

Hogarth Partnership

bringing together the parishes of
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with

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21st April 2024

4th Sunday of Easter Year B



To be Christian is not to go it alone but to belong to a community, to be members of the Church, the flock that is led by the Good Shepherd. And just as sheep recognise the voice of their shepherd so too, we need to recognise the sound of our leader calling us in a world of competing voices.

A PLACE FOR PRAYER

Using Scripture, reflections, music and quiet prayer to pray for peace:

- In our world
- in our lives
- in our hearts

Meeting in Number 10, Thursday 25th April 6.30- - 7.30 pm
Everyone Welcome!



BAPTISM COURSE Our next course takes place on Wednesday 15th May 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 Tel. 01325 266602. We expect all new parents to attend this course and one of you must be Catholic.

AUMBRY FOR HOLY OILS At the Chrism Mass on Maundy Thursday Bishop Stephen blessed the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Chrism. These are used at baptism, for anointing the sick, for confirmation and for ordination. The oils are then sent out to every parish. It is usually advised that the oils be kept in an aumbry (or ambry) which should be placed near the font. Fr Tony has therefore placed the holy oil stocks in a tabernacle on the altar of St Joseph. (The altar panel depicts Joseph's death attended by Jesus and Mary- the reason it was customary to pray to Joseph for a holy death and a fitting place, therefore, for the oil of the sick.) We will hopefully get a sign to indicate that the oils are kept here.



PARISH PARENT AND TODDLER SESSIONS (children 0 – 3)
An opportunity for new and young families to relax, chat and play together

Creative activities for toddlers, Tea/coffee available
Friday 3rd May (Then first Friday of each month) 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.
The Simpson Room (Entrance near the car park office)



CLEANING VOLUNTEERS To keep our Church looking spick & span we need more volunteers for our cleaning team! If you can spare some time on a Wednesday morning, every 2 weeks from 9.15am, please contact Rosie Lynch on Tel : 07974 027175.
Many Thanks

THE CHOSEN Step into the heart of biblical history with our exclusive church screening of "The Chosen" Season 4! Immerse yourself in an evening of faith, fellowship, and cinematic storytelling at the Parish Centre.

Experience the profound journey of Jesus and his disciples, filled with moments of love, miracles, and timeless teachings brought to life on screen. This is the only opportunity to witness this groundbreaking series in the UK at present, so seize the chance!

Save the dates: May 1st 7.30pm start, then 8th, 22nd, and 29th, starting at 7.00pm. Come together with our community to deepen our faith and share in this extraordinary experience.

Reserve your spot now by emailing

staugustinesthechosen@yahoo.com to confirm your attendance. This is a unique opportunity, so don't delay – secure your place today and be part of something truly special.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH CENTRE CAR PARK

Current car park permits expire at the end of April 2024.

CAR PARK CHARGES

Parish Permit : Short Stay (2-3 hours a visit, 2-3 times a week) £54 plus membership.

Commercial Permit : Long Stay – daily parking £660

Prices per annum inclusive of VAT

METHODS TO RENEW

1. In the Parish Centre after either Sunday Mass in April
2. By email (staugclub@gmail.com) forms on Facebook
3. By post to : 6 Victoria Embankment, Darlington, DL1 5JR

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm 117

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd

and the sheep do not belong to him,

abandons the sheep and runs away

as soon as he sees a wolf coming,

and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man

and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have

that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock,

and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'



The common good is reached when we work together to improve the lives of people both in our local community, and in the wider world.

CAFOD and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP}, are launching a new initiative called 'A Year of Encounter' which aims to get the Catholic community engaging with their local candidates ahead of the election. This is not about party politics, but making sure those who want to represent us in the next Parliament hear loud and clear that their constituents want action on poverty, hunger, and injustice. Together, we will draw inspiration from our faith and explore why political participation should matter to us as Catholics. Join us at an online meeting with other parishioners from around the country to find out more about how your parish can reach out to local candidates.

We will run this training session on the following dates. You only need to attend one:

- Thursday 25th April from 18.30 to 20.30pm
- Saturday 4th May from 11 to 1pm

Find out more at cafod.org.uk/news/events/using-our-catholic-voice-at-the-next-election-training-session?

...With our faith we must create a 'culture of encounter', a culture of friendship, a culture in which we find our brothers and sisters, in which we can also speak with those who think differently..." Pope Francis

CAFOD pilgrimage to Holy Island. Save the date Saturday 13 July 2024, from 10.00am. If this is something that interests you, please let us know and if enough are, we will look to hire a coach. A list is at the back of church if you would like to partake.

NEW MASS TIMES FOR ST. OSMUND'S, GAINFORD Beginning in May, Sunday morning Masses will now be only once per fortnight at 9.30am. There will be a Saturday vigil Mass on alternate weeks at 6.30pm.

The Ordinariate retain their Sunday morning Mass each week

TRUSTEE VACANCY WITH MARRIAGE CARE

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. They are looking for **Trustees** to strengthen their board and to help them to continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

JOB VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies: IT Field Engineer (two posts) Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, 9-month fixed term contract. Closing date: 21 April. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Monies received in March 2024

Loose Plate - £2773.00 Gift Aid - £4580.00 Non-Gift Aid - £471.00

Total £7824.00

Thank you for your continued generosity



COFFEE AFTER MASS

In April, Coffee/Tea after Mass are being hosted by Inner Wheel.

If you would like to take a month to host Coffees after Mass to raise money for a chosen charity, we still have July & August free this year. Please advise Debbie in the Parish Office if you are interested.

21 st April 2024		4 th Sunday of Easter Year B	
4 th Sunday of Easter 21 st April 9.15am Mass <i>live-streamed</i>	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.15am 6.30pm	People of the Parish Margaret Varley RIP
Monday		NO MASS	
Tuesday	<i>St George, Patron of England</i>	Exposition 11am 12.15pm	Joseph Foley RIP
Wednesday		12.15pm	Michael Pease RIP
Thursday	<i>St Mark, Evangelist</i>	12.15pm	Jim Spark RIP
Friday		12.15pm	Judith Harrison RIP
Saturday		10.00am followed by confessions	Martin & Jessie McCann RIP
5 th Sunday of Easter 28 th April 9.15am Mass <i>live-streamed</i>	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.15am 6.30pm	People of the Parish Kathleen Trees RIP
THOSE WHO ARE SICK	Please pray for Fr Gary Dickson and all the sick & housebound of the parish, Izzy Edwards, John Allinson, Michelle Butler, Betty Smith, Iris McCready, Chris Tobin, Jim Cunningham Snr, Maureen Moore and those looking after them.		
LATELY DEAD +			
ANNIVERSARIES	APRIL Anniversaries : Des Loney, Ian Paterson, Mario Surma, Maura Gibbon, Susan Simpson, Brenda Bennett, Pat Gibbon, Leo Dale, Christopher Springfield, Betty White, Michael Lindsay, Sheila Barker, Margaret Watson, John Smith, Maria Helen Rumney, Jessie McCann, Precilla Macas. <i>May they Rest in Peace.</i>		
COUNTERS	23 rd April Team B (NR, PA)	29 th April Team C (TA, NR)	
21 st April	9.15 am	6.30 pm	
WELCOMERS	First Holy Communion Children	Steven Roberts	
28 th April			
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PLEASE NOTE – Mass on Wednesday 24th April will be 12.15pm. NO 7PM MASS.