

# St Osmund Catholic Church, Gainford

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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## Hogarth Partnership

St Anne, St Augustine, St Mary, St Osmund, St Teresa, St Thomas Aquinas, SS William & St Francis De Sale

### Please remember in your prayers

**The sick of the parish:** Christopher Smith, Irene Mulholland, Elizabeth Leeman, Cath Simpson, Patrick Doherty, Julie Hall, Joan Towers, Toni Neville and Fr. Wilfred Elkin.

All healthcare professionals and key workers who are putting themselves at risk as they attend to the needs of other people.

All who are being impacted by the economic crisis caused by the pandemic.

We pray along with Pope Francis and the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales for the soul of George Floyd and for the grace to overcome evil and racism in America, our own country and around the world

### Children's Liturgy

A Children's liturgy from Cafod for this Sunday can be found on our website.

[www.stosmunds.co.uk](http://www.stosmunds.co.uk)

Cafod do a live Children's Liturgy at 10.00am on Sundays. Register at <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>.

Please keep sending in pictures and letters from the Children's Liturgy to Fr. Grieves or e-mail: [enquiries@stosmunds.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stosmunds.co.uk)

### Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust - Family Spiritual Resources

This is an excellent site that links many of the Secondary and Primary Schools in our area. It includes resources such as Daily Prayer and activities for pupils.

<https://liturgy.bishophogarthcet.org.uk>

A Family Act of Spiritual Communion can be found on our website

[www.stosmunds.co.uk](http://www.stosmunds.co.uk)

## The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of The Lord (Corpus Christi)

**Theme: Bread from Heaven**



The Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. In England and Wales (from 2007) the Body and Blood of the Lord is transferred to the following Sunday.

*Let us pray for the willingness to make present in our world the love of Christ shown to us in the Eucharist.*



### June: The Month of the Sacred Heart

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I Place all my trust in You*

## Reopening of Churches

The Bishops of England and Wales have been working with the Government to prepare for the gradual reopening of churches for private prayer and later for public worship. In our diocese Bishop Robert has announced the opening of 5 churches, as a trial, for private prayer, with more to follow in due course. The Churches are: **St Aidan's, Ashington, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, St Patrick's, Consett, St Mary's, Sunderland, St Joseph's, Hartlepool**

Detailed guidance has been produced by the diocese on steps to be taken to ensure that any reopening takes place safely. It will be essential for parishes to work with their priest to implement these effectively in their own parish.

## Food Banks

**The Well:** 46 East Green, West Auckland. DL14 9HJ. Opening times: Tuesday and Friday 9.00 -12.00 noon

**Kings Food Bank:** King's Church, Prospect Place, Whessoe Rd., Darlington. DL3 0QT Opening times: Mon, Wed, Fri, 1pm -3pm

**St. Columba's:** St Columba's Church, Clifton Ave., Darlington DL1 5EE. Opening time: Fri 1pm -3pm.

**If you happen to be passing,** items may be left at the Foodbanks during their opening times or placed in St. Osmund's Church porch. **Please do not make any unnecessary journeys.**

**Stay Safe**

## Offertory

There have been questions about what to do over the usual offertory collections. Is it ok to save our weekly donation and bring them on return to Church? - Certainly. Standing orders will continue as usual. If you wish to make your donations directly to St. Osmund's bank account the details are:

**HSBC** St. Osmund's  
Account No. **41164015**  
Sort Code **40-34-18**

**This is the only account for donations to St. Osmund's.**

**There is no need to drop donations off at Church.**



*We have received a letter of Thanks from From Cafod for the £89.80 donated to their appeal before lockdown.*

## Planning for Reopening of St. Osmund's

A Parish Council meeting is planned to discuss how diocesan guidance on reopening can be safely put into action in St. Osmund's. A successful reopening will be dependent on the support from within the parish. Once the parish has a Reopening Plan in place it is likely that there will be a role for any parishioner who is able and willing to help with the gradual reintroduction of prayer and worship to our parish.

It is unlikely that any reopening will be imminent, however up-to-date information on progress within the parish will be available in the Weekly Bulletin and on the Parish Website:

[www.st.osmunds.co.uk](http://www.st.osmunds.co.uk)

## Parish Council Meeting: Notice

A Parish Council Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 23rd June at 7pm to discuss forming and implementing a Reopening Plan for St. Osmund's. Due to current Covid 19 restrictions this will be conducted remotely using Zoom.



DIocese of **Hexham & Newcastle**

2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'.

**Diocesan Day of Prayer: The God who Speaks. Tuesday 19th June**

10 am	Welcome and introduction	Canon Chris Jackson
10:10	Office of Readings	Sophie Taylor + Margaret Taylor
11:00	Lectio Divina	Bishop Robert Byrne CO
11:30	Scripture for children	Dr Medi Volpe-Ayres
13:30	Visio Divina	Sister M. Michael RSM
14:30	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible	Mr Nick McTernan
15:30	The scriptural Rosary	young people of our diocese
16:30	The Lindisfarne Gospels	Mr Emmet O'Leary
17:30	Promoting a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land	
18:00	Bible, Belief and Belonging	Professor Karen Kilby
19:00	Closing prayer: Imaginative Contemplation	Fr Mark Millward

All aspects of the day can be accessed via the diocesan website

[rcdhn.org.uk](http://rcdhn.org.uk)

## **Readings for The Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord (Corpus Christi)**

*In the Catholic tradition, a Homily, interprets the readings, shining a light on the present and asking each one of us what we must change in our lives, from today. The challenge is not so much about recounting the history or retelling the story, but living the gospel.*

### **First reading Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16**

#### **He fed you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known**

Moses said to the people: ‘Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ‘Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.’

### **Responsorial Psalm Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20**

#### **O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!**

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Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates  
he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command.

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees.

### **Second reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

#### **That there is only one loaf means that, though we are many, we form one body**

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

### **Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,  
says the Lord.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel John 6:51-58**

#### **My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink**

Jesus said to the crowd: ‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’ Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied: ‘I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

#### ***He fed them with the finest wheat***

***and satisfied them with honey from the rock. Cf. Ps 81 (80):17***

*Have you ever had to go without food for an extended period of time? The longer we go without nourishment, the weaker we become. It feels as if our life is slowly draining from us—and in one sense, it is.*

*In these challenging times when we cannot physically go to Mass and receive the Sacrament we may feel as if we are in a spiritual desert. Although not the forty years in the wilderness as we are reminded in the first reading, it is none-the-less a time of hunger for the Eucharist for us. But God always looks after His people. We may not have manna from heaven, but we do have Mass on-line, and can make an Act of Spiritual Communion. (See details in this Bulletin) In these ways we can sustain our spiritual life, until once again, we can receive nourishment from the living bread of the Eucharist.*

***“understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”***

#### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my soul. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never let me be separated from You. Amen.

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## Live streamed services this week include:

In our Hogarth Partnership from **St. Augustines** at 9.15 am;  
on their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/  
staugustineschurchdarlington](http://www.facebook.com/staugustineschurchdarlington)

Daily Mass and other services can be found on many other sites including: **Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle:**  
[www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**Walsingham** live: [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

**Vatican** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCxIsefy19g9A5SGWA4FvGIA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefy19g9A5SGWA4FvGIA)

**Other Churches throughout the UK and Ireland:**  
[www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now](http://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now)



### Mass by Phone Service

During these times when our churches are closed and masses are being streamed online, the Diocese of Middlesbrough have set up a system to allow people

who do not have internet access to listen to Mass over the telephone. 12.00 noon. If you would like to access, the telephone number to call is **01642 130120**.

### Little Sisters of the Poor:

Have launched a vital fundraising appeal, in response to the increased pressures faced by St. Joseph's Care Home during the current Covid 19 pandemic. This is the place that looked after Fr. Melia. To find out how you can help, go to the diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or follow this link. [Click here](#)

### Cafod Emergency Appeal Covid 19

Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities.

While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at [cafod.org.uk/  
coronavirusappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal)

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## Counselling and Listening Services

As part of the pastoral care of parishioners and others during this COVID-19 lockdown, a number of qualified counsellors and listeners have generously made themselves available to anyone who may be troubled by the negative effects of the situation. These counsellors and listeners can be contacted through the St Mary's Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.

### Keep in Contact

It is important to keep in touch in these unusual times. Keeping in contact with other parishioners through a telephone call, e-mail, text or social media is a simple way to show that we care. Receiving a call, message or seeing a friendly face on our phone, tablet or computer can be a real tonic. Visit the Parish website for more news and information. [www.stosmunds.co.uk](http://www.stosmunds.co.uk)

Don't forget: If you have any prayer intentions, news, information, questions, or if you have a special birthday or celebration and would like a mention please get in touch. It is important to have the persons authority to do this. Please send a message to: [enquiries@st.osmunds.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@st.osmunds.co.uk) In particular, let us know if you are aware of anyone who may be feeling isolated or could benefit from some help, by contacting the above e-mail address, or Fr. Grieves on 01325 730191

**Offertory:** Thank you to all who, in the absence of our usual weekly Offertory collections, have used the parish bank details in this Bulletin to continue their contributions. It is much appreciated.



Thanks also to those who have continued with their regular standing orders. These are simple and secure ways of making an offering to the parish. If you wish to save your offerings until we return to church, this is also ok. **Remember: there is no need to drop your offerings of at Church.**

**Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy week**



**Until next time**