to spread the word and invite those who mourn to come along, or simply tell them that you will pray for their loved one at the Mass.

FROM THE SVP Thank you so much to everyone who has bought something from the Piety+ stall in recent weeks. Through your generosity and the hard work of Catherine and her team, proceeds from sales have resulted in significant donations to the SVP. This time, as well as making a contribution to our funds, Catherine has financed the purchase of diaries for offenders in Deerbolt and Low Newton. These are much appreciated by the inmates as part of an ongoing relationship with some members of our conference. In the past year alone, contributions from the Piety+ stall have enabled our conference to assist in the rehousing of victims of abuse, to help sufferers of fuel poverty and to continue to support Sunday Stop and the food bank. Thank you again.

CALL FOR PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW TO BE UPHELD IN THE HOLY LAND

We at CAFOD have been horrified by the attacks led by Hamas and deeply saddened at the sudden escalation of violence across Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. As the region witnesses the deadliest days in recent history, we are praying for the thousands of people who have been killed and injured and those whose lives have been devastated. The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem has warned that the events of the past week are taking us further away from achieving a lasting peace. He has said: "The operation launched from Gaza and the reaction of the Israeli Army are bringing us back to the worst periods of our recent history... [and] will create more hatred and division". **CAFOD unequivocally condemns the shocking killing and kidnapping of civilians, which are crimes under international law.** But more violence is never the answer. We are deeply concerned by the scale of the Israeli government's violent retaliation, which is causing more civilian deaths and injuries. Israel's decision to stop food, water and fuel from reaching the population of Gaza, which is home to over two million people – half of whom are children – will inevitably lead to a humanitarian catastrophe. Inflicting collective punishment on the people of Gaza in this way is not only profoundly troubling, but is also illegal under international humanitarian law. Gaza's population is already incredibly vulnerable with over 80 per cent of people reliant on humanitarian assistance for survival – a situation so dire that the UN Secretary General had already described it as "hell on earth" before this latest escalation.

We urge all sides to end the violence and abide by international law.

This means protecting civilians, releasing hostages and refraining from collective punishments.

Will you e-mail the Foreign Secretary Rt Hon James Cleverly to ask that the UK plays its part in upholding international law, ensuring humanitarian aid can reach people in need, and works with other world leaders to secure a lasting peace for the region? fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk and mark for the Foreign Secretary's attention.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his peoples shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

PSALM

His goodness shall follow me, all the days of my life.
I will walk in his kingdom for ever

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14.19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been
through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full
stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I
cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the

same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the cross-roads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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CHURCH FLOWER DONATIONS for September - £45.10.
Many Thanks for your generosity.

FIRST STOP DARLINGTON First Stop is a Darlington charity, offering both practical and emotional support to local people to enable them to resolve their issues – this includes (but not restricted to) those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness and those who are chronically excluded.



First Stop's experienced and caring staff take time to listen and deliver a package of solutions to help clients get back on track, including: -

- ✓ benefits & housing assessments.
- ✓ assistance with form filling & phone calls.
- ✓ emergency help with daily essentials for those experiencing poverty.
- ✓ job searches, compiling CVs, IT skills & use of computers for applications & interviews.
- ✓ budgeting & accessing appropriate bank accounts.
- ✓ mindfulness – coping mechanisms for anxiety & stress.

St Augustine's have been involved with First Stop since its inception and many of the charity's trustees are parishioners.

Our Vision is to have a prosperous local community with no one living in poverty.

Until our Vision is realised, this is how you can help...

Horse Racing Fundraiser – Friday 10th November 7pm in the Parish Hall

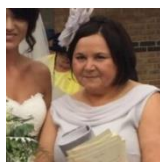
Please come along to support us – tickets £5 available from Bernadette Chapman or Debbie Irving after both Masses from 22nd Oct. If you are unable to attend, perhaps you could sponsor a race or supply a raffle prize? Email Debbie on debbie.irving101@gmail.com for more information.

Sleepout to help fight against homelessness and poverty – Monday 13th November

Several Parishioners & First Stop Trustees are swapping their warm beds to spend a night under the stars to raise funds for First Stop and other like-minded charities. If you can support us, we'd be extremely grateful – it makes the hard ground & the cold conditions a bit more bearable (although we are extremely conscious that we can go home afterwards to a hot shower and a change of clothes - many of those we aim to help do not have this luxury).

Control & Click on photographs to donate at our Just Giving pages, or search our names on www.justgiving.com and many thanks for your support.

Bernadette Chapman



Debbie Irving



Maire Kennan



“When you fall, you want someone to catch you. Small charities offer a safety net for so many people who are vulnerable and in need, yet small charities typically do not have the support and help that they need themselves to sustain their work and spread their impact...”
Garfield Weston Foundation – a supporter of First Stop

ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH CLUB – WE'RE RECRUITING! Following a few leavers moving to pastures new, the parish centre is looking to add to the casual bar team crew. If you, or anyone you know are interested, please call or text either of the following: 07976 780850/07875 246160. Applicants need to be over 16 (working under direct supervision) and full training will be given. Any questions, please contact either of the given numbers.



NEWS FROM THE PARISH CENTRE...

Due to popular demand, our next Prosecco Night is to be on Friday 20th October from 7:30pm. Please text or call 07870 611389 to book your table and avoid disappointment! Cheese boards and snacks available – can be pre booked, and watch out for a mini cocktail menu too! A great night for casual chat and networking. All welcome.



***Coffee's after Mass in October
are being hosted by HCPT***



NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY when we pray for the work of Missio and will take a second collection to support their work.

15 th October 2023		28 th Sunday of Year A	
Sunday 15 th October 9.15am Mass live-streamed	St Augustine's	9.15 am	People of the Parish
	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Sarah & Joe Armstrong RIP
Monday	St Augustine's		NO MASS
Tuesday	St Augustine's	11.00am 12.15pm	Exposition til 12noon Lucasz Samek RIP
Wednesday	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Annie & Charlie Martin RIP
Thursday	St Augustine's	12.15pm	Repose of the Soul of Michael McKenna
Friday	St Augustine's	12.15pm	Intentions Teresa Kilgour
Saturday	St Augustine's	10.00am	Pam McCulla RIP NO CONFESSIONS
Sunday 22 nd October 9.15am Mass live-streamed	St Augustine's	9.15 am	People of the Parish
	St Augustine's	6.30 pm	Norah & Gordon Davies RIP
THOSE WHO ARE SICK	Please pray for Fr Gary Dickson and all the sick & housebound of the parish - Michelle Butler, Betty Smith, Iris McCready, Chris Tobin, Jim Cunningham Snr, Maureen Moore and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD +			
ANNIVERSARIES	OCTOBER Anniversaries Cassie Cottrell, Bert Walsh, John Hutchinson, Lawrence Davies, Kathleen Trees, Catherine Appleton, Kevin Cundy, Joseph Mercer, Joseph Baldwin, Andrew Keough, Steve Watt, Bruno Amicucci, Mary Ward, Delia Green, Hans Peterburs, Wynn Gaffney, Marjorie Murphy, Duncan Taylor, Wieslaw Dudzinski, Pamela McCulla, Michael Dunne, Ted Ryan. <i>May they Rest in Peace.</i>		
15th October	9.15 am	6.30 pm	
WELCOMERS	Appleton Family	Steven Roberts	
22nd October	9.15 am	6.30 pm	
WELCOMERS	Shona Thomas & Julie King	Steven Roberts	
	16 th October	23 rd October	
COUNTERS	Team A (PA, MK, NR)	Team B (TA, HR, CW)	