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3rd March 2024

3rd Sunday of Lent Year B

Word for Today



We know what the Ten Commandments are. We have learned them from our childhood. The question is not simply whether we keep them or not, but how we make sense of them in a world for whom they seem quaint and old-fashioned. How do we make God's will a reality in the 21st century?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6.30PM EVERY MONDAY EVENING DURING LENT

DIOCESAN LISTENING EXERCISE

On Tuesday the diocese published *Bishop Stephen's Reflection on the Listening Exercises and The Results of the Questionnaire for the Dicastery Report*. The bulk of the publication, which is available on the Diocesan website, is a series of appendices which are summary reports of the listening exercise as experienced respectively by the deacons, priests, diocesan employees, religious and laity and a final appendix which is a summary of the responses to the questionnaire conducted for the Dicastery of Bishops. It is *all* worth reading, not least because the point of this exercise must surely be that we listen carefully to one another. The headline item, however, is the bishop's response to the whole process- if nothing else please read this. This publication does not mean that the listening process is at an end but that, having reached this stage, we consider carefully what has been shared and, as Bishop Stephen says, start "thinking together about the kind of Church we are called to be in 2024".

CONFIRMATIONS

This Sunday young people across the parishes of our partnership will make an act of commitment to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation and we will celebrate this commitment and promise to support them with our prayers. Please continue to pray for these young people.

A PLACE FOR PRAYER DURING LENT

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 continues throughout Lent in St Augustine's Parish Centre, 7.15pm – 9.00pm.

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**. There is a list at the back of Church if you are able to help. Thank you.

AWAKENING 2024 Eucharistic Adoration of 100 days organized by Jesus Youth. It commenced on Ash Wednesday and will continue until Pentecost across the UK and Europe. Our church will be partaking in this initiative on **Sunday March 17th**, from **3pm to 5:30 pm**. We will be praying for various intentions, especially for our parish community and all the children preparing for their first Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. Kindly join us this day. There will be a sheet placed in the middle of the Church if you would like to sign up for a particular time-slot.

RCIA The next meeting of our RCIA will be on Wednesday 6th March 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

We will meet, as usual, after the 6:30pm Mass tonight (3rd March) for food, social time and to plan future events.

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.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-3.7-8.12-17

God spoke all these words. He said, I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no gods except me.

You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbours house.

You shall not covet your neighbours wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.

Responsorial Psalm 18

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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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) Tickets £10 which include nibbles. Tickets from Jules Watson after Mass in the Parish Centre or messaging 07809340321.



Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal.

Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good.



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. All the walks are around 26 miles, which is the length of Gaza and the sections are around 5 miles which is the width of Gaza. If you would like to do the whole walk or part of it, please email

lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com with your details and what you would like to do including where you will join/leave. To get an idea of the routes see www.thisisdurham.com/northernsaints/trails.

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF PALASTINE. At the recent AGM of the J & P Council, many participants questioned what the Catholic Church was saying and doing about the situation in Gaza. Following discussion, where some of those attending were able to say what was happening nationally (Bishops Conference, CAFOD, Caritas), Regionally and at a Diocesan and Parish level, the question was – what can I do? Pat Devlin, who is a member of Pax Christi and an Ecumenical Accompanier, offered to compile a list of what individuals or parishes could do. The list is large. I have put a copy on the J & P noticeboard at the back of Church, with some copies to take away.



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

CATENIAN IRISH NIGHT March 12th 19:45 for 20:00 at The Blackwell Grange hotel - parishioners are cordially invited to attend an Irish Night dinner followed by an Irish dancing exhibition and a sing-along at a cost of £23 per person. For full menu details, and to confirm a booking by 7th March, 10th latest, please contact Pat McDonogh at patmcdonogh902@gmail.com or on 07952 908373



Coffee/tea and cakes after Sunday 9.15am Mass in the Parish Centre - hosted by First Stop throughout March.

3 rd March 2024		3 rd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B	
Sunday 3 rd March 9.15am Mass <i>live-streamed</i>	2 nd Sunday of Lent	9.15am 6.30pm	People of the Parish Dedrie Allen RIP
Monday		NO MASS Stations of the Cross	6.30pm
Tuesday		9.00am	Judith Harrison
Wednesday		7.00pm	All who are with child
Thursday		Requiem Mass 12.00pm	Ian Carter
Friday		Requiem Mass 12.00pm	Alan Fawlk
Saturday		10.00am followed by confessions	Intentions of R&D
Sunday 10 th March 9.15am Mass <i>live-streamed</i>	4 th Sunday of Lent	9.15am 6.30pm	People of the Parish Boe Donovan RIP
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 ✝	Anne Frank		
ANNIVERSARIES	MARCH Anniversaries Lily Daley, May Sellers, Maurice Conway, Stanley Butterfield, Delia Lancaster, Betty Baldwin, Rona Gunnell, Maureen Roscamp, Constantine Larkin, Edwin Mawer, Istvan Pongracz, Kate Johnson, Anthony Foy, Matthew Gale. <i>May they Rest in Peace.</i>		
3rd March	9.15 am	6.30 pm	
WELCOMERS	Brenda Hasler, Jackie Poad	Steven Roberts	
READERS			
10th March			
WELCOMERS	The Drummond Family	Steven Roberts	
READERS			
COUNTERS	4th March Team A (HR, CW)	11th March Team B (PA, MK)	

PLEASE NOTE : TUESDAY MASS TIME IS 9.00AM

Requiem Mass for ANNE FRANK Wednesday 13th March 12.30pm