

**THE GATESHEAD FAMILY OF
CHURCHES OF
ST ANNE,
ST AUGUSTINE,
AND ST OSWALD.**

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TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

4th December 2022

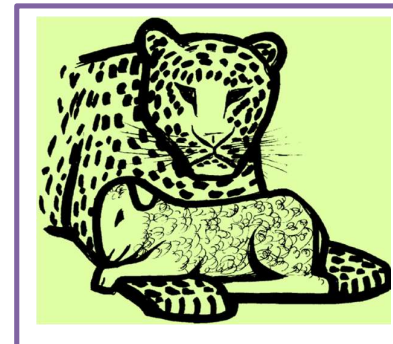
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m. William Hill
9.15 a.m. St Augustine James Spoons
11.15 a.m. St Oswald For the Parishioners

Tuesday St Augustine 10.00 am Sick Person (D.B.)
Wednesday St Anne 10.00 am Kevin Bayne
Thursday St Oswald **The Immaculate Conception of B.V.M.** 12.00 noon. Thursday Club members

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m. Kevin Bayne
9.15 am St Augustine Lily Robinson
11.15 a.m. St Oswald For the Parishioners



**THE WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERTORIES
26/27th November 2022**

St Augustine £324.44
St Anne £243.30
St Oswald £310

(Inclusive of monthly donations
via Standing Orders)

RESCARE

The Society for families of children and adults with learning disabilities. It is a unique nationwide charity that has been supporting families who have loved ones with a learning disability since 1984. Families are the centre of what they do. Rescare's befriending service is designed to help people who are experiencing feelings of loneliness and/or isolation to enable them to start to feel connected to other people in a positive way again

www.rescare.org.uk
0161 474 7323

Rescare has a mission to help families. People can get in touch with them if they are: A parent of someone with a Learning Disability and/or Autism; A Carer of someone with a Learning Difficulty and/or Autism: An individual with a Learning Disability and/or Autism aged 18+ Telephone befriending is a free service offered by Rescare and delivered by fully trained volunteers. It is a chance for you to connect and enjoy chatting with someone over the phone, all from the comfort of your own home,

**BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR
PARENTS**

Pastoral Support Programme for parents preparing for the Baptism of their children. Next quarterly series of three sessions starts on **Tuesday December 6th 7.00 pm** at St Augustine's Presbytery. Talks led by Deacon Paddy Jackson and Denise Smith.
Contact Deacon Paddy on 07800814589

St Oswald Christmas Raffle

A group of people in the parish would like to try to raise some funds for our church, We hope to have a Christmas raffle. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, can you donate any of the following please?
BOTTLE OF WINE OR SPIRITS
BOX OF CHOCOLATES OR
BUSCUITS, TOILETRIES
CHILDREN'S STOCKING FILLERS
SWEETS.
DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN CHURCH PORCH.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

As we begin to enter the season of Advent, the Vicariate for Faith & Mission have produced a series of reflections on the readings used throughout our Advent preparations. The reflections have been written by members of the Diocese and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect. The first and second week of Advent reflections can be downloaded from bit.ly/DHNAAdvent2022. The second part of the Advent reflections will be available shortly



PARISH AMALGAMATION UPDATE

The joint meeting of the three parish finance committees took place on 29th November. There was unanimous agreement that we merge the three parishes, in order to streamline further the administration of the cluster of three parishes, especially with the imminent introduction of centralised online recording of both financial matters and Gift Aid donations from April 2023. **History:** St Anne's has been "clustered" with St Augustine's since February 2019, sharing one priest and one deacon. Since 1st September 2021 St Oswald's has joined, making a cluster of three. **Intermingling:** Parishioners have been getting used to circulating around the three churches at weekends, finding the choice of Mass times convenient. Baptism Preparation for parents and Marriage Preparation is now centralised at St Augustine's, and there is only one Christmas Eve Mass and only one Easter Vigil Mass, with the three communities are more united. **Parish Administration:** There is now only one Presbytery and one Parish Office, serving all three parishes. Following the trend in the diocese over the past 10 years, as clustered parishes like our own have requested to be formally amalgamated, we need to make the same request. **Please note** that this development will not change the regular practical things, such as the current arrangements of Mass times at each church. Its main purpose to make it easier to manage the parish cluster and encourage further working together.

**If you have any questions and/or concerns,
please get in touch with Father Paul.**