

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS **26th February 2023**

First Sunday of Lent

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m. Bayne and Stevenson families
9.15 a.m. St Augustine Joe Wiley
11.15 a.m. St Oswald For the Parishioners

Tuesday St Augustine **10.00 am Funeral Mass for Kathleen Duffy**
Wednesday St Anne 10.00 am Tony Carey
Thursday St Oswald 12 noon Thanksgiving (Arthur & Dorothy)
Friday St Oswald 10.00 am. **KS1 school children Mass** Special Intention (P)

Second Sunday of Lent

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m. Joan Stephenson
9.15 am St Augustine William Murray & family
11.15 am St Oswald For the Parishioners

RCIA candidates meet Tuesday evening at St Augustine's for "one to one" meetings with Father Paul.

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

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SIMPLE MASS CARDS

These are now available free of charge at the back of church, when you wish to arrange with Fr Paul to have a holy Mass offered for someone who has recently died. You simply bring your chosen card to Fr Paul to sign, as you tell him your intention and provide him with your Mass offering.

As a way of sending your sincere condolences to a bereaved family, this is much more spiritually meaningful and consoling than a bouquet of flowers, and importantly of immense assistance to the deceased.

SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsors needed for some of the adult candidates for Baptism and Reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil, which will take place at St Augustine's. Please let Fr Paul know, if you are willing to be a sponsor.

Requirements

A Sponsor must be a **baptised** and **confirmed** Catholic, who is also in **good standing** with the Church.

THE WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERTORIES

19th February 2023

St Augustine £407.00

St Anne £482-80

St Oswald £364-20

(Inclusive of Standing Orders)

Holy Island SVP Vinnie Camp 2023

Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2023? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island, They'll stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities such as rock pooling, longball, football, rounders, walking, craft and art, table tennis, long ball, Quizzes and competitions and marathons as well as laser tag, silly sports, sand castle building, swimming and scavenger hunts. Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the North East. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs £150 and can be paid in instalments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. If you're interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details:
<https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

PROCESS OF COMING INTO THE CHURCH

Please keep in your prayers those adults (and their children) across our three parishes, who are preparing to come into the Church during the Easter vigil at St Augustine's, either through adult baptism or, if already baptised as Protestants, coming into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Rite of Reception.

In preparation for Baptism, those adults who are catechumens (not yet baptised) will be prayed over on three Sundays in Lent (12th 19th & 26th March) during the 9.15 am Mass. These special prayers for our catechumens include a prayer of exorcism.

On Sunday 5th March they will all attend a Rite of Election at the Cathedral with all other candidates for adult Baptism or Reception from across all the parishes in the diocese,

Under 18 years of age marriage is now prohibited in UK Law

The Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Act 2022 was passed by the UK Government on 28th April 2022. The Act comes into force on Monday 27th February 2023. The Act will raise the age of marriage and civil partnership to 18 years in England and Wales to protect children from the scourge of forced marriage. This means that 16 to 17-year-olds will no longer be able to marry or enter a civil partnership under any circumstances, including with parental or judicial consent. It will not be possible for anyone under 18 years of age to marry or enter a civil partnership after this date.

**Baptism Preparation is provided for Parents,
who are requesting Baptism for their child.**

The next three Tuesday sessions start

Tuesday March 7th at 7.00 pm at St Augustine's Presbytery.

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St Anne's Coffee Morning raised £400, split equally between Joe's Place and funds for St Anne's Parish. Thanks to the organizers and everyone who supported the event.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday 3rd March

CAFOD envelopes are available today to take home with you for use on Friday, and then bring back to church next weekend to put in the second collection for CAFOD.

Your charitable prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of, Margaret Conlon, Kathleen Duffy and George Smith, who have died.

May they rest in peace.

There is coffee available after the **9.15 am Mass every Sunday at St Augustine's**. Savoury and sweet things to go with it. **No charge**, but a small voluntary donation to Billy the Tortoise is always welcome, when you can afford.....