

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS **5th March 2023**

Second Sunday of Lent

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m. Joan Stephenson (recently died)
9.15 a.m. St Augustine William Murray & family
11.15 a.m. St Oswald Tomasz Oleszak – Peace and Justice

Tuesday St Augustine 10.00 am Margaret Rita Conlon (recently died)
Wednesday St Anne 10.00 am Frank Pollard (recently died)
Thursday St Oswald 12 noon Diamond Wedding Anniversary (Kathleen & John)

Third Sunday of Lent

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m. William Hill
9.15 am St Augustine For the Parishioners
11.15 am St Oswald Richard Mavir

Confessions
30 minutes before Mass starts
or by appointment.

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ST ANNE, ST AUGUSTINE, AND ST OSWALD.

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THE WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERTORIES

26th February 2023

St Augustine £566.70
St Anne £275.30
St Oswald £266.31
(Inclusive of Standing Orders)

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES

The Bishops' Conference has decided that, given the current situation regarding the spread of Covid and the fact that most people have had three or four vaccinations, a suitable time for permission to be granted for the resumption of Holy Communion under both species would be at the Mass of the Lord's Supper in Holy Week 2023. The Bishops have said that the time between now and then should be used for **appropriate catechesis** of the faithful regarding the significance of the reception of Holy Communion under either or both species. Important teaching, such as **the totality of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Lord** is received in **either or both species**, the **personal disposition** of those receiving Holy Communion, and **the reverence** offered to the Blessed Sacrament should be included. At large concelebrations of priests, Communion under both kinds by intinction is still recommended.

Please note that this is a permission, not a requirement. The decision as to the reintroduction of Holy Communion under both species, or the timing of its reintroduction, rests with each parish priest. **Note from Father Paul:** "I do not intend to resume the distribution of holy Communion under both species."

PROCESS OF COMING INTO THE CHURCH

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 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,

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.

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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Donations to St Augustines's

It is so easy to donate by standing order. All you need to do is set up a standing order up on line or by using the standing order form provided and drop this into your bank. The details are sort code 403418 account number 12010445. You can use your full name for the reference. If you are a taxpayer just drop an email to Maria Thompson at wanlagiftaidbox@btinternet.com to let her know that you are switching from a box from 06/04/2023. If you currently donate via the loose plate, you can think about switching to standing order too. Have a chat with Maria at the back of church. She will be delighted to help you. The best dates to set up your standing order are between the 6th and the 23rd of the month. This will cut down on the amount of loose coin we have to bank each week. Currently we are only allowed to deposit 5 full bags of coin at the post office! We have to carry forward incomplete bags from week to week. You can continue donating in your usual way. You do not need to change. We are just looking at making things simpler and more efficient. We appreciate all your donations, they help to carry on the great work done at St Augustine's by Father Paul, Deacon Paddy and the various teams who work behind the scenes. Thank you.
Maria Thompson, Gift Organizer.
(Father Paul says: the same holds good for St Oswald and St Anne donors. Speak to Father Paul about this, if you wish to change the method of your giving or you would like some Offertory envelopes for the first time)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PASSION SUNDAY usual weekend Mass times.
Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at **St Anne's 7.00 pm.**
Good Friday Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord at **St Oswald's 3.00 pm.**
EASTER VIGIL at **St Augustine's 7.00 pm**
EASTER SUNDAY 9.15 am and 11.15 am as per usual.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

was on Friday 3rd March. A Second Collection today for this. CAFOD envelopes and/or loose cash donations.

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.

NEW LECTIONARY FOR MASS

At their Plenary meeting, the Bishops gave their final approval to the new Lectionary which will now be sent to Rome for its definitive approval. The Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition with the Abbey Psalms and canticles. It is hoped that following the *confirmatio* from the Holy See, the Lectionary may be published and ready for use in our parishes for the beginning of Advent 2023.