JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP

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

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THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST 14th August 2022

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m.	For the Parishioners
9.15 a.m. St Augustine	Peter Coyne
11.15 a.m. St Oswald	Dora Bell
	Tuesday St Augustine 10.00 am Fr Dermott Donnelly (NBF)
	Wednesday St Anne 10.00 am Fr Thomas Burke (NBF)
	Thursday St Oswald 12 noon Michael & Thomas Burrell

21st Sunday of the Year

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m.	Jack Ferrer
9.15 am St Augustine	For the Parishioners
11.15 a.m. St Oswald	Bernadette McKee

THE WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERTORIES
6/7 August 2022

St Augustine	**£402-69**
St Anne	**£216-50**
St Oswald	**£446-50**

(Inclusive of monthly donations via Standing Orders)

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** or have a word with Father Paul.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO TO MASS?

Whether you're eight years old or in our eighties, at some point in your life you've probably struggled with the question, "Why do we have to go to Mass?"

- You just may not feel like going at times.
- You may not like the music or the homilies in your parish.
- You may think that Mass is boring.
- You may feel as if the parish is not welcoming.
- You may try to convince yourself that you can pray just as well outdoors or in the comfort of your own home.

THE POWER OF NEGATIVE THINKING

Even though you know that going to Mass is a good thing, you can talk yourself out of going by focussing on the negatives. At first you may feel a little guilty, but eventually, you can justify your decision by convincing yourself that you are too busy, too tired, too bored, or too frustrated. When that happens, you miss the great gift that God gives to us in the Eucharist.

THINKING POSITIVELY.

Research studies show that people who go to church every week are:

1. Less likely to suffer from depression.
2. Less likely to abuse drugs and alcohol.
3. More likely to have a solid sense of right and wrong.
4. More likely to live longer and a happier life.

MORE THAN ENTERTAINMENT

When entertainment is the model for church worship services, the leaders try to induce particular feelings in the audience. The Mass, however, is just the opposite. It is a ritual in which people bring their own feelings and incorporate them into the liturgy. That's why it is possible for two people to attend Mass, one grieving a death and the other celebrating a birth, yet both feel connected. The whole point is to go beyond feelings into authentic prayer, which is the offering of oneself to God in Jesus Christ.

A Pastoral Support Programme
for anyone wishing to become a Catholic, or to deepen their knowledge of their Catholic Faith.
Third DVD on Tuesday 16th of August at 7.00 pm at St Augustine's Presbytery.
Theme of this week's Video is :-
WHY THE CHURCH?
All are welcome!

Here are 10 good reasons to go to Mass

1. God asks us to make one day holy.
2. Jesus gives us the gift of himself.
3. We need to be part of a community.
4. God has a special message for us.
5. We need to talk to God.
6. People need our prayers.
7. We need to stand up for what we believe.
8. We need to acknowledge that we make mistakes.
9. We need ritual in our lives.
10. We need to experience something bigger than ourselves.

WHY PRAYING AT HOME IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH

It's good to pray at home, but private prayer doesn't take the place of coming to Mass. When you pray at home, your prayer is personal and one-dimensional. The Mass gives you the opportunity to:

1. Seek forgiveness for your sins.
2. Learn how God's word impacts your life in the homily.
3. Offer yourself to the Lord.
4. Experience the miracle of bread and wine changing into the Body and Blood of Christ.
5. Reach out to others with the Peace of Christ.
6 Admit that you are not worthy, and then come forward to receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ.
7. Receive a special blessing.
8. Be commissioned to go out and make the world a better place.

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/