

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

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**PARENTS PREPARING FOR BAPTISM**

Next series of meetings starts on  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 pm.**  
at St Augustine's Presbytery.  
Deacon Paddy and Denise Smith will provide information and teaching.

**Christmas Raffle at St Oswald's**

St Oswald's will be holding a Christmas Raffle in aid of Church Funds. Tickets will be available to buy at £1 a strip from 5<sup>th</sup> November, and the Draw will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> December after Mass. Your generosity is needed again for donations of bottles, chocolates etc for Prizes, and we would like to thank you in anticipation of your kindness. Please see Owen and Daniel at the back of Church.

**SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW**

Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly, supports the work of the Emmaus Village and provides opportunities for young people to reach their full potential. Thank you to all who have supported the Significance Grand Draw which closes on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. All ticket stubs and payment should be returned by this date to Significance, Emmaus Village, Pemberton Road, Allensford, Consett DH8 9BA. Cheques payable to Significance. Payment can also be made by bank transfer: Significance Sort Code: 52-30-44 Account Number: 46107363. Please put your name as reference. The Draw, which will be live streamed, takes place on Youth Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November after 11am Mass at St Peter's, Low Fell, Gateshead. Please contact [significance316@gmail.com](mailto:significance316@gmail.com) for further information.

**INVITATION FROM THE SACRED HEART SISTERS IN FENHAM**

The Society of the Sacred Heart has spent the last year giving thanks and celebrating their arrival in England on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1842. This year the celebration of our 180 years in this country draws to a close on **December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. We, the sisters in Fenham, would like to invite those who have shared our mission of Education in Fenham over the years as students, pupils, staff and friends from the Sacred Heart schools or St Mary's Teacher Training College to join us for Mass in **St Robert's Church, Bolbec Rd, Fenham at 6.p.m.** on that day. Come along and meet old friends. Bishop Seamus will be the celebrant as he was the College Chaplain for many years. To have some idea of numbers for the Mass leaflets please RSVP to [rsjfenham@yahoo.com](mailto:rsjfenham@yahoo.com) by **November 30<sup>th</sup>** or leave a message on 0191 422 3840

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

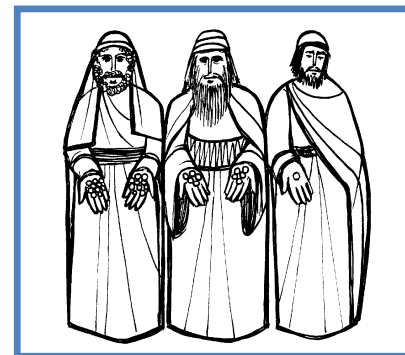
**32nd Sunday of the Year REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m.** The November Altar Lists.  
**St Augustine 9.15 a.m.** The November Altar Lists.  
**St Oswald 11.15 am** The November Altar Lists.

Tuesday St Augustine 10.00 a.m. The November Altar Lists.  
Wednesday St Anne 10.00 a.m. The November Altar Lists.  
**Thursday St Augustine 11,00 am** **Funeral Mass for Michael Stuart.**

**33rd Sunday of the Year World Day of Prayer for the Poor**

**Vigil St Anne's 5,30 p.m.** The November Altar Lists.  
**St Augustine 9.15 a.m.** The November Altar Lists.  
**St Oswald 11.15 a.m.** The November Altar Lists.



**Little Sisters of the Poor – Christmas Fayre** The Little Sisters of the Poor are having a Christmas Fayre at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle at 1pm-4pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. All are welcome to attend.

**Homes for Ukraine Matching Service**

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <http://slog-homeforukraine.uk/> for more information

In commanding His apostles, **"Do this in memory of me,"** Christ transmitted the power of transforming the bread and wine into His body and blood to His apostles, the first bishops, who have, in turn, passed on this same power to every bishop and every priest who has ever lived. At their command, repeated in every Mass, the living and true God becomes present in our midst. The Word dwells among us as He did in Galilee by the power of the sacred words.

The Eucharist's purpose is not primarily functional, though it certainly has practical ramifications in the human soul: it heals our brokenness, it removes venial sin, it confers God's grace, it strengthens us to perform God's will. Its primary purpose, though, is existential: it brings us into communion with the source and goal of our lives. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive a foretaste of eternal life, where we will live together in direct, unmediated union with God face to face. This is the promise of the Eucharist. Yet we know that no truer words have ever been spoken than those of the Son of God: **"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him."** (John 6:56) Trusting in Christ's words, when we are surrounded by worldly concerns and fears, is never easy. Peter lost his trust while walking on water, the rich young man lost his trust when asked to sacrifice, a group of disciples lost their trust when Jesus insisted that we had to eat His flesh to have eternal life. **"The Eucharist is the sacrament of love,"** writes St. Thomas Aquinas. **"It signifies love, it produces love."** And this love requires no waiting. Rather, it waits for us, in every tabernacle, at every Mass, the world over. In the end, all we need is love, and love is Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

**Sunday Offertory Collections**

*"My weekly offering to God."*

**St Augustine: £444-35**  
**St Anne: £234-82**  
**St Oswald £239-40**  
**(Inclusive of monthly standing orders)**

**St Oswald 100 Club Winn**

**Week 3.**

**1st £15** No.7. T. Georgeson.  
**2nd £5** No 18 S. Campbell  
**3<sup>rd</sup> £5** No. 88 H. McNall

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. **A Day of Special Prayer for Youth.** There will be a collection taken to support the work of Catholic Youth. There will be a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Stephen.

**The Season of Advent commences on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.** We are asked to pray for Migrants and Refugees; Expected Mothers.