

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

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OPENING UP CHURCHES

Based on the number of volunteers from St Augustine's that have come forward for cleaning all surfaces and for stewarding the necessary safe-distancing, we are currently in discussions with the diocese to arrange an inspection of St Augustine's church, in order to receive information and instructions about the protocols for the safe opening up of the church, either for private prayer or the celebration of Mass. We think that probably we would be opening up firstly for private prayer, in order to test that the protocols and procedures are working. As soon as we have more information, we will let you know the arrangements.

YOUR MASS INTENTIONS

The custom of requesting a Priest to offer Mass for specific intentions, even when one cannot be present at Mass, is a longstanding tradition in our Church. The faithful make an offering to the Priest, called a stipend (the minimum is currently set at £10 by the Bishop) in order to apply a Mass to a specific intention, such as an anniversary or birthday or a private intention. This is a very direct and personal way to give your support to a Priest at any time but especially during these days of lockdown.

OUR CHURCH IN NUMBERS

The Vatican releases statistics on our Church throughout the world. The Church works in over 1,000 missionary dioceses. 7.7 billion people in the world, 1 in 7 people are baptised Catholics, 62 million children and young people are being educated in Catholic primary and secondary schools, 3 million catechists are working with children, young people and adults to explore their faith. There are 414,949 Priests, and 116,160 seminarians in their final four years of study. 15,722 homes for the elderly and chronically sick or disabled. 5,287 Catholic hospitals, 15,937 Catholic dispensaries and clinics, 9,552 orphanages. We can justly take pride in our global Church, as it continues to do great things for God.

Your charitable prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Father Michael Hickey and John Irving who died recently.
May they rest in peace.

Weekly/Monthly Church Giving.
Many thanks for your continued financial support for the upkeep of your church during lockdown, either by cash donations or by setting up a monthly donation via a Standing Order directly from your bank account.
Much appreciated.



SVP SHOP AT WREKENTON

The SVP shop at Wrekenton is hopefully opening up again this coming week (with many restrictions). We obviously need the support of the local community & want them to know how they can help us. The 1st & last hour (9am - 10am) & (3pm - 4pm) will be for DROP off donations. We don't want drop offs at all times of the day, as it could mean too many people in the shop at one time. We also do not want large items as they will take up too much shop space. We have to quarantine all items before they can be put out on display & we only have limited space. **The shop number 0191 487 9269.**

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WEEK BEGINNING 5th JULY 2020 Mass Intentions

14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sunday Mass	For the Parishioners.
Monday	In Thanksgiving (B.H.)
Tuesday	Father Michael Hickey
Wednesday	For the Holy Souls (NAL)
Thursday	For the Holy Souls (NAL)
Friday	For the Holy Souls (NAL)
Saturday	For the Holy Souls (NAL)

15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

(Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers)
Sunday Mass For the Parishioners

TEENAGER ON THE PATH TO SAINTHOOD

London-born (3rd May 1991) Italian teenager, Carol Acutis, to be beatified in October, who used his computer skills to foster devotion to the Eucharist, offers a model of sanctity for Christians with a simple formula for becoming a saint: attending Mass and reciting the Rosary daily, confessing weekly and praying before the Blessed Sacrament. The teenager developed a data base and website that chronicle worldwide eucharistic miracles. Acutis was convinced that good could be achieved through the Internet. He would urge young people today to avoid bad aspects of social media and fake news, and to go to Confession if they fell prey to it. He demonstrated the power of the lay life rests in simple, regular devotions and we can find spiritual harbour in Our Lady. His family moved to Milan when he was 7 where he made his first Holy Communion. He died on 12th October 2006, a year after using his self-taught skills to create a website, www.miracolieucaaristici.org, which lists more than 100 eucharistic miracles in 17 languages. His greatest focus was on the Eucharist as what he called his highway to heaven. His life reminds us that we get to heaven by placing Jesus at the heart of our daily lives. Pope Francis commended Acutis as a role model in his 2019 exhortation on young people, saying that the teenager offered an example for those who fall into "self-absorption, isolation and empty pleasure.....Carlo knew how to use the new communications technology to transmit the Gospel, to communicate values and beauty."