

**JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP
THE PARISHES OF ST ANNE AND ST AUGUSTINE, GATESHEAD**

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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Sacred Meal and the Priest at the Altar.

In the Extraordinary Form, Mass is celebrated according to the Missale Romanum of 1570. While this Missal was codified at the Council of Trent, it was in use at least since the time of St. Pope Gregory the Great (540 – 604). The Extraordinary Form of the Mass is the patrimony of the Western Church. This liturgy is sometimes called the 'Tridentine' Rite, after the Council of Trent in the sixteenth century. This title is misleading, because the Council of Trent did not invent the liturgy, which was even then already ancient. It is sometimes called the 'Traditional Latin Mass' as this Mass is always celebrated in the official language of the Church (i.e. Latin). Pope Benedict gave all Catholic priests permission to celebrate Mass in this form. Every Sunday this form of the Mass is celebrated at St Joseph's in Gateshead by Fr Michael Brown, and much to the delight of Fr Brown and parishioners Bishop Robert Byrne our new bishop celebrated this form of the Mass at St Joseph's on December 8th last year. The Extraordinary Form of the Mass always involves the priest facing the Tabernacle and the Crucifix, that is facing the Lord during Mass. The Congregation of the Oratory, from which Bishop Robert came, regularly celebrates the Mass this way at the London Oratory and elsewhere. In addition to this very ancient Roman Rite in Latin, priests now have permission, and from some Cardinals and Bishops are strongly encouraged, to orient themselves to face the Lord during the Eucharistic Prayer, even when saying Mass in English, if it helps them to be more concentrated on their praying to God and to be more focussed on the Sacrifice of Calvary. This stance at the Altar also shows more clearly the priest carrying out his priestly role of interceding on behalf of the people present. I do not foresee me celebrating the Extraordinary Form of the Mass in Latin at St Augustine's or St Anne's, but from the beginning of the season of Lent, when addressing the words of the Eucharistic Prayer to God the Father and interceding on your behalf, I will be facing the Tabernacle and Crucifix. Apart from this ten minute period saying the Eucharistic Prayer and the words of Consecration, the rest of the Mass – Penitential Rite, Collect, Liturgy of the Word, Homily, Intercessions, Communion and Concluding Prayers and Blessings – will all remain the same as now. For the past four years I have been celebrating Mass in this way in the weekday chapel at St Augustine's, and I find myself personally more focussed on Almighty God, less distracted and benefitting spiritually from the experience. My hope is that we may all find something helpful in this very ancient way of offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and recover our awe and amazement for the mystery of the Eucharist. It may turn out to be for us a glimpse into the future, as well as an experience of the past.

• *Father Paul Zielinski.*

WEEK BEGINNING 23rd February 2020

7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Special Day of Prayer for the Unemployed)

St Augustine's Mass	9.30 am	For the Parishioners.
St Anne's Mass	11.00 am	Callaghan & McEwen families.
Monday	St Anne's	10.00 am Eucharistic Service.
Tuesday	St Augustine	10.00 am Mass Steve McGee

ASH WEDNESDAY (a day of fasting and abstinence) The Distribution of blessed Ashes.

	St Augustine	10.00 am Mass School Present.
	St Anne	7.00 pm Mass Brian Fisher
Thursday	St Anne	10.00 am Mass School Present
Friday	St Anne	10.00 am Mass Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	St Augustine	10.00 am Mass Rebecca Manuel



Confessions: St Anne's Fridays at 10.30 am:

& St Augustine's Saturdays 10.30 am. Also by appointment)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Day of Prayer: Candidates for the Sacraments)

St Augustine's Mass	9.30 am	For the Parishioners
St Anne's Mass	11.00 am	Mario and Barbara Mansueto

(STATIONS OF THE CROSS ST AUGUSTINE'S at 5.00 pm)



**BAPTISM PREPARATION
FOR PARENTS**

Three Tuesday evenings in March starting 3rd at 7.00 pm. Talks given at St Augustine's by Deacon Paddy Jackson, Margaret Pilkington and Denise Smith. To book a place, please contact Deacon Paddy on 07800814589

**Last Sunday's
Collections**

**St Anne: £330.
Racial Sunday £60.
St Augustine: £420.**

LENT EXTRA MAGAZINE

Today you will be provided with a Magazine style booklet to help you journey through the season of Lent with a daily reflection and inspiring articles. A donation of an **extra £1** in the Offertory collection would be much appreciated to help defray the cost to your parish.

**Golden Jubilee
of Priesthood.**

Father David Tanner will be celebrating 50 faithful years of service to God and the Church on Monday evening at St Peter's Low Fell at 7.00 pm. He was a rural parish priest in north Northumberland for 30 years. Can we show our appreciation?

Your charitable prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Gordon Aynsley**, a member of St Anne's Choir, who has died. **May he rest in peace and join the choir of angels.**

**200 & 100 Club
Winners**

St Augustine
9th Feb
No 340
Fr Paul
16th Feb
No 326
M. McMenemy

St Anne
9th Feb
No 25.
Winnie Hodgkinson
16th Feb
No 107
Kath Hagan