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25th February 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

Word for Today



What does our faith mean to us? Is it a set of facts to believe or an adventure to live a life that seems to defy all odds? God brought Abraham to the brink of trust in order to reward him. What is God asking of us this Lent and are we ready to take the risk?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6.30PM EVERY MONDAY EVENING DURING LENT

A PLACE FOR PRAYER DURING LENT (Beginning 22nd February)

Scripture, reflections, quiet music and silent prayer.

Each week we will focus on a different line of The Lord's Prayer.

Thursdays 6.30 – 7.30 pm in Number 10. Everyone Welcome.

LENTEN SYCAMORE COURSE beginning 21st February for 6 weeks at St Augustine's Parish Centre. The evenings will start at 7.15pm with a snack and teas/coffees and then a showing of the episode with discussion in small groups. The evening will finish about 9.00pm. All are welcome and if you do want to attend, please let us know through the Hogarth Alpha Facebook page or email hogarthalphaonline@gmail.com as this will help with catering.

BREAK FOR LENT @ St Cuthbert's Church Hall 10.30am – 11.30am, every Monday during Lent starting 19th February until 25th March. We have been asked by the Churches Together in Darlington to help with the refreshments on *Monday 4th March*. They start setting up at 10am and coffee is served from 10.30-11.00am. The coffee/tea is supplied but we are asked to provide two types of scones, butter and milk. There will be a list at the back of Church if you are able to help. Thank you.

DIOCESAN LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS The Vicariate for Faith and Mission are producing booklets of Daily Lenten Reflections which will be available from Ash Wednesday at the weblink: <https://bit.ly/DHNLentReflections>.

RCIA The next meeting of our RCIA will be on Wednesday 28th February after the 7pm Mass. We are blessed to have a number of people wanting to know more and to share our Catholic faith, together with adults wanting to be confirmed. Please pray for these candidates as they journey with the Lord towards our celebration of Easter.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS GROUP Saturday 9th March: There is a Day of Recollection at Stanbrook Abbey, Wass, North Yorkshire. As we had already planned a walk on this day it has been suggested that we join the YouCAN group for this day of prayer and recreation. More details to follow.

ST AUGUSTINE'S TO HOST PRIESTS' STUDY DAY 5th MARCH

There will be two days of recollection/ study days for the priests on the new ESV Lectionary which will be introduced in England and Wales on the first Sunday of Advent this year. The first of these two days for those in the south of the diocese will be held in St Augustine's on 5th March. We hope to be able to offer the clergy soup and I'm grateful to those who have volunteered to provide this.

PARISH WEBSITE As many of you know, we have been working on our parish website with the help of one of our teenage parishioners. To enhance the site, and particularly the pages relating to the sacraments, we would like to add some photographs of the church. If anyone has photography skills that they would be willing to place at the disposal of the parish we would be very grateful for your help. Other ideas also welcome.

HCPT GROUP 195 FUNDRAISER Please join us on Friday 15th March, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre to raise money for our local Lourdes group HCPT Group 195. Your support really does make a difference and allows us to take children less fortunate than others on a life changing trip which creates memories that will stay with them forever. The evening will feature live acoustic music from the talented Phil Appleton and friends(bring your dancing shoes) If you saw them at CAFOD Cabaret then you'll know it's an evening not to be missed! Tickets £10 which include nibbles.

Reserve your ticket by catching me in the Parish Centre after Sunday Mass or messaging 07809340321 Thanks Jules Watson

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

God put Abraham to the test. Abraham, Abraham he called. Here I am he replied. Take your son, God said your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. Abraham, Abraham he said. I am here he replied. Do not raise your hand against the boy the angel said. Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son. Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.

Responsorial Psalm 115

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
In the land of the living

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse

those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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FORTHCOMING FUNERALS

JOHN INGHAM Tuesday 27th February Requiem Mass 12 Noon

IAN CARTER Thursday 7th March Requiem Mass 12pm

ALAN FAWLK Friday 8th March Requiem Mass 11.45am

ANNE FRANK Wednesday 13th March Requiem Mass 12.30pm



Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage – A Via Dolorosa of Solidarity Saturday 30th March (Note change of date)

This Lent, a global movement is walking in prayerful solidarity with the people of Gaza. Come, walk with us.

The Diocesan J & P Council are organising a walk on **Saturday 30th March**. The walk for the south of the Diocese will be the Camino – The Way of Life from Gainford to Durham. Walkers can choose to do the whole walk or any section of the walk. The Northern Route will be the Angels Way, and both walks will meet in Durham in the late afternoon for a short reflection and refreshments. Details are being finalised. If you would like to do the whole walk or part of it, please email lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com with your details and where you will join/leave. To get an idea of the routes see www.thisisdurham.com/northern saints/trails.



CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY North East AGM

Thursday March 21st 5.30pm
(Registration & Refreshments from 5pm)

St Joseph's Centre, High West St, Gateshead NE8 1LX
opposite Gateshead Metro Interchange. To book your place & receive further details email: capnortheast@gmail.com

Keynote Speaker: Sue Richardson from



DONA MACHINE FOR CONTACTLESS DONATIONS Our

Digital Collection Plate is now used regularly by a number of our parishioners and visitors, and we wanted to remind you that as well as make Parish donations using a debit /credit card or phone, you can donate to Second Collections and pay for items from the Piety Shop when you don't have cash.

We have added **LENTEN ALMS** to the options and this fund will remain open for Lent.

GIFT AID Many donations will be eligible for gift aid (providing you are a taxpayer) which will increase your donation at no extra cost to yourself. We can claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated by standing order, envelope or DONA. For the tax year 2022/23, we received £10,186 for all gift aided donations, an increase of 15% on the previous year, so thank you to everyone who has registered. Please

let us know if your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax, or if there are any changes to your name /address. You can also request a letter confirming your gift aid amount for the tax year 2022/23 by using the email quoted below. Any queries should be directed to Debbie Irving at giftaid.staugustines@gmail.com



Many of you supported Bernadette Chapman, Maire Kennan & Debbie Irving when they spent the night sleeping "rough" to raise funds for First Stop Darlington. Their fundraising was successful and other participants supported First Stop too, so they are delighted to report that the final donation received by First Stop was £9000. Thank you to everyone who sponsored them.

BOOK LAUNCH INVITATION 'Becoming St. Patrick – His Mission'
His Mission is the sequel, completing the saint's story started in Becoming St. Patrick – His Slavery. Examples of St. Patrick's influence on hymns, sung by Nicola Reeves and choristers, complement the book readings. Presented by the author, Eric Foster, at St. Augustine's Parish Centre **Thursday, February 29th**, Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. Bar open from 7.00pm till 8.45pm. Both books available. A chance to leap at.

PLEASE NOTE – CHANGE OF DATE!!!

PROSECCO EVENING Friday 22nd March from 7:30pm

10.30pm. Please text or call 07870 611389 to book your table and avoid disappointment!



Coffee/tea and cakes after Sunday 9.15am Mass in the Parish Centre - hosted by Kabuyanda throughout February.

25 th February 2024		2 nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B	
Sunday 25 th February 9.15am Mass <i>live-streamed</i>	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	9.15am 6.30pm	People of the Parish Jim Spark RIP
Monday		NO MASS	
Tuesday		Requiem Mass 12.00pm	John Ingham
Wednesday		7.00pm	Michael Pease RIP
Thursday		12.15pm	Nancy Gormley RIP
Friday	<i>St David, Patron of Wales</i>	12.15pm	Special Intention
Saturday		10.00am No confessions	John Meggison RIP
Sunday 3 rd March 9.15am Mass <i>live-streamed</i>	<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	9.15am 6.30pm	People of the Parish Dedrie Allen
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 +	Alan Fawlk, Anne Frank, Veronic Ejike.		
ANNIVERSARIES	FEBRUARY Anniversaries John L Taylor, Joseph Armstrong, Shaughan Bainbridge, Nora Kelly, May Early, Marie Cassidy, James McCulla, Margaret Lindsay, Fr Seamus Doyle, Owen Hanratty, Eunice Davis, Joseph Cooper, John Dolan, Catherine Milburn, Patrick McCarron, William Hutchinson, Maria Laundry, John Sellers, Sheila Brownless, Philip Plews Jnr, Theresa Lockey, Pamela Stephenson, John (Jack) Appleton. <i>May they Rest in Peace.</i>		
<i>25th February</i>	9.15 am	6.30 pm	
WELCOMERS	Wendy Cundy, Jenny Leafe	Steven Roberts	
READERS	Brian Jones, Scarlett Woodliffe	Brian & Julie Humphery	
<i>3rd Mar</i> WELCOMERS	Brenda Hasler, Jackie Poad	Steven Roberts	
READERS			
COUNTERS	19th Feb Team C (TA, NR)	26th Feb Team A (HR, CW)	