

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

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**OPENING UP CHURCHES during the Public Health
Crisis.**

The process of risk-assessing each church in the diocese is ongoing and is required by the Government before a date can be given for re-opening.

This happens after the Bishop or the Vicar General has had an opportunity to discuss the local situation with the Parish Priest. Obviously, there must already be sufficient volunteers from the parish community for doing a deep clean of the church and also sufficient volunteers being available to sanitize all surfaces at the end of a period of private prayer or after a church service. Currently, we have sufficient volunteers for St Augustine's, and we hope that the Department for Church Property will be contacting us in the next few weeks to carry out a risk-assessment for St Augustine's. The Dept for Safeguarding and the Dept for Communications will also be involved. When we have been given the go-ahead, we will most probably open for private prayer first of all, and, if that runs smoothly with our teams of volunteers, we will then go to the next stage of opening up for the celebration of Mass. In both these cases, however, the church will be open only on weekdays. As you are already aware, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation continues in force during this Covid 19 pandemic. One of the important issues to be determined by the Property Dept is the maximum number allowed in a church at any one time. Every church is different. With St Augustine's that number could be as low as 50 with 2 metres social distancing, which has a capacity of over 300 in normal circumstances. This will mean that there will have to be pre-booking for a place in the church whenever Mass is celebrated, requesting a place either by email or telephone and receiving a confirmation of booking. This will prevent the stewards having to turn away people, because there is no space reserved for them. The regulations for the celebration of Mass are very detailed about social distancing at all times, and ensuring strict hygiene at all times, especially for the distribution of the Sacred Hosts. Communion will be given right at the end of Mass, so that people can leave the church straightaway via the designated exit in an orderly fashion, observing 2 metres distancing. Access to the sacristy will not be allowed, apart from the priest, deacon and server. These are **just some of the requirements** for Liturgical Services that the parish priest will need to guarantee before permission can be given to open the church.



**ST ANNE'S COLLECTION
COUNTING AND GIFT AID**

Both these things at St Anne's will from now on be the responsibility of the Finance Committee of St Anne's under my supervision and support, and both these matters will be dealt with centrally at the joint Parish Office of St Augustine's. I would like to thank Terry O'Brien, who has retired from the role of Gift Aid Organiser after many years of meticulous care and hard work, and I also would like to thank all those who helped Terry in counting and banking the Sunday collection. Do doubt they will be glad that their Monday mornings are now free to do other things!

Father Paul Zielinski.

Your charitable prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Ross**, A regular member of St Augustine's parish community. **May she rest in peace. Amen.**

WEEK BEGINNING 12 JULY 2020 Mass Intentions

15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sunday Mass
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday **St Bonaventure**
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

(Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers)

For the Parishioners.
Private Intention (ASIP)
Father Michael Hickey
Margaret Ross (rec.died)
May & Jimmie Reynolds & Carole Cuff.
Robert Phillips (rec.died)
For the Holy Souls (NAL)

16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

Sunday Mass For the Parishioners
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is now available in St Augustine's Presbytery private rear garden (weather permitting) **by making an appointment the day before, by email or by telephone.** Access is through black door next to garage.

NEW MASTER FOR THE GUILD OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM

I know that many of you greatly enjoyed and benefitted from taking part online in the Walsingham Retreat, given by Monsignor Armitage. So, you will be glad to hear that The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, a Catholic Guild that **promotes the re-conversion of England and Wales to the Catholic faith**, has appointed Monsignor John Armitage, former Rector of the National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, as its new Master. The Guild also works on **outreach to lapsed Catholics and promotes prayer for the dead**. The guild's Executive Council has released a statement on the appointment: *"The Executive Council of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom is delighted to announce that they have, with the blessing of our Patron, the Archbishop of Southwark, nominated a new Master, Monsignor John Armitage. The Executive Council wishes to express its gratitude to the Bishop of Brentwood for his agreement to allow Mgr Armitage to carry out the role of Master alongside his new role in the diocese as parish priest of St Margaret and All Saints, Canning Town."* The Master of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom serves for a five-year term and may be re-appointed for a further five-year term. The Master's role is to promote the Guild's objectives of **re-converting England and Wales to the Roman Catholic faith, restoration of the lapsed and prayer for the forgotten dead."**

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.**