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Word For Today



If we claim to hold true to the values that Christ taught, then we should long for the coming of Jesus and the establishing of God's kingdom on earth. Advent invites us to stay awake and vigilant, living by the standards we profess.

ADVENT LITURGY

With Advent we begin a new liturgical year. In the coming year our gospels will be predominantly from the gospel of Mark. The Church often uses Advent to introduce new things and next Advent we will begin to use a new lectionary with the same readings but from a different translation of the Bible, the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition (ESV-CE).

Advent seems a good time to start to use some of the options in the Missal that, so far, we rarely use. So for Advent at the beginning of Mass we will use the greeting which comes from St Paul's letter to the Philippians:

Priest: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Phil 1: 2)

Response: And with your spirit.

We'll also use a different form of the penitential rite:

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Response: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

Response: And grant us you salvation.

Lord have mercy ...

Advent is a time when we prepare to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation and the birth of our redeemer. Every Sunday when we recite the Creed we are invited to bow as we say the words "**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**" Perhaps this Advent can be a good time to renew this practice.



A PLACE FOR PRAYER IN ADVENT Each Tuesday of Advent, 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. in Church. An opportunity for quiet prayer and reflection. A 'Prayer Intentions' box is at the back of church. Please add a name or a particular intention. This will be part of our prayer time each week.

MY DAY BY DAY Booklets with readings, psalms prayers and reflections for every day throughout Advent. Copies now in Church.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS A booklet, produced by the Diocesan Vicariate for Faith and Mission, of Advent reflections contributed by people throughout our Diocese, is available to download at <https://bit.ly/DHNAAdvent>.

ADVENT ALMS There will be a basket for Advent Alms in church throughout Advent, which support the work of St Cuthbert's Care in our Diocese.

MIGRATION AND CHRISTIAN ETHICS:

A Respectful Dialogue between Faith and Politics

Thursday 7th December, 7pm in St Augustine's Church.

You may remember some months ago that our MP, Peter Gibson, wrote to question a bulletin item on the Illegal Migration Bill that quoted Pope Francis and two of our bishops. From that correspondence we have arranged an event in order to bring the Church's rich history of social teaching into dialogue with a live current political issue. The centrepiece of the event will be a keynote address by Anna Rowlands on the tradition of Catholic teaching related to this question. The participants in full are:

Keynote address by **Prof Anna Rowlands** (Hild Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice, Durham University)

First Respondent: **Mr Peter Gibson MP**

Second Respondent: **Canon Prof Nicholas Sagovsky**

Moderator: **Baroness Angela Harris of Richmond**

This is an opportunity to think more deeply about the moral implications of the current immigration debate and to learn something of what the Christian tradition has to contribute to that debate. Please help publicise this event by telling friends and acquaintances.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS GROUP will meet again on 14th January after the Sunday 6.30pm Mass, for food and conversation. Email info@staugustineschurch.org.uk for more information.

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down
- at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – PSALM 79

God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS by Lantern & Torchlight in Stanhope Park, followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies at Holy Trinity Church – Wednesday 20th December 6.00pm. **(Mass here will be 5.30pm that day)**



SAY NO TO HASSOCKFIELDS Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre. It has now been confirmed that from January 2024 the DIRC will become a male removal centre housing double the number. The women will be removed, and it is not known where to or exactly when. The objections to the use of this site remain the same whether it is for males or females. When there is more information, it will be posted on here. The interfaith vigil will be continuing on the first Sunday of each month to pray for the people detained there, to show solidarity with people seeking sanctuary and pray for a just asylum system that upholds the rights and dignity of all.

ADVENT REFLECTION – WEEK ONE: HOPE : IT IS ENOUGH TO LISTEN TO THE SILENCE Silence comes to fetch us where we have just been with our thoughts and feelings. It is enough to listen to the silence. Silence brings us to where we are now, right here, into this room, to this place, this morning. It is enough to listen to the silence. Silence embraces what wants to become. Whatever this day brings us, is held, and always has been, in this silence now. It is enough to listen to the silence. *Silvia Ostertag Living Silence*

CAFOD CABARET Friday 8th December. Ticket price is a donation to CAFOD - minimum £5. Tickets available after Masses from this weekend, from the Parish Centre bar or by e-mail from Martin McLean at martin.mclean31@outlook.com If you would like to perform as well as watch, please declare your interest - there's still room for you!



CARMEL COLLEGE CHRISTMAS LITURGY & CELEBRATION

Tuesday 19th December, 6.30pm in the John Caden Hall.

Tickets £4, Concessions £3. Includes Wine/Soft Drink &

Mince Pie. Tickets can be purchased through MCAS app or Tel : 01325 254525.

CARMEL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY Wednesday 20th December

1.30pm. All elderly members of our community are invited to Carmel College for music, entertainment, festive refreshments & Christmas Cheer. Please contact Tel : 01325 254525 or email

admin@carmelbhcet.org.uk if you wish to attend.

CAFOD - Live Simply Christmas: Cafod's catalogue of 'different' Christmas gifts is available at the back of Church.



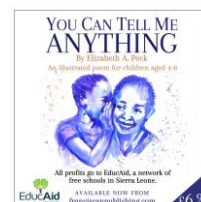
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE! I'm looking for volunteers to help put on a screening of this Christmas Classic in the Youth Hall on Saturday 16th December, with Mulled Wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and lots of tissues!

THANK YOU to everyone who came along to the **Christmas Wreath workshops**, we made £2450 which has been donated to the SVP for Sunday Stop and the work of the SVP in providing household goods for families in Darlington.

NATIVITY PLAY Parish Centre garden, 6.00pm, Saturday 23rd December. We are hoping to reprise the Parish Nativity Play, which as before will be followed by mince pies, mulled wine and a Parish Quiz. We need a Narrator, Mary and Joseph, Angels, Wise Men and Shepherds. If you, your children, grandchildren, or anyone you know would like to be part of this extravaganza, would you please Tel : 07809 340321.



YOU CAN TELL ME ANYTHING An illustrated poem for children by Elizabeth A. Peck (a local author) Price £6.99. All profits go to EducAid, a network of free schools in Sierra Leone. For



more details, scan the QR code or visit www.franciscanpublishing.com.



Coffees after Mass in December are fundraising for our Parish.

We have no volunteers to make Coffee after Mass on Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve. If you would like to volunteer, please advise Debbie in the Parish Office.

Many Thanks

**PLEASE NOTE Mass on Tuesday 5th December will be at 9.30am.
NO MASS at 12.15pm**

3 rd December 2023		1 ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B	
Sunday 3 rd December 9.15am Mass live-streamed	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	People of the Parish Jean Carter RIP
Monday	St Augustine's		NO MASS
Tuesday	St Augustine's	9.30am	School Mass Ann & James Briody
Wednesday	St Augustine's	7.00 pm	Pauline McLean RIP
Thursday	St Augustine's	12.15pm	Intentions of R & D
Friday	St Augustine's	12.15pm	Liliana Smith RIP
Saturday	St Augustine's	10.00am followed by confessions	Padraig Murphy RIP
Sunday 10 th December 9.15am Mass live-streamed	St Augustine's St Augustine's	9.15 am 6.30 pm	People of the Parish Teresa Reay & Family
THOSE WHO ARE SICK	Please pray for Fr Gary Dickson and all the sick & housebound of the parish – Kate Turver, John Allinson Michelle Butler, Betty Smith, Iris McCready, Chris Tobin, Jim Cunningham Snr, Maureen Moore and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD +	Baby Jamie Ewart		
ANNIVERSARIES	DECEMBER Anniversaries Stella Davies, Alan Sisk, Emma Howard, Keith Cowan, Mary Courtney, Teresa Conway, Jean Carter, James Courtney, Joe Lyonette, Francis O'Hare, Bernard Carrigan, Mike Bennett, Jonny McTaggart, Kathleen Webber, Elizabeth Shaftoe, Annie Kee, Ray Hankin, Margaret Snowdon, Doris Trees, David Parkes, Constance Hall, Dominic Lindsay, Eileen Disley, Bill Leafe <i>May they Rest in Peace.</i>		
<i>3rd December</i>	9.15 am	6.30 pm	
WELCOMERS	The Irving Family	Steven Roberts	
READERS	Julie King, Jo Jones	Anne & Gerry Connor	
<i>10th December</i>	9.15 am	6.30 pm	
WELCOMERS	Jo Stowe & Jan Scott	Steven Roberts	
READERS	Marjory Knowles, Brian Jones	Brian Humphrey, Julie Humphrey	
COUNTERS	4th Dec. Team B (PA, MK)	11 th Dec. Team C (TA, NR)	

Requiem Mass for Liliana Smith will be Wednesday 13th December 12pm