

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

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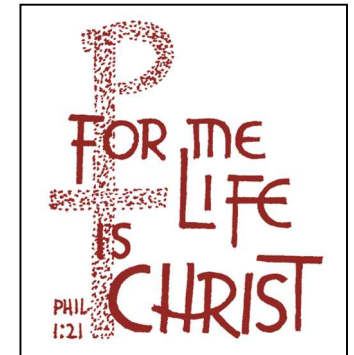
MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 24th September 2023

25th Sunday of the Year Day

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m.	Kathleen Burrell
St Augustine 9.15 a.m.	For the Parishioners
St Oswald 11.15 a.m.	Kathleen Ferrer
Tuesday St Augustine	10.00 a.m. Fr Patrick O'Connell
St Oswald 11.45 am Funeral Service for Sean Doherty	
Wednesday St Anne	10.00 a.m. Wilfred Cuthbertson
St Oswald 12 noon Funeral Service for Lilian Innis.	
Thursday St Oswald.	12 noon. Mary Gibson

26th Sunday of the Year

Vigil St Anne's 5.30 p.m.	Eddie Wood
St Augustine 9.15 a.m.	Peter Hatt
St Oswald 11.15 a.m.	For the Parishioners



FATIMA DEVOTIONAL DAY

The parish of St Anne's, Low Fell, Gateshead welcomed the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday 16th September. A day of devotion to our Holy Mother was led by Fr Paul Zielinski and parishioners, including some who had travelled from Sunderland, Whickham, Lobley Hill and other parts of the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

The day's events were well attended and started with the recitation of the Rosary for world peace, followed by a film and talk on the apparitions that took place in Fatima and Heaven's peace plan. Later in the day, a number of parishioners were enrolled and invested in the Brown Scapular, which is in itself a silent devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament then followed with Reconciliation, leading up to the Procession and Crowning prayer to Our Lady, prior to Holy Mass.

The procession of the Virgin Pilgrim Statue was carried out within the church, ending at the altar, where the statue was placed on a table. A floral crown was placed on Our Lady by Sharon McQuiggan, following which Fr Paul Zielinski read the crowning prayer. The floral crown was carried by Paul Corke who was assisted by his mother Caroline. After the bidding prayers, Fern, Scarlet and Primrose (three children) and Ferns parents, Paul and Danielle, signed the Hail Mary to music.

Fr Paul Zielinski's homily centred around the Fatima children's experience during the angel's apparitions in 1916, in which the three seers were taught the value of prayer, sacrifice, penance and reparation. Fr Paul concluded with the words spoken by Our Lady at the first apparition in May 1917, when Lucia asked if the three children would go to heaven. Our Lady confirmed all three would go to heaven, but Francisco would need to pray many rosaries.

Our Lady requested the seers say the Rosary daily, and surely this is a message we all need to listen to, as well as the importance of the First Five Saturdays devotion of Reparation, which was requested by Our Lady on 10 Dec 1925 at Pontevedra, Spain.

Lucia, who was the oldest of the three seers, would later say *"World War or world peace depends on the practice of the devotion of the first Saturdays as well as the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; that is why I wish for its propagation and most of all because that is Our God's Will and also our dearest Heavenly Mother's."*

The day was filled with grace and devotion to our Holy Mother. The Fatima afternoon at St Anne's

(Donations to World Apostleship of Fatima **£146.43.**

Book sales **£72.46.**

Petitions to be taken to Fatima shrine 45.)

Sunday Offertory Collections

"My weekly offering to God."

St Augustine: £379-2 (183-04)

St Anne: £349-80 (96-60)

St Oswald £294-10 (44-70)

(Inclusive of monthly standing orders)

Home Mission Sunday collections in brackets.

St Oswald 100 Club Winners

Week 6.

1st £15 No.17 Edwige Nouaffo.

2nd £5 No. 32 Karen Gibson.

2nd £5 No.40 Kim Hall.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A coffee morning on Friday
29th September at 9 a.m. in
St Oswald's school Hall to
raise funds for Macmillan
Nurses.

Your charitable prayers

are requested for the repose of the souls of **Sarah Sanderson, Lilian Innis and Sean Doherty** who have died,
May they rest in peace. Amen.

2023 Pastoral Statistics

As per usual, over the next four weekends parish priests make a careful count of Sunday Mass Attendance, and these figures are reported to our Bishop at the end of the year with other figures for Baptisms, First Communions, Converts, Marriages, and Deaths. Important future decisions and planning may well be based on these numbers.

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following **job vacancies**: Dept. for Education Senior Administrator – Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 2 October Primary Adviser – RE and Catholic Ethos – Full time, term-time. Closing date: 5 October Secondary Adviser – RE and Catholic Ethos – Part-time, term-time. Secondment may be considered. Closing date: 5 October. All roles based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on **0191 243 3301.**

First Holy Communion Preparation 2023.

Tuesday 3.30 pm St Oswald. (8)

Wednesday 5.30 pm St Anne. (5)

Friday 3.15 pm St Augustine. (41)

This is followed next Sunday by a special welcoming liturgy for the children at the start of Mass. The numbers of children in the programme are in brackets. Many thanks to our catechists, Maria, Christine, Sheila (Augustine) Helen, Sharon (Oswald) Mary, Christine (Anne) for their commitment and generosity to their parish communities and Cluster. We could not do it without them.