

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

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Sunday 26th November, the Feast of Christ the King, Pope Francis invites the global Church to celebrate and pray for young people. YMT have taken the opportunity to share some Youth Ministry highlights since the last Youth Sunday, many of which would not be possible without the support of such wonderful chaplains, school staff and parishes, so on behalf of all of us at YMT, thank you. The "Youth Sunday News" is posted on our notice board. **The second collection on Youth Sunday** will go towards the work of YMT. **Gift aid envelopes are available.**

Sunday Offertory Collections

"My weekly offering to God."

St Augustine: £460-30

St Anne: £277-73

St Oswald £237-90

(Inclusive of monthly standing orders)

St Oswald 100 Club Winners

Week 5.

1st £15 No.82 D. Kelly

2nd £5 No.74. N. Campbell

3rd £5 No.54. P. Burns

Every 10th week, there is
an extra prize of £50.

"Walk with Me"

Spiritual Reading during the Season of Advent.

The popular "Walk with Me" Advent Booklet is available for you this weekend, costing only £1, providing you with a helpful short reflection for each day and a prayer intention. There is also a similar booklet for the children, free of charge.

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 5th November, and the Draw will take place on 17th 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.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 26th November 2023

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING Day of Special Prayer for Youth

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m.

The November Altar Lists.

St Augustine 9.15 a.m.

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St Oswald 11.15 am

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Tuesday St Augustine 10.00 a.m.

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Wednesday St Anne 10.00 a.m.

The November Altar Lists.

Thursday St Oswald 12 noon

The November Altar Lists

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Vigil St Anne's 5.30 p.m.

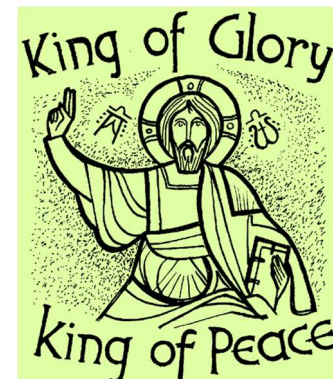
William Hill

St Augustine 9.15 a.m.

James Spoors

St Oswald 11.15 a.m.

For the Parishioners



THE THREE INTO ONE PROPOSAL (AMALGAMATION)

Over the past 3 years or so, there has developed a degree of inter-mingling at the weekend Sunday Masses, where parishioners feel free and welcomed to attend which ever Mass is convenient for them on any one occasion across our Cluster of parishes. The Holy Week Liturgies have been shared. There is already one parish office based at St Augustine's Presbytery, where all the registers and financial records are kept. From there, the weekly collections are counted and banked. Donations for Gift Aid are recorded on-line directly to the Finance Dept of the Diocese. It would make sense from an administration point of view to formalise this joint operation into one. One bank account and one set of Accounts.

A Joint Meeting of all three parish Finance Committees took place 12 months ago to examine the current state of the finances of each parish, and to discuss the potential financial advantages and potential financial disadvantages of amalgamating the three parishes into one. Recognising that strength would be found in unity, there was unanimous agreement to amalgamate the three parishes into one new parish that would contain three churches. Suggestions for the new name for the new parish were invited, with each church retaining its original name.

The three Sunday congregations last year were also invited to submit any objections to the proposal to merge/amalgamate. There were no objections raised at that time. With the resignation of Bishop Robert, nothing could be progressed. Now we need to bring the proposal to Bishop Stephen, who will consult the Council of Priests for their opinion. Before doing so, I need to consult you all again to find out your views. If you have any strong objects or questions about this proposal, please email me or write a letter as soon as possible (before Christmas). Then I can call a parish meeting to discuss the issues and questions raised you may have raised. The amalgamation proposal will also need to be discussed at the level of the Partnership Development Group.

Bishop Stephen will be with our parishes in mid-March 2024, and I hope to be able to make an initial application to him on that occasion, and, if he agrees, request to have it put on the Agenda for Council of Priests some time in 2024.

By issuing a Decree in canon law, the bishop would then establish a new parish containing all the territory of the three parishes. This would streamline the administration of the churches by cutting down on unnecessary duplication/triplication and hopefully encourage and promote greater co-operation across our three parish communities, sharing personal talents, gifts and resources more effectively for the building up of the Kingdom of God in our part of Gateshead.

Father Paul.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

FHC Children meet with their parish catechists, as follows:-

St Oswald Tuesday 3.30 pm

St Anne Wednesday 5.30 pm

St Augustine Friday 3.30 pm

The Northern Cross Newspaper
will be available for purchase each
month, starting December.

Ten copies will be allocated at each
of our three churches.

This is a good way to keep abreast
of events across our diocese and
the North East. Please give your
support by buying a copy regularly.

The Season of Advent

commences on Sunday 3rd

December. We are asked to pray for
Migrants and Refugees;
Expectant Mothers.

PARENTS PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

Next series of meetings starts on
Tuesday 28th November at 7.00 pm.
at St Augustine's Presbytery.