

JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP

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

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THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST 21st August 2022

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

21st Sunday of the Year

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m.

9.15 a.m. St Augustine

11.15 a.m. St Oswald

Jack Ferrer
For the Parishioners
Bernadette McKee

Tuesday St Augustine 10.00 am Steve McGee
Wednesday St Anne 10.00 am Peter Coyne
Thursday St Oswald 12 noon Living & Deceased m. of Thursday Club.

22nd Sunday of the Year

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m.

9.15 am St Augustine

11.15 a.m. St Oswald

For the Parishioners
Patricia Hughes
Moyra Martin (Legion Mariae)



THE WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERTORIES

14/15 August 2022

St Augustine £379-81

St Anne £228-40

St Oswald £244-90

(Inclusive of monthly donations
via Standing Orders)

Food for thought.

Darwin had a doubt.

He could never explain
the Origin of Life on Earth.

Is Darwin's theory of evolution based on materialism?

When Darwin wrote his "Origin of Species" in 1859, he called it 'one long argument.' And basically it was an argument against creation by design and in favour of a materialistic picture of evolution – unguided natural processes explain everything. That is the story – Darwin did not have the evidence – he basically just had the argument and ever since the evidence has been plugged into that story to serve as illustrations, when in fact the story comes first.

Does the fossil record support Darwin's theory?

According to Darwin's theory a living thing is born from its parent resembling the parents pretty much as human children resemble their parents. So, if in fact the story of evolution is true, we would expect to see an unnumberable number of transitional fossils linking the old forms with the new. But we don't see that anywhere in the fossil record. Indeed in the Cambrian strata (both in Wales and in China) the fossil record shows that there was an 'explosion' of new species and forms with nothing below in earlier strata that looks like anything like them.

The materialistic bias is a story bias that puts the fossils into pre-existing slots in the story, as though they look like they belong there, when in fact they don't, when the evidence comes in and analysed carefully. When you are looking at fragmentary fossils from millions of years apart – often in different continents – there is absolutely no way you can line them up in ancestor descendent relationships

Baptism Pastoral Support Programme 2022 for parents seeking Baptism for their children.

This is available every three months, in March, June, September, and December, involving three Tuesday evening sessions 7 pm to 8 pm, with Deacon Paddy and Denise Smith at St Augustine's Presbytery. This is followed up by a separate individual interview with Father Paul to discuss the requirements and the timing of any baptism.

The next series of talks starts on Tuesday 6th September.

John Ingram Partnership RCIA 2022-23

An initial meeting is to take place on Tuesday 6th September at 7.00 pm at St Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling. Please feel to come along on the night for a short introduction to the programme and a chance to ask any questions you may have. If you need any more information, please contact Alan on 07976 402023.

The Relics of St Bernadette will be at St Mary's Cathedral for two days, 1st and 2nd of October.

It is important to note that anyone who has not registered will be turned away for the relic tour. Registration can be made here: www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/

Roe v Wade

In wonderful news from the US, Roe v Wade has been overturned, ending 50 years of a constitutional 'right' to abortion. This is a monumental step forward, which shows the world that a civilised alternative to abortion is possible, and will doubtless save millions of lives. We all have a vital role to play in building a true culture of life, in which every life is respected and where no woman feels that abortion is her only choice. If change is possible in the US, it is possible here in the UK too. If you want to be part of this campaign for change, please go to www.spuc.org.uk/welcome to find out how you can get involved.

What is Mystery?

Obviously, something that we don't understand. The great conceit of modern man is that we have come to think through science and technology that we will be able to understand everything and therefore dominate it. It is so important that people learn to enjoy not knowing the answer to something – to enjoy the experience: Wow! How does that work? Wow! Why am I feeling this? Wow! I have never seen that before. There are great mysteries in the world that we will never understand. There are many forces impinging on our lives that we will never control, and we simply accept it, that this is a great Universe and we are a tiny part of it. But what a wonderful thing that we have a mind that can ask what is going on and how does some of it work. But there will always be mystery to lead us on and to inquire.

What is science? What is materialism?

Science is testing hypotheses with other evidence. It is a search for truth. But nowadays there is another kind of science that has become popular - that is finding materialistic explanations for everything. That is materialistic science not empirical science. For empirical science the evidence matters the most, for materialistic science the story matters the most. Materialism is the idea that the only thing real is material particles and the forces among them. Things like God, spirit, mind, soul, free will – they are all imaginary. In a materialistic world view you have to explain things with a materialistic philosophy. If you free yourself from bias, then you can follow the evidence wherever it leads and often it does not lead to materialism.