

**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.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 1st October 2023

26th Sunday of the Year Day

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

Tuesday St Augustine	10.00 a.m. Bernadette Noble
Wednesday St Anne	11.00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Sarah Sanderson
Thursday St Oswald.	10.00 a.m. Winifred Jackson
Friday St Oswald	10.00 a.m. Whole School Mass. (Harvest Fast Day)

27th Sunday of the Year A Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents

Vigil St Anne's 5,30 p.m.	Veronica Hill
St Augustine 9.15 a.m.	For the Parishioners
St Oswald 11.15 a.m.	Tomasz Oleszak (<i>first anniversary</i>)



Holy Island Camp

Holy Island Vinnies Camp is looking for new helpers to help in their kitchens on Holy Island. The Camp runs holidays for many of our Catholic Schools in the North East during the months of April to July and then September to November, but relies on volunteers to do caretaking duties and kitchen helpers to wash up, serve meals and help prepare light meals, salads and sandwiches etc for the groups staying on site. Commitment can be as little as a few days a year or more if you are able to and willing!

We are running a camp afternoon tea at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Newcastle airport, on Saturday 7th October from 2.15pm until 4.45pm. People who are interested in volunteering are more than welcome to join us, but would need to email John Flynn on JohnF@svp.org.uk to book a place. Anyone who is thinking they might like to volunteer in 2024 could also contact Barbara Taws via BarbaraT@svp.org.uk to find more information about Camp and the process of becoming a volunteer. We hope to see you soon!

Sunday Offertory Collections

"My weekly offering to God."

St Augustine:	£438-40
St Anne:	£257-80
St Oswald	£240.10

(Inclusive of monthly standing orders)

2023 Pastoral Statistics

As per usual, over the next three 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 Communion, Converts, Marriages, and Deaths. Important future decisions and planning may well be based on these numbers.

St Oswald 100 Club Winners

Week 7

1 st £15	No.74	Noah Campbell
2 nd £5	No. 19	Patrick Burns
3 rd £5	No.48	Father Paul



Your charitable prayers are requested for the repose of the **Sarah Sanderson** who has died.
May she rest in peace. Amen

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY appeal – Harvest Collection at Masses next weekend. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk
Friday 6th October is a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World

Holy Matrimony

The basic way in which any society is built depends on marriage ... We must pay attention to this: Wherever two people give themselves to each other and, between them, give life to children, this touches the holiness, the mystery of human existence, which goes beyond the realm of what I can control and dispose of. I simply do not belong to myself alone. There is a divine mystery within each and every person. That is why the association of husband and wife is regarded within the religious realm, within the sphere of the sacred, as being answerable to God. Being answerable before God is a necessity – and in the sacrament this is planted deep and given its proper foundation ... Only if I give myself entirely, without keeping any part of me back or being involved just until further notice, until, so to speak, I find something better, does this fully correspond to human dignity. Human life is not an experiment. This is not a commercial contract, but a surrender of myself to another person. Only in the form of a love that is entire and unreserved is the self-giving of one person to another commensurate with the essence of man.

(‘God and the World’ by Pope Benedict XVI : pp 425-427)