

JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP

THE PARISHES OF ST ANNE,
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Baptism Preparation Talks

for Parents begin again on Tuesday 7th
December at 7.00 pm at St Augustine's. To
book a place, please contact Deacon Paddy
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Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, is
a time to reflect on the gift of the Word of God
made flesh in the person of Jesus. The story of
the humble Saviour inspires us each year. His
life has many stories to inspire us; enough to
fill every day of the year.

Your charitable prayers

are requested for the repose of the soul of
Stephen John Houghton who has died.
May he rest in peace. Amen

Saint Joseph Silent Hero ...

A new book written by Halina Holman.
Only £5-99.

As this is the Year of Saint Joseph, this book highlights
the importance of this wonderful man for our times
and as an exemplar of many aspects of holiness. It
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Advent Alms 2021

This Advent, we ask you to consider
supporting St Cuthbert's Care. Our charity
provides frontline registered care services
for people with complex disabilities,
residential homes and fostering for young
people and two Catholic nursing homes for
older people. All Advent donations will help
to purchase gifts for all our residents in our
care this Christmas, along with new
electronic devices to help our older
residents keep pace with our digitised world.
Your support is precious to us and helps us
to continue to provide outstanding care and
peace of mind to families.

Thank you so much.

Moira Ashman CEO, St Cuthbert's Care

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First Communion Preparation and attendance at Mass.

Sunday Mass attendance is
an essential part of the
preparation for children
wishing to make their first
holy Communion. **The Rite
of Election in the new year**
is the point in the journey
when children are judged
to be ready to go on
further, because they have
been attending Mass each
week and all the teaching
session in church.

THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

28th November 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Vigil St Anne 5.30 pm
9.15 am St Augustine
11.15 am St Oswald

For the Parishioners
November Lists of the Dead
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Tuesday 10.00 am St Augustine November Lists of the Dead
Wednesday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM.
10.00 am St Anne Deceased members of the Elliott family
Thursday 12 noon St Oswald November Lists of the Dead
(Bible Sunday)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Vigil St Anne 5.30 pm
9.15 am St Augustine
11.15 am St Oswald

George Hagan
Joe Wiley
For the Parishioners

HOLY ISLAND VINNIE CAMP 2022

Holy Island Camp will be running holidays
for children in 2022. Our helpers are all
volunteers and in order to go ahead
successfully in 2022 we urgently need new
volunteers to help in the kitchens,
preparing food, washing up and clearing
the dining hall. We also need caretaking
staff who would be able to carry out a
cleaning role. The work is tiring but also
fun (you would be joining an established
and very welcoming team) and the young
people benefit enormously from
a traditional seaside type holiday. The
commitment can be for as little as three
days a year in Term Time or more if you
are able to help on multiple weeks or
through the Summer Holidays. All helpers
will be required to obtain a free Diocesan
DBS check and some training. If you are
interested please visit our
website [https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/
holy-island/about-camp](https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp)

A Reminder about Covid Safety Regulations for Churches.

- (1) **Wear a Face Mask.**
Masks must be worn during any singing.
- (2) **Sanitize Your Hands**
- (3) **Follow the Instructions of the Stewards**
as regards Seating.
- (4) **Always keep 1 Metre Distance in
church, even when queuing for
Communion.**

A SYNODAL CHURCH

COMMUNION – PARTICIPATION – MISSION

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.”
**How is this “journeying together” happening today in your local
Church?**

**What steps does the Spirit invite us to take, in order to grow in our
“journeying together?”**

During Advent we will provide opportunities for synodal conversations
after Masses on Sundays and Weekdays. This will give us opportunities to
listen to each other, rather than to debate or argue over issues.

Please begin to think and pray about the following questions:-

- (1) **What strengths and weaknesses have emerged during this
period of the Pandemic as faith community?**
- (2) **What has been the experience of the touch of God in these times?**
- (3) **What challenges and vulnerabilities have been exposed in our
lives, both individually and as a parish community/as a diocese,
which need to be addressed.**
- (4) **Who are we referring to when we say “our” church?**
- (5) **What groups or individuals are directly or indirectly left on the
margins of the Church?**
- (6) **What helps or prevents people from speaking courageously,
candidly, and responsibly in our local church or in our society?**
- (7) **How are we listening to the laity, especially women and young
people?**

**WE WILL TRY TO HAVE A CONVERSATION AND LISTENING EXERCISE
AFTER SHORTER WEEKEND MASSES ON 11/12th DECEMBER**

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With
you along to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; teach us the
way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance leads us down the
wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity,
so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray away from the
truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place
and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son forever and ever.