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7th January 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



The closing of the Christmas festivities leaves us with one amazing fact: the God who is responsible for the whole of creation took our human flesh and remains for ever within our world in the person of his Son Jesus Christ.

Under which star will we find him this week?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The first session of this year's Sacramental Preparation Programme for Year 4 children is **Thursday 11th January at 6.00pm** in Church.



BAPTISM COURSE

Our next course takes place on **Wednesday 7th February** from 6.30pm – 8.30pm in St Augustine's Parish Centre.

Please let us know if you wish to attend –

info@staugustineschurch.org.uk or ring 266602. We expect all new parents to attend this course and one of you must be a catholic.

THINKING ABOUT CHRISTIAN FAITH

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

OR RECEIVING A SACRAMENT OF INITIATION AS AN ADULT

There are a number of people who have asked about wanting to become a Catholic or receiving a sacrament of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation) as an Adult. Many have already attended the Alpha course run through the autumn. There will be a meeting on **Thursday 11th January** after the 7.00pm Mass in the Presbytery to reconnect and plan a course from now up to Easter.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS will meet after the 6.30pm Mass on Sunday 14th January.

FUNERALS AT ST AUGUSTINE'S

Friday 12th January Requiem Mass for Judith Harrison 12.30pm

Tuesday 16th January Funeral Service for Bob Watson 10.30am

Wednesday 17th January Funeral Service for Margaret Surma 10.15am

MINISTERS' DAY – A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES On **Saturday 24th February** there will be a Partnership Day of Recollection and training for all Readers, Musicians & Eucharistic Ministers.

FR TONY'S ABSENCES! From 19th to 29th January Fr Tony will be at a meeting of what is called the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission (IARCCUM). This Commission pairs Anglican and Catholic bishops in every country where two communions exist in significant numbers. These bishop pairs are asked to work as advocates for Anglican-Catholic co-operation in mission and in witnessing to our common faith in the gospel. The last IARCCUM summit was in 2016 meeting first in Canterbury and then in Rome. This meeting will also move between these two cities but from Rome to Canterbury. Fr Tony has been invited as a "theological reflector" which means it is his job to listen to the bishops' conversations and to help them identify major themes and produce a statement or a commitment by the end of the meeting.

Fr Tony will also be attending a 24hr diocesan meeting as part of the Diocesan Listening Process from midday on Wednesday 10th.

PRAYER GROUPS

- Charismatic Prayer Group in the Parish Centre every Tuesday night 7.30pm – 9.00 pm
- Divine Mercy Prayer Group in 10 St Augustine's Court every Friday afternoon at 2.45pm – 3.45pm

All are welcome.

JOB VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:
HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date: **16 January**

HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time.
Closing date **16 January**

Cleaner, St Anne, Darlington – part-time. Closing date **11 January**

Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Durham – part-time. Closing date **18 January**

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.
Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.
Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you,
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Psalm

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now

share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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AGM of the Diocesan Justice and Peace Coordinating Council will take place on Saturday January 13th 2024 11am to 3.30 pm (welcome and refreshments from 10.30am) At St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle in the conference room

(Formerly the Mercy Hub)

Theme: Integrity in Church and Public Life

Keynote speaker: Sir John Battle, former Labour MP and chair of the Leeds RC diocese commission for Justice and Peace .

A light vegetarian lunch will be provided and reports from the Council will also be shared, and officers and council members elected for 2024. There are vacancies on the Council and welcome new members from over the Diocese. To book your place and receive AGM reports email lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com or email/speak to marjory.knowles@gmail.com for further information.

Please let us know of any sensory, physical or communication access needs which we need to take into consideration to allow your full participation.

A NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS WITH A DIFFERENCE You can sign up

for CAFOD'S 

at [The Big Lent Walk 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://cafod.org.uk) . You can sign up as an individual, a parish, a school.



Come to the Tuesday Lunch – next one will be in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 9th January 12.30pm. Come along, share some company. Soup, Cake/dessert, tea and coffee on offer. Looking forward to seeing you

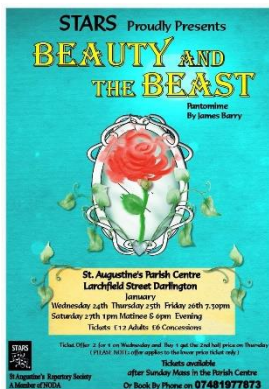


COFFEE AFTER MASS 2024

So far we have the following months covered :

January	Carmel Lourdes Group	February	Kabuyanda
May	CAFOD	June	KUMI – Uganda
September	SVP	October	HCPT Group 195
November	Air Ambulance	December	Parish Fund Raising

If you would like to take a month host to Coffees after Mass to raise money for a chosen charity, please advise Debbie in the Parish Office.



STARS proudly presents the Pantomime BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

St Augustine's Parish Centre, Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th, Friday 26th January 2024, 7.30pm. Saturday 27th January Matinee 1.00pm and Evening 6.00pm.

Tickets £12 Adults, £6 Concessions. (Ticket Offer 2 for 1 on Wednesday & buy 1 get 1 half price on Thursday.)

Tickets available after Sunday Mass in the Parish Centre or Tel : 07481977873.

PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME CHANGES FOR THIS COMING WEEK :

Monday :	10.00am
Tuesday :	12.15pm
Wednesday :	10.00am
Thursday :	7.00pm
Friday ;	12.30pm Requiem Mass
Saturday :	10.00am

7 th January 2024		THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
Sunday 7 th January 9.15am Mass <i>live-streamed</i>	<i>The Epiphany</i>	9.15 am 6.30pm	People of the Parish Joyce Connolly RIP
Monday	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	10.00am	Rose Hodge & Family
Tuesday		11.00 am 12.15 pm	Exposition till 12 noon The Baird Family
Wednesday		10.00am	Joseph Foley RIP
Thursday		7.00pm	Vera & Gerard
Friday	<i>St Benet Biscop</i>	12.30pm	Requiem Mass for Judith Harrison
Saturday		10.00am followed by Confessions	Mgr James Rooney RIP
Sunday 14 th January 9.15am Mass <i>live-streamed</i>	<i>2nd Sunday of Year B</i>	9.15am 6.30pm	People of the Parish Blessings for coming year
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 +	Judith Harrison, Bob Watson, Margaret Surma, Margaret Varley		
ANNIVERSARIES	JANUARY Anniversaries Osmund Poad, John Daley, Jack Taylor, Jimmy Taylor, Elsie Morton, Peter Taylor, William Patrick Lisle, Kevin McKeown, Valerie Haigh, Clifford Hutchinson, Hilda & Domenico Bambino, Peter Gilligan, Rose Cowan, Brian Simpson, Dorothy Catterall, Neville Patterson, Michael White, Christopher Hammond, Joyce Connolly, Patrick Dolan, Elfreda Francis, Tony Durkin, Patricia Robinson, June Dean, Ian Cowan, Peter Rumney, James Charlton, Michael Grogan, Helen Courtney, Yvonne Pongracz, Charles White, Stewart Harding, <i>May they Rest in Peace.</i>		
<i>7th January</i>	9.15 am	6.30 pm	
WELCOMERS	Brenda Hasler & Jackie Poad	Steven Roberts	
READERS	Jeanne Jose, Robyn Drummond	Gerry & Anne Connor	
14th Jan WELCOMERS	First Holy Communion Children	Steven Roberts	
READERS	First Holy Communion Children	Pam MacRae, Christine McKeown	
COUNTERS	8th Jan Team B (PA, MK)	15th Jan Team C (TA, NR)	