

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

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Vigil St Anne 5.30 pm For the Parishioners.

St Augustine 9.15 am Harry, Winnie & John McIntosh

St Oswald 11.15 am Robert Rutter & Bell family.

Tuesday St Augustine 10.00 am Special Intention (E).

Wednesday St Anne 10.00 am John Consterdine.

Thursday St Oswald 12 noon Ann McMenemy

Friday St Augustine 10.00 am Funeral Mass for George Merchant.

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER CORONATION WEEKEND

Vigil St Anne's 5.30 pm Veronica Hill.

St Augustine 9.15 am Oswald Leo Duffy.

St Oswald 11.15 am For the Parishioners.



In the Catholic tradition, a veil is not just a covering. Obviously, it does conceal something or someone. But it also reveals. We veil what is sacred – to reveal it as sacred. Thus, the chalice is often veiled *not* because it's ugly (one hopes) or because we're forbidden to look at it. It's veiled to reveal its sacred purpose as the vessel of Christ's Precious Blood. A woman is veiled *not* because she is ugly (one hopes) or because we're forbidden to look at her. She's veiled to reveal her dignity as a bride on her wedding day or as a vowed bride of Christ. This Catholic view of veiling provides a way to understand the appearances of our risen Lord. He is veiled in body and word. But the veil of the resurrection not only conceals but also reveals. There is a physical veil over the risen One. When he appears to Mary Magdalene at the tomb and to the Apostles at the Sea of Tiberias, they don't know him at first. Similarly, the disciples on the road Emmaus "were prevented from recognizing him." At the very moment they want to see him most, our Lord approaches his followers in a hidden, veiled manner. In the Eucharist, the breaking of the bread, our Lord is at once both concealed and revealed. He is truly hidden under the form of bread. We don't see him as he is or as we shall one day see him. And yet we *do* see him. When we gaze at the Host, we do in fact look upon Jesus Christ. This veil reveals him as our daily bread, our supersubstantial bread. The Eucharistic veil reveals him as food for the journey, to nourish us on our pilgrim way. "With that their eyes were opened. . ." The eyes of Adam and Eve had likewise been opened. The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in Eden "was a delight to the eyes." But the eating of it only opened their eyes to evil. That opening was in fact the blindness of sin. The Eucharist now undoes that blindness and truly opens our eyes. Christ under the veil of bread is a delight to the eyes. And when we eat the fruit of the tree of the Cross, our eyes are opened to his truth, goodness, and beauty. The Eucharist becomes the hinge, the turning point of the Emmaus story, as it should be in our lives. The disciples, once headed to the West, to the dying of the light, and away from the holy city, now turn back to the East, to the rising sun, and race back to the expectant Church in Jerusalem. The veil had opened their eyes. Now they race to enlighten others with the good news of the resurrection. The Eucharist is most of all the veil that reveals, a symbol but also the reality, the bread that is really the Body. Thus, he continues to be made known to us in the breaking of the bread – if only we continue to plead with him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over!"

Kath Ferrer's family were very grateful to receive £510.00 in donations at her Funeral Mass at St Anne's, which has been sent to Cancer Research UK, in memory of her memory. They would like to thank everyone for all their donations, loving support, and prayers over the last few weeks. **Anne-Marie, Tom, Louise and Joseph.**

St Oswald's Easter Raffle

Winning Tickets

Who still have to claim prizes:-

160, 302, 363, 857, 877.

Message from the Little Sisters of the Poor.

The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding these difficult economic times, which everyone is facing, increasingly more challenging. It is certainly a worrying and anxious time for us all. The current economic climate is having a significant impact on our fundraising activities and the charitable donations we rely on to meet the ever increasing daily running costs of the Home. We are working hard to raise vital funds to help with the cost of replacing the three lifts in the Home. They have served us well over the years and with us relying heavily on them, they are in constant need of expensive repairs. As you can appreciate, the lifts play an integral role in helping to maintain the safety of our residents at all times, helping to increase their level of mobility and allowing them to maintain their independence for longer. For this reason we are appealing for urgent donations to assist us in our efforts to make critical upgrades to our lifts, which in turn will help the Sisters and Staff deliver essential person centred care at all times. Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to: St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure, online donations can be made by visiting: www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We are extremely grateful to you for the kindness shown to us.

Easter Sunday Offertory Collections

"My weekly offering to God."

St Augustine: £296-39

St Anne: £226-40

St Oswald £242-40

(Inclusive of monthly donations via Standing Orders)

**There is Second collection today
for the Little Sisters of the Poor**

PLANNED GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

If you have changed your name, address or your tax status let Maria Thompson know by emailing her on

iwantagiftaidbox@btinternet.com

Standing order forms are available at the back of church. There are a few boxes left if you want to continue giving the traditional way!

Thank you so much for your continuing financial support of St Augustine's.

**Maria Thompson
Gift Aid Organiser**

**For St Oswald's church the same applies, but contact Bill Swaddle who will help you:-
prontax@talktalk.net**

**For St Anne's church the same applies, but contact Brian Conder, who will help you:
brianconder@yahoo.com**

Your charitable prayers

are requested for the repose of the souls of George Merchant, Dorothy Swales, Wilfred Cuthbertson, and George Cuthbertson, who have died. **May they rest in peace.**