

**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.

*During the centuries when it was illegal to be Catholic in this country, priests were trained at the college in Douai in France. Many of them came back to England to serve the Catholic population and were martyred for the Catholic faith. Ushaw is the successor to the college at Douai, and an annual Mass to commemorate the Douai Martyrs has always been an important event in Ushaw's calendar. The martyrs' feast day falls on 30<sup>th</sup> October, but this year Ushaw's annual Mass to honour the Douai Martyrs will be celebrated on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 12.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend. **Admission is free.***

**A final wake for Father Pat!**

The Irish Community lost one of its greats in June when Father Pat O'Connell died. His funeral Mass took place at St Michael's Newcastle and his body was flown back to his beloved Macroom in County Cork for his final Requiem and burial. The Irish community didn't quite have the opportunity to bid him a rousing farewell at the time and so there will be one last celebration in the Tyneside Irish Centre.

**Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October** and songs, tunes, dances and stories will follow as is fitting for our great friend, singer and raconteur. He will be sorely missed for years to come – but we will aim to give him a find send off! (Before his retirement, Father O'Connell was previously the parish priest of St Augustine's Leam Lane.)

The family of the late Mary Gibson have donated £300 in her memory to support St Oswald's Church, where for many years she offered her gifts and talents to help children prepare for their first Communion and provided a Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass. Father Paul will offer 10 Masses over the next 12 months in grateful response for this donation to help St Oswald's Church

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 22nd October 2023**

**29th Sunday of the Year World Mission Sunday**

**Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m.** George Noble and Noble family  
**St Augustine 9.15 a.m.** For the Parishioners  
**St Oswald 11.15 am** Norman Rudge

Tuesday St Augustine 10.00 a.m. Mary Gibson  
Wednesday St Anne 10.00 a.m. Giovanna Deriu  
Thursday St Oswald. 12 noon. Valerie Bell

**30th Sunday of the Year Clergy Training Fund opens**

**Vigil St Anne's 5.30 p.m.** For the Parishioners  
**St Augustine 9.15 a.m.** Helen McGovern  
**St Oswald 11.15 a.m.** d.m.of Quinn & Park families



**Sunday Offertory Collections**

*"My weekly offering to God."*

**St Augustine: £448-82**  
**St Anne: £294-43**  
**St Oswald £342-50**

**(Inclusive of monthly standing orders)**

**Next Sunday** there is a special collection for **the Clergy Training Fund**. The collection remains open, and contributions invited, until 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**November Month of the Holy Souls**

Pope Francis said recently, "Praying for the dead is, above all, a sign of gratitude for the witness they have left us and the good they have done. It is a thanksgiving to the Lord for them and for their love and their friendship."

Once you have written out your list of names on the special sheet, place this inside the special envelope **with your Mass Offering**, and bring it to **the receptacle on the sanctuary at the front of church**. On the 1<sup>st</sup> November **your November Altar**

**Lists will be placed on the Altar**, and Masses for your intentions will be offered throughout the month of November. and from time to time during the next 12 months.

**St Oswald 100 Club Winners**

**Week 10**

**1<sup>st</sup> £50 A. Baldwin**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> £15 O. McNall**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> £5 N. Elder**  
**4<sup>th</sup> £5 A, Stark**

**A Prayer for the Earth (from Laudato Si, 246)**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.



**Parish Visitation and the Sacrament of Confirmation**

Bishop Stephen will visit our three churches on the weekend **16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, and he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in one of the churches.

Those wishing to be confirmed should let Father Paul know as soon as possible.

A Preparation Course will be announced for candidates in the near future.

**To date nine young people have asked to be confirmed.**