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

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is always available upon request, by making an appointment, or 30 minutes before the start of Sunday Mass and weekday Masses.

John Ingram Partnership RCIA 2023-24

Firstly, let me briefly introduce myself. I am Alan a parishioner at St. Patrick's Felling and am retired after a 40 year career in education. For the last four years I have led the RCIA delivery in our area and am delighted that I can support people on their individual faith journeys. Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is used in The Church to support adults who want to explore their spiritual feelings and if they wish can lead to them becoming a Catholic. It is an informal system of regular meetings where we can all explore what it means to be a Catholic. Previously around ten people per year have completed the course and have been received into the Church, most of them at The Easter Vigil service in their home parish. They also attend a Right of Election service at St. Mary's Cathedral at the start of Lent each year where they are joined by hundreds of other people from across the diocese. We plan to meet most Tuesday evenings at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling at either 6.30 Or 7.00 p.m. as decided by the participants. Meetings last around one hour 15 minutes. These meetings are held in school term times and not during the holiday periods when children are off school. These meetings are very informal and allow participants to talk about the topics and explore their feelings in a very open, non-judgemental way. Past participants have enjoyed these meetings very much. Topics look at the history of the Church. The Bible, the Sacraments of the Church and prayer. In fact, we look at many things and you will have the opportunity to suggest any areas that you would like to know more of. Participants do not have to make their mind up straight away but can decide if they want to be received into the Church as the course progresses. If they do, then time will be taken to look at the early sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist and if applicable Reconciliation and Confirmation. This decision is yours alone. An initial meeting is to take place on Tuesday 19th September at 7.00 p.m. at

St. Patrick's Parish centre, Felling.

Please feel free to come along on the night for a short introduction to the programme and a chance to ask any questions you may have. If you need any more information, please contact Alan on 07976402023 or if you know a priest then it would be good if you could have a quick word with them too. I very much look forward to meeting you. Alan Egdell.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 3rd September 2023

22nd Sunday of the Year

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m. St Augustine 9.15 a.m.

Tuesday St Augustine

Joe Huscroft For the Parishioners.

Fr Patrick O'Connell (NBF)

St Oswald 11.15 a.m.

10.00 a.m. Wilfred Cuthbertson

11.00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Bernadette Noble. Wednesday St Augustine

Thursday St Oswald. 12 noon Wilfred Cuthbertson Friday St Augustine

10.45 a.m. Funeral Mass for David Bayes.



23rd Sunday of the Year Day of Special Prayer for those involved in Education

Vigil St Anne's 5.30 p.m. Paul Neumann St Augustine 9.15 a.m. For the Parishioners St Oswald 11.15 a.m. Mary Gibson

Sunday Offertory Collections

"My weekly offering to God."

St Augustine: £382-26 (249-50) St Anne: £234-10 (104-80) £230-80 (123-50) St Oswald

(Inclusive of monthly standing orders) Mission Appeal collection

in brackets

Next Sunday there is a second collection for Catholic Education.

St Oswald 100 Club Winners

1st. No.57. G. Hetherington 2nd No.22. Bill Mowbray.

2nd No.52. Theresa Nowak

When storms come your way, just remember you know the Master of the wind. When sickness finds you, remind yourself you know the Great Physician. When your heart gets broken, just say you know the Potter. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He is everything we need. Amen.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

VISITATION OF THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE AND THE RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA AND FRANCISCO At St Anne's Church, Waverley Road, Harlow Green NE9 7UD. Saturday 16th September 2023.

13.30 Welcome.

13.40 Rosarv.

14.15 Fatima film.

15.30 Break. Tea and Coffee.

16.00 Investure in Brown Scapular.

16.15 Exposition/ Reconciliation.

17.00 Benediction.

17.05 Welcome.

17.15 Procession.

17.30 Mass.



First Holy Communion Preparation Programme 2023-24.

Parents will meet with Father Paul and our parish catechists on the following dates and locations to hear what the preparation process entails:-

St Oswald's Church Tuesday 12th September 3.30 pm.

St Anne's Church Wednesday 13th September 5.30 pm.

St Augustine's Church Thursday 14th September 5.30 pm.

Each child will require an accompanying booklet, entitled: "Jesus Comes to Me." Over the next 6 months, the parents at home will help their child read through the various chapters and engage with them in the word plays and exercises to help make clear the message/teaching in each lesson/chapter.

Weekly Sunday Mass attendance is essential for each child to grow in faith and understanding, as well as growing in a sense of belonging to God's family the Church, through their Baptism and their membership of their local parish community which is centred on Jesus Christ and the Gift of Himself in the holy Eucharist.