

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS 19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent (2nd Set of Prayers for Catechumens)

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m. For the Parishioners
9.15 a.m. St Augustine George Nicholson (JR)
11.15 a.m. St Oswald George Smith

Confessions
30 minutes before Mass starts
or by appointment.

Tuesday St Augustine 10.00 am **Mass with KS2 children** present (adults may also attend).

Wednesday St Anne 10.00 am Joe Wiley.

Thursday St Anne **10.00 am Funeral Mass for John Consterdine.**

Friday St Anne 10.00 am **Mass with KS2 children** present (adults may also attend)

Fifth Sunday of Lent (3rd Set of Prayers for Catechumens)

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m. John Consterdine.
9.15 am St Augustine Thanksgiving for Silver Wedding Anniversary of Cheryl & Jason Lucero.
11.15 am St Oswald For the Parishioners.

THE WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERTORIES

12th March 2023

St Augustine £520.98

St Anne £241.80

St Oswald £259.40

(Inclusive of Standing Orders)

A Day of Prayer for Life

On Saturday 25 March 2023 (the Solemn Feast of the Annunciation) there will be a Day of Prayer for Life - in particular for the unborn and for pregnant women - including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and opportunity to venerate the relics of St Gianna Molla at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle following the 10.00 am Mass until 4.00 pm organised by Catholic members of SPUC.

**NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES
or MONTHLY STANDING ORDER.**

Envelopes encourage people to give something every week, and also to think about what they give in their envelope. Special collections are also provided for in the box of envelopes. Let Fr Paul or Maria Thompson or Roger Eley know, if you want some envelopes. **Alternatively** giving regularly via a monthly donation directly from your bank account makes things much easier for us, because there is no need to count and bank cash.

SURVEY OF THE LAY FAITHFUL

The investigation commissioned by the Dicastery for Bishops has issued a survey to be completed by parishioners. This is an anonymous survey, all answers are provided in complete confidence, and you are asked to give your own individual views. The survey will run until Monday 27 March 2023 and can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/wevQ6zri1t8SCxNg5> or through the Diocesan website. Please complete the survey only once, even if you hold more than one role in the Diocese. (There is a separate survey currently taking place for the Clergy)

ADVICE AND HELP

The link below gives details of venues hosting the advice and information services as well as further links to find out more about the type of help offered by **Citizens Advice Gateshead**.
<https://citizensadvicegateshead.org.uk/visit-us/>

THE QUARTERLY DIOCESAN LEVY

Today there is a second collection for the March Diocesan Levy. Each parish must contribute its fair share of support to the Bishop's Office and Central Departments necessary for running the Diocese, Education, Catechetics, Safeguarding, Property, Finance/Legal etc. Each of our three parishes in the Cluster must pay in the region of £5,000 each year. This works out at £100 per week from the Sunday collection at each church (!) Interestingly, for Anglican parishes this is called "The Parish Share" and can often be much higher, double or treble our figure. We do not get sufficient in the four special collections to meet our obligations. So please consider slightly increasing what you give each week in the Sunday collection, for example an extra £1 or an extra 50 pence, specifically for the Levy that we must pay.

Well, I never knew that !!!

Physicists now know that the total number of atoms in the Universe is calculated to

be **10⁹⁰** (ten to the power of 90)

Biophysicists now say there are impossible odds of Life starting accidentally on the Earth by Lightening striking a Primordial Pool of chemicals, such as ammonia,

methane, to be **10 to power of 75,000,000,000**. Like a tornado going through a garage and assembling a Jaguar car in perfect running order. Simply impossible. **Check out YouTube for more info: Dr James Tour**

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

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY usual weekend Mass times.

HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Anne at 7.00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord at St Oswald at 3.00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL at St Augustine 7.00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY 9.15 a.m. at St Anne
11.15 a.m. at St Oswald

Please be generous and make a special effort to attend all the Holy Week Services, moving out of your usual comfort zone and travelling to the church in the Cluster, where a Service is being held. This would be useful preparation ahead the formal amalgamation of three parishes into one parish, that will probably take place in the not too distant future, when we have a new bishop. Please note that, if you attend the Easter Vigil, you may receive Holy Communion again, if you attend an Easter Sunday morning Mass as well.

Readers needed for the Easter Vigil Mass

There are several Old Testament Readings in the Vigil. It would be 'neat' to have at least one Reader from each of our three parishes in our Cluster for this important Joint Celebration, that includes the lighting of the New Fire, lighting the new Easter Candle, the Singing of the Exultet, the Reception into Full Communion of 7 adults, the Renewal of our Baptismal Promises and sprinkling the congregation with the newly blessed Easter Water, plus the first Mass of Easter.