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St Augustine, SS. William & Francis De Sales, St Anne, St Osmund

1 Ma John Morrigan Sunday 9am 2nd Monday 9.30am Sue Gatenby 8th 9<u>am</u> Sunday Denis & Susan Lye 9th Monday 9.30am Carole Vincent

<u>TODAY</u>; <u>1st March</u>; Reader; M. Blakeborough Eucharistic Ministers; R. Hogg & D. Lye

Tea / Coffee Makers: Saint Family

8th March Reader; M. Daniel.

Eucharistic Minister; J. Lve & P. Magurn

Tea / Coffee; Martha & Maria

Income last Sunday £137.07 + 100 Club £104 + Candles £13.19 + Papers £2

Money spent on work in the Church will be covered by money we have in our account with the Diocese.

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

100 CLUB next due 22 March

£15 (99) T. Rochester. £10 (79) J. Miles £5 (73) S. White

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT;

The Season of Lent is a preparation for the Celebration of Easter. Lent starts Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Fasting and Abstinence or another act of self denial is of obligation on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Almsgiving, prayer and fasting were three cardinal works of Jewish piety in Matthew's community, and each year the Church recommends them to us for Lent.

The donations in the wall box as you leave church and the Collection TODAY will go to St Cuthbert's Care who help people all over the North East in many ways.

Cafod Family Fast Day 6th March. It is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised people of the world. We are asked to eat a simple meal, and give to the collection. There are a few Envelopes, please take one and a collection will take place on Sunday 8th March.

The Cycle of Prayer during Lent

We are asked to pray for Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

2020 has been made The Year of The Word in the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Pope Francis says everyone should carry a Bible in their pocket, and read it on the bus or at any time of day. A short phrase or single sentence can transform our hearts and minds if we reflect on it in a quiet moment. If we can't carry a Bible there are a few copies of "Matthew's Gospel" available on the table.

There are also some copies of Daily Reflections during Lent please feel free to take a copy for this coming week.

1st HOLY COMMUNIONS.

Please keep in your prayers our children who are making their 1st Holy Communions on 10th May 2020

Betty, Hettie, Maisie, Ollie, Connor, Leah, Ruby, Caolan, Ethan. Please also remember those who support them.

CAN YOU PLEASE LOOK AROUND AT HOME OR CAR FOR ANY HYMN BOOKS YOU MAY HAVE BORROWED

LATE NEWS; CONGRATULATIONS to St Bede's children who took 1st place in the Mayor's Primary School Song Contest.

Please remember in your prayers, all our priests and religious of our Diocese and parishioners who are struggling with health problems, especially Marnie Smith (15) Betty Magurn, Tommy Holland, Maria Miles, Florence Gibson, Stephen Errington, Pat Ryan (sister of Margaret Bishop), and a special friend. We remember those who look after them in hospital and at home. and we pray that those who are recovering from ill health continue to improve.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES—Bishop Kevin Dunn, Phyllis Blakeborough, Bridgit Mahon, Alan Turner, Theresa Dickinson, Stella Ellis, Jane Coates, Agnes & Harry Skinner, Mary Gaddass, Audrey Gaddass (Barnes), David Hope, Peter Humphries, Clare McDermott (Anwyll), Elsie Baldasera, Kathleen Kinney, Lilian Bell, Eleanor Adair, Geraldine Auton (O'Reilly, John Bishop, Joan Hague, Mary Sesnan, and all who have no one to pray for them.

HOGARTH PARTNERSHIP

ALPHA COURSE; has returned to St William's from It will run on Wednesdays 7pm—9pm for 12 weeks

If we get Bulletins from other churches in the Partnership, a copy will be in cellophane pockets on the free standing Notice board. You can also see some on St Augustine's website Staugustineschurch.org.uk. It is hoped to set up a Hogarth Partnership Website in the future.

MARRIAGE COURSE

If you wish to marry in any of our Partnership Churches, you must attend a Marriage Preparation course. The courses for 2020 are; Saturday 25th April and Saturday 10th October, both at St Thomas Aquinas Church 10am—4pm. To book a place ring 0800 3893801 / email marriagecare.tyneside@gmail.com

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 6th MARCH 6pm

St Cuthbert's Centre. This is a world wide ecumenical event where Christian Churches of all denominations throughout the world hold the same service on the same day, focusing on a particular country each year. This year, the service comes from Zimbabwe. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

HOGARTH PARTNERSHIP PLAYERS present

"HENRY" A Tudor Musical, an exciting account of Henry V!!! And his six wives. It will tour the parishes. Instead of using St William's Church they are using St James Church Hall (down the road) on Thursday 19th March We hope as many as possible will go along and support all the hard work that goes into putting on these events. A £5 ticket (available from Sam), will get you in to any performance. A list of venues and dates is on the notice displayed in the hall.

LENT - THE GOD WHO SPEAKS IN POWER & MERCY

Everyone is invited and welcome to join a series of workshops exploring God's call to repentance throughout the Old Testament. This Lenten resource is focused on the First Readings which illustrate both the power and mercy of God. We will meet some of the key characters in the long story of salvation and reflect on how their stories can still have a meaning of their own. 12th & 19th March St Osmund's Gainford . 26th March & 2nd April—venues to be arranged. 7pm-8.30pm includes refreshments.

The New Rota for Ministers is due to be prepared. If you would like to be included on any Ministry or taken off the list please let Anne know this week. Thank you.