

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 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

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

You might also like to try the following site for a Children's Liturgy. It is hosted by a Primary School teacher from the Dunkeld diocese in Scotland. [Click here](#)

Please keep sending in pictures and letters from the Children's Liturgy to Fr. Grieves or e-mail: 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

The 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Theme: **Do not be afraid**



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. As advised by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, not all churches will immediately reopen due to the ongoing Covid-19 safety measures to protect clergy, parishioners, staff and volunteers.

Update on Reopening of Churches in our diocese: Bishop Robert has announced the reopening of the first two churches for individual prayer from Monday 15 June 2020:

St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne: Open daily from 1pm – 4pm (including Sat & Sun) plus 9.30am – 11.15am on Saturday and Sunday only.

St Mary's Church, Sunderland: Open from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday.

Followed by:

St. Aidan's Church, Ashington: Reopens as a one-off on Friday 19 June from 1.00pm to 4.00pm and then will be open regularly from 1.00pm to 4.00pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Last entry will be 3.30pm.

St. Patrick's Church, Consett: Reopens on Saturday 20 June at 11.00am and then will be open Monday to Saturday 11.00am to 2.00pm and Sunday 2.00pm to 4.00pm

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

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.



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.

Planning for Reopening of St. Osmund's

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.

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 and will require diocesan approval based on risk assessments and capacity in the parish. However it would be nice to be ready with a plan for consideration by the diocese, as a further roll out programme is decided.

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

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.



Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers

Every year at the time of The solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist renew their commitment to their ministry. Fr. Adrian Dixon has produced a short reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion it can be found on the diocesan website <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/index.php> or Youtube; [Click here](#). It is a lovely reflection and will be of interest to all parishioners, not only Eucharistic Ministers

Cardinal Vincent Nichols Radio 4

Whilst some Catholic churches have been streaming masses on the internet, this was the first live radio broadcast, and the first radio outside broadcast of a church service in the UK, since the lockdown. Listeners were able to worship in spirit with the Cardinal. His short Homily is well worth a listen, or read, as he considers opportunities arising from the many challenges of our current time. It can be found on BBC Sounds Sunday Worship www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00ok1bj

Readings for: The 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 21st June

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 Jeremiah 20: 10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 68(69): 8-10,14,17,33-35

In your great love, answer me, O Lord.
It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

Second reading. Romans 5:12-15

The gift considerably outweighed the fall

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation. Jn1: 14,12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

Or: Jn15:26,27

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of truth will be my witness;
and you too will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel. Matthew 10:26-33

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Rumour and tradition tells us that the phrase do not be afraid appears in the bible 365 times! That's one for every day of the year.

Each of us is called by name by God. We are called to be examples and witnesses of Jesus in our world today. In the gospel, Jesus asks us to declare ourselves for him in the presence of others. At times this can be difficult and challenging. The values of the gospel are often and generally not the values of the world. Through the quality of our daily lives and how we behave, we are to be the real and credible witnesses to Jesus and his gospel. We won't be left on our own, Jesus will be with us. Extract from Reflection for the day, The Oblates. www.oblates.ie

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:

Hogarth Partnership: from St. Augustines at 9.15 am; on their Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/staugustineschurchdarlington

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle: Daily mass and other services throughout the diocese: www.rcdhn.org.uk

Walsingham live: www.walsingham.org.uk

Vatican <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefy19g9A5SGWA4FvGIA>

Other Churches throughout the UK and Ireland:

www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now

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 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

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.

Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy week



Until next time

St. Osmund's Parish Gainford

— DIOCESE OF Hexham & Newcastle —
VICARIATE FOR FAITH & MISSION



Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic?

You can get in touch via e-mail at

adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or

Telephone: 07375934713

No Internet - No Problem



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**.

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission are able to provide copies of lockdown prayer resources to those without internet access and contact for those who are thinking about becoming a Catholic. Please contact the Vicariate by ringing 07375 934713,

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

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 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