

## **JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP**

### **THE PARISHES OF ST ANNE, ST AUGUSTINE, AND ST OSWALD. GATESHEAD.**

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#### **Prepare Now or Later.....**

As we think about the poor souls in Purgatory this month, we should not be burdened with grief, for they are saved, and the full experience of salvation awaits them among all the saints. What we need to do is pray for their continuing enlightenment and purification, and that will lead us to the second aspect of these days of commemoration: We should begin to see how much we are like the souls in Purgatory. They are presently in the midst of a process of purification, which will ultimately make them ready to encounter their Creator and Lord in all His glory for all eternity. Ironically enough, in death their eyes are now fixed more surely and directly on Christ as their final Goal than they were in life. Their situation stands as a silent but powerful warning to us: Prepare now or later. Developing a sense of proportion and priorities is critical to living a good life and to undergoing a happy death. St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, showed her sense of balance as her relatives at her deathbed argued about where to bury her after her death. She said, very simply: "Lay this old body anywhere; just promise me this, that you will remember me at the altar of the Lord." The message seems to be: Make a sensible last request, and it will always be carried out. We take her advice to heart by bringing our departed relatives and friends to the altar of the Lord.

## **GIVING YOUR SUPPORT TO YOUR LOCAL CHURCH**

For those wishing to make an occasional donation to their church, or to set up a regular monthly donation, here are the bank details you need to do this online:-  
**ST OSWALD, WREKENTON**

Bank: HSBC, Grey St, Newcastle

#### **Title of Account:**

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

Wrekenton St Oswald.

Sort Code: 40-34-18

Account Number: 71808192

#### **ST ANNE, HARLOW GREEN,**

Bank: HSBS, Grey St, Newcastle

#### **Title of Account:**

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

Gateshead St Anne

Sort Code: 40-34-18

Account Number: 31164090

#### **ST AUGUSTINE, FELLING**

Bank: HSBC, Grey Street, Newcastle

#### **Title of Account:**

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

Felling St Augustine

St Augustine

Sort Code: 40-34-18

Account Number: 12010445

## **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year**

Vigil St Anne 5.30 pm

9.15 am St Augustine

11.15 am St Oswald

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

**7.00 pm Memorial Mass St Augustine:** November Lists of the Dead & the Pandemic Deceased

**7.00 pm Memorial Mass St Anne:** November Lists of the Dead & the Pandemic Deceased

**7.00 pm Memorial Mass St Oswald:** November Lists of the Dead & the Pandemic Deceased

## **7<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

For the Parishioners  
November Lists of the Dead  
November Lists of the Dead

## **33rd Sunday of the Year REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Vigil St Anne 5.30 pm

9.15 am St Augustine

11.15 am St Oswald

November Lists of the Dead  
For the Parishioners  
November Lists of the Dead

**(World Day of prayer for the Poor)**

## **VOTIVE CANDLES**

You are allowed to light votive candles again, if you wish. Please note that the red and blue 24 hour candles are £1 each, and the small 2 hour candles are 20 pence.

Votive candles help focus our prayerful petitions to Jesus and Mary and are another way to help the finances of your church/parish.

## **MEMORIAL MASSES – REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN**

Our parish Memorial Masses here in Gateshead will be as follows:-

**7.00 pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at St Augustine.**

**7.00 pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at St Anne**

**7.00 pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November at St Oswald**

Each Episcopal Area will have an opportunity to gather for another Mass for our Dead at which Bishop Robert plans to preside.

**Our Vicariate Memorial Mass will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 7.00 pm at St Aloysius, Hebburn.**

All our Books of Remembrance will be brought to Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, so that all those named may be remembered at a Solemn Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert at 11.00 am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## **EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT LISTENING SERVICE**

Whilst bereavement is extremely hard at any time, these last months of lockdown have been particularly difficult, whilst funerals that have had to take place in very restricted circumstances have taken their toll on so many. Whilst family and friends can be immensely supportive, sometimes a bereaved person wants to talk to someone outside of their immediate circle. The Emmaus Bereavement Support Team, trained in the Ministry of Consolation, is available to support those who wish to talk about their loss. Due to current restrictions, such conversations will most likely take place on the phone, but we hope as restrictions ease, it may be possible for people to meet face-to-face again. Since the launch of this service earlier this year, there have been a number of requests for support, and several of our listeners have been able to accompany others on their journey of loss and bereavement. The Emmaus Bereavement Support Service no. is **07732 980740** a member of the team will contact you promptly.

## **The Role of Purgatory**

With regard to turning out right, which is what we all hope for despite all our failures, purgatory plays an important part here. There will be few people whose lives are so pure and fulfilled in all respects. And, we would hope, there will be few people whose lives have become an irredeemable and total 'No.' For the most part, the longing for good has remained, despite many breakdowns, in some sense determinative. God can pick up the broken pieces and make something of them. In any case, we need a final cleansing, a cleansing by fire, to be exact, in which the gaze of Christ, so to say, burns us free from everything, and only under this purifying gaze are we, as it were, fit to be with God and able, then, to make our home with him. I think it is something very human, I would go so far as to say that if there was no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God. And yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, "a pot that turned out wrong," that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again. That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him and can stand there in the fullness of life. Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that we all belong together in the one enormous symphony of being. (**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in "God and the Word" pp 129-130**)