

# 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.

### 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)

**Re-opening of Churches:** *At present there is no change in the Governments regulations. The Bishops of England and Wales are working with the Government to prepare for a gradual re-opening. See a message from Bishop Robert on our website [www.stosmunds.co.uk](http://www.stosmunds.co.uk)*

### Pentecost Sunday

### Receive the Holy Spirit

### As May leads into June

The month of Our Lady leads into the month of devotion to the Sacred Heart - Mary leads us to the love of her son Jesus. This year joined fittingly by the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday 31st May.



### Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement initiated by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York asking Christians to come together in a period of prayer from the feast of the Ascension to the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

On Pentecost Sunday Pope Francis will join in an online Service with Archbishops Justin Welby and Dr. John Sentamu and other Church leaders.

Pope Francis will call for people to turn away from "selfish pursuit of success without caring for those left behind" and to be united in facing the "pandemics of the virus and of hunger, war, contempt for life and indifference to others".

"Let us, then, become messengers of the comfort bestowed by the Spirit. Let us radiate hope, and the Lord will open new paths as we journey towards the future."

The service will be broadcast live at **9am on Sunday**. Watch on the Church of England website - [Click here](#) or You Tube Channel [Click here](#)

They can also be accessed from the Home page of our website: [www.stosmunds.co.uk](http://www.stosmunds.co.uk)

**[Fr. Grieves' message for Pentecost is at the back of this Bulletin](#)**

## 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.**

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



**Until next time**

## The Weekly Bulletin

Thank you to everyone who has let us know that they are receiving this Bulletin. It is good to know that it is reaching almost everyone in the parish. If you are aware of anyone who isn't receiving these up-dates and would like one to be sent out please drop a line to the e-mail at the top of the page or pass their details on to anyone in the Parish Council or Fr. Grieves.

If you have any prayer intentions, news, information or would like a mention for a birthday or special celebration please get in touch. We know that at least one person had a birthday last week, but as we haven't checked that it is ok to publish the name, for now, we will call her Mrs. X. She knows who she is, and so do many others!!

Happy Birthday Mrs X (for last week) from all in the parish.



## CAFOD Emergency Appeal Covid 19

The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. You can donate as individuals at: [cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal),

## First Stop Darlington

Maire Kennan is taking part in this year's Big CEO Sleep out On June 1st to raise money for First Stop Darlington. FSD is a charity helping people struggling to cope with issues around claiming benefits, debt and vulnerable housing. If you are struggling and would like to talk to someone at FSD, there's a free phone number 0800 195 3144.

To find out more about the Big Sleepout go to [ceosleepoutuk.com](https://ceosleepoutuk.com)

To sponsor Maire go to: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Maire-Kennan1](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Maire-Kennan1)

## 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](https://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](https://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

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

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

Other Churches throughout the UK and Ireland:

[www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now](https://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.



## National Rosary Rally - Pentecost Sunday 31st May 9am -9pm

This will take place across the dioceses of England Scotland and Wales with each diocese allocated a relay time slot. The time allocation for the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is 4pm - 5pm. We will be joined at this time by the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

**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](https://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or follow this link. [Click here](#)

## Readings for Pentecost Sunday

*Reflection: 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 Acts 2: 1-11

#### They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103(104): 1,24,29-31,34

#### Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.

### Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

#### In the one Spirit we were all baptised

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

#### Sequence

Veni, sancte Spiritus  
Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.  
Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure  
Come, thou light of all that live!  
Thou, of all consolers best,

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Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow  
Thou in toil art comfort sweet  
Pleasant coolness in the heat  
Solace in the midst of woe.  
Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:  
If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay  
All his good is turned to ill.  
Heal our wounds, our strength renew  
On our dryness pour thy dew  
Wash the stains of guilt away:  
Bend the stubborn heart and will  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill  
Guide the steps that go astray.  
Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:  
Give us comfort when we die  
Give us life with thee on high  
Give us joys that never end.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel John 20: 19-23

#### As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

*At Pentecost the disciples were given a mission to take the good news of Christ risen, out to the world. They were not to do this unaided but were given the gifts of the spirit. Each baptised believer has been given 'spiritual gifts.' We may not even be aware of what our gifts are, but each of us in our own way, can bring the message of Christ to those around us, in the confidence that the Spirit is with us, if only we will try.*

### 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 now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen.

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Dear Friends,

As I write to you, the world is anxiously waiting to be released from some of the constraints and limitations of the lockdown brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic, and the Church is waiting and preparing for Pentecost Sunday. Everywhere Christians, perhaps more than ever, are remaining in prayer to receive the Holy Spirit. These are the days of the original novena (nine successive days) when the Church waited in prayer for the gift of the Spirit. At this time of the year we are encouraged by the Church to wait patiently with mind and heart open to God.

Having been in a state of 'lockdown' and 'having stay at home' for almost eight weeks, we know only too well that neither 'patience' nor 'waiting' are popular concepts in our modern world today, or at any time. It is rather speed and being active and busy, doing what we want, when we want, which are prized by our society. Before the pandemic our towns and shopping centres were full of fast food establishments where meals can be prepared, served and eaten in minutes. Our kitchen cupboards are probably full of 'instant meals'. Busy people are an advertiser's dream, and products are marketed to appeal to those who are busy about all sorts of things.

As waiting is out of fashion so patience is no longer seen as a virtue. Although many people suffer because of the speed and stress of contemporary life, few are prepared to speak out against it, or on the importance of patience. However, the threat of the Covid 19 pandemic and its very grave consequences, have given us all time to pause and reflect, and made us wait and be patient. Within the Christian tradition there is a long history of waiting, of waiting on the Lord and of being patient in all things. It is only through waiting in patience and trust that we will be open to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The first disciples of Jesus waited patiently after his death. Then the risen Christ appeared amongst them and they began to see a new purpose and mission in life. When Jesus left them and returned to his Father they were invited to wait again – this time to wait for the life empowering and life changing gift of the Holy Spirit. The patient witness of the apostles is an example to all who follow Jesus Christ.

There are many ways in which we can patiently wait on Christ and open our hearts and minds to him, while our lives are limited and our churches remain closed to public acts of worship. Perhaps the simplest way is through prayer. In our daily prayers of thanksgiving, blessing, praise and supplication we are able to speak to God as a son speaks to a father who he knows loves him; or according to St Ignatius of Loyola, 'as a friend speaks to a friend'.

It is often said that the greatest gift a person can give to another is the gift of their time. This is true not just in our relationship with others, but also in our relationship with God. In these days before Pentecost, and especially in our present crisis, which will never overcome us, we should use this time to wait and listen to the word of God with a spirit of openness and trust. So, seek out that secret place where God himself can speak to you. The message of our anxious world, and this holy season, calls us to slow down, wait patiently and listen, and prepare ourselves to receive a gift that is infinitely greater than any provided by a high-speed, high-tech society.

Please pray for me as I pray for you, and may we all know something of the life changing and healing power of the Holy Spirit.

May God bless you always,  
*Father Grieves*  
 Parish Priest

## 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