

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

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**TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS      18<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m.      Laura Beatrice Robson.  
9.15 a.m. St Augustine      Thanksgiving for Recovery (M.T).  
11.15 a.m. St Oswald      For the Parishioners.

Tuesday St Augustine 10.00 am      Tony & Mark McGuiness.  
Wednesday St Anne 10.00 am      Holy Souls (November Altar Lists).  
Thursday St Oswald 12.00 noon      Living & Deceased members of the Thursday Club.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Christmas Eve Mass St Anne 5.30 p.m.      For the Parishioners.  
Christmas Morning 9.15 am St Augustine      Kathleen Burrell.  
11.15 a.m. St Oswald      For the Parishioners.

(Confessions 30 minutes before the start of all Masses. Also, by appointment.)



**THE WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERTORIES  
17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

St Augustine £285.62  
St Anne £225.90  
St Oswald £449.55

(Inclusive of monthly donations  
via Standing Orders)



**Northern Catholic Calendar 2023**

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about the Catholic Church  
in the North East of England.

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS**

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 the opportunity to pause and reflect.

The **third and fourth of Advent reflections** can be downloaded

. <http://bit.ly/DHNAvent2022>

**MID MORNING COFFEE**

Have a coffee/tea  
and a cookie/cake

after 9.15 am Sunday Mass  
in St Augustine's meeting room  
at the front of church, before  
heading back home, courtesy of  
the Dimarucut family.

Children's Carol Service  
St Augustine's Church  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
1.30 pm  
All are Welcome.

**Masses for Christmas**

**Christmas Eve**

**5.30 pm St Anne**

**Christmas Morning**

**9.15 am St Augustine**

**11.15 am St Oswald**

**Cardinal Hume School**

**Christmas Liturgy**

**at St Oswald's Church**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**9 am – 10.30 am**



**THE RESIGNATION OF BISHOP ROBERT BYRNE**

Bishop Robert Byrne has resigned for personal reasons, and this has been accepted by the Holy Father in Rome and the See of Hexham and Newcastle is now vacant. There are copies of the Bishop's Letter to the Diocese at the back of church. Please keep Bishop Robert in your prayers, and also our Diocese. Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Malcom McMahon of Liverpool Diocese to be Administrator until a new bishop has been chosen. Canon Peter Leighton, the Vicar General, is looking after the day to day issues in our Diocese, as they arise. But no major changes can happen until the new bishop arrives.

**PARISH AMALGAMATION PROPOSAL PUT ON ICE.**

There seems to be every indication of general agreement across the three parish communities to merge and to join forces and resources into one new larger parish, in order to make administration more efficient and cost effective, as well as encouraging further cooperation between the three parishes and working more closely together in the future. I had hoped to be able to present our proposal to the Council of Priests next March. However, this will not be possible, as the Council of Priests has been dissolved with the resignation of Bishop Robert Byrne and will not be reconstituted until the new Bishop has been appointed by the Holy Father and has taken canonical possession of the Diocese. This could be quite a lengthy process of consultation and waiting upon the decision of Rome. So, we will have to be patient and await developments. But at the earliest opportunity our proposal, if we are still in agreement, will be presented to the new Bishop via the newly constituted Council of Priests, which may not be until 2024.