

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

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St Oswald's 100 Club

Week 8.

1st prize £15 No.13. G Waggitt
2nd prize £5 No.97. R. Relph
3rd prize £5 No.98. A.M Relph

Sunday Offertory Collections *"My weekly offering to God."*

St Augustine: £366.98
St Anne: £195.63
St Oswald £240.70

*Inclusive of monthly
standing orders*

St Oswald's Easter Raffle

We will be holding an Easter Raffle to raise money for our Church funds. Your generous donations are needed once again for prizes, i.e. Easter Eggs, Chocolate, bottles etc. Tickets will be on sale from today, £1 a strip of tickets. The Draw will take place on Easter Sunday, 31st March after Mass. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Preparing for Infant Baptism.

Parents requesting baptism need to be attending Sunday Mass regularly and to take part in talks on the Sacrament of Baptism.

Tuesday 5th March 7 p.m. is the first session at St Augustine's Presbytery.

St Augustine's 100 Club.

The First Draw of Prize Winners will take place today after the 9.15 am in the Tea Room.

The second collection today is for CAFOD, part of our Lenten almsgiving. Next weekend there will be a second collection for St Cuthbert's Care.

Amending the law on Abortion

A large cross-party group of MPs are going to table an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill that will reduce the abortion time limit from 24 to 22 weeks in England and Wales. Perinatal Medicine enables doctors to intervene to save premature babies from 22 weeks and a significant number can now survive outside the womb. This leaves a contradiction in British law. In one room of a hospital, doctors could be working to save a baby born alive at 22 or 23 weeks whilst, in another room of that same hospital, a doctor could perform an abortion that would end the life of a baby of the same age. Our 24-week abortion time limit is out of step with the majority of European Union countries, where the most common time limit on demand or broad social grounds is 12 weeks gestation. The majority of the British population support reducing the time limit. Polling has shown that 70% of British women favour a reduction in the time limit from 24 weeks to 20 weeks or below.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 25th February 2024

Second 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

Friday St Oswald

Third Sunday of Lent

Vigil St Anne's 5.30 p.m

St Augustine 9.15 a.m.

St Oswald 11.15 a.m.

For the Parishioners

George Burrell

Special Intention (L)

10.00 a.m. Elsie Ring

10.00 a.m. Mary Gibson

12 noon John Riley

10 a.m. School children's Service of Reconciliation

Mary McGrath

Special Intention (JF)

For the Parishioners



BISHOP'S VISITATION.

Bishop Stephen is going around the diocese getting to know us. Bishop Stephen will be visiting our three parishes the weekend 16th/17th March. I am sure he would like to meet you.

So, please make every effort to be at Mass that weekend.

At St Anne's on 16th 5.30 p.m., he will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to our 12 candidates. He will return on Sunday morning to preside at the 9.15 and 11.15 Masses.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

Friday 1st March at 10. a.m.

Service of Prayer to be held in St Alban's Church, (C of E), Windy Nook. This was formerly called the Women's World Day of Prayer and it always falls on the first Friday of March and has been celebrated in Gateshead over a number of years. The

World Day of Prayer is the largest ecumenical movement in the world, the only one supported by Catholic and Protestant, Orthodox and Evangelical churches and is celebrated on this day in more than 120 countries worldwide. The World Day of Prayer is led by women but open to all to attend. This year it is the women of Palestine who have put together the prayers and reading for the service.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Teaching Session 8.

Theme:

The holy Eucharist

at St Augustine's

Thursday 29th February

6.30 pm

Confirmation Date:

Saturday 16th March