

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

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St Oswald's 100 Club

Week 7.

1st prize £15 No.48. Father Paul

2nd prize £5 No.20 T. Hanratty

3rd prize £5 No.97. A. Stark

(You can join any Sunday at the back of church for £1)

Sunday Offertory Collections "My weekly offering to God."

St Augustine: £417.00

St Anne: £241.83

St Oswald £374.70

Inclusive of monthly standing orders

Potential Legislation changes regarding Abortion

From the end of February, it is likely that the Criminal Justice bill will return to parliament and that amendments will be tabled to decriminalise abortion up to the point of birth.

As well as a direct attack on the dignity of the unborn, it is highly likely that these amendments, if passed, will have unforeseen consequences which could be very serious for both unborn babies and their mothers, especially given the increase in home abortions following the legalisation of the provision of abortion pills by post.

It is possible that there will be other amendments more favourable to the rights of unborn babies.

Work will be carried out by the Bishops' secretariat, including the provision of a website tool to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament.

Bishops might wish to draw this to the attention of parishes so that parishioners can contact Members of Parliament as well as keeping our parliamentarians in their prayers at this time.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 18th February 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Vigil St Anne 5.30 p.m.

St Augustine 9.15 a.m.

St Oswald 11.15 a.m.

Tuesday St Augustine

Wednesday St Anne

Thursday St Oswald

Second Sunday of Lent

Vigil St Anne's 5.30 p.m.

St Augustine 9.15 a.m.

St Oswald 11.15 a.m.

November Altar Lists

For the Parishioners

Anne Fraser

10.00 a.m. Austin & Rosemary Burrell

10.00 a.m. Jack & Agnes Burrell

12 noon John Riley

For the Parishioners

George Burrell

Special Intention (L)



16 Graces derived from attending holy Mass.

1. The Mass is Calvary continued.
2. Every Mass is worth as much as the sacrifice of our Lord's life, sufferings and death.
3. Holy Mass is the most powerful atonement for your sins.
4. At the hour of death, the Masses you have heard will be your greatest consolation.
5. Every Mass will go with you to judgement and plead for pardon.
6. At Mass you can diminish more or less temporal punishment due to your sins, according to your fervour.
7. Assisting devoutly at holy Mass you render to the Sacred Humanity of our Lord the greatest homage.
8. He supplies for many of your negligences and omissions.
9. He forgives the venial sins which you have not confessed. The power of Satan over you is diminished.
10. You afford the souls in Purgatory the greatest possible relief.
11. One Mass heard during your life will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after your death.
12. You are preserved from dangers and misfortunes which otherwise might have befallen you. You shorten your stay in Purgatory.
13. Every Mass wins for you a higher degree of glory in Heaven.
14. You receive the priest's blessing which our Lord ratifies in Heaven.
15. You kneel amidst a multitude of holy angels who are present at the Adorable Sacrifice with reverential awe.
16. You are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs.

Proud Catholics - Sharing our stories with Bishop Stephen

Do you identify as LGBTQ+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBTQ+ Catholics in the North East? We meet on the **third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Andrew's RC Church, Worswick St.**

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 20th February, at 7.30pm.** We welcome **Bishop Stephen**, who invites us to pray with him and share our experiences as LGBTQ+ Catholics in our parish and as members of Proud Catholics. There will be an opportunity for reflection on the future of LGBTQ+ ministry in the Diocese, as well as our usual social time and shared refreshments. Zoom link available, get in touch if interested.

For more information, phone Isabel on **07858 934457**, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

Thanks to all who are using the **Easyfundraising** website/portal for online shopping and helping St Augustine's church by doing so. Easyfundraising has just sent us another cheque for **£20.34**

St Augustine's 100 Club.

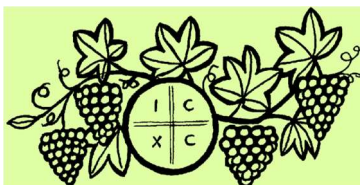
So far, we have 57 members who have joined, and there will definitely be the first draw of prizes on Sunday 25th February. You can join today at the back of church.

"WALK WITH ME."

Booklets are available this weekend for only £1, providing you with a short reflection for each day of Lent, leading you towards the joy of Easter.

LOUDfence. St. Mary's Cathedral and Newcastle Cathedral 3rd-6th March. Welcome to All.

Together with the Diocese of Newcastle, our diocesan family is privileged to be hosting a **LOUDfence** at St. Mary's Cathedral and at Newcastle Cathedral. It will begin at the 11.30 Sunday Mass on the 3rd March at St. Mary's Cathedral and end with a Service of the Word at Newcastle Cathedral on the 6th March at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to these liturgies and to visit both Cathedrals during the days to offer their prayers and support for all who have suffered abuse within church communities and all contexts. We are invited to leave prayers and messages together with provided items like the prayer ribbons presented to Bishop Stephen at his Installation Mass, which are still tied to his Bishop's Chair. People can leave their prayers and messages within or outside of the Cathedrals, recognising some people would rather not enter a place of worship. There will be people available for pastoral accompaniment if that is requested. As a diocesan family we pray for all who have suffered abuse and recognise our shared duty to safeguard the vulnerable.



Maria Thompson will be dishing out **Thank you letters** for the Gift Aid year 2022-2023. So please ask at the back of church for your copy if you are a gift aid donor to St Augustine's parish through standing order or offertory envelopes.