

St Osmund's Catholic Church, Gainford

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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Welcome back to Mass

How to Book

A special booking answer phone number has been set up: **07796 282216**

Please text the number above stating:

Your Name:

Day you wish to attend

Number of individuals or

Number in Family Group and Contact Phone Number

You will be contacted to let you know if a place is available.

Children's Liturgy

A Children's Liturgy that has been a very useful resource for parents and children throughout our Covid restrictions can be found by

[Clicking here](#)

It is delivered by a Primary School teacher from Dunkeld.

A Children's Liturgy from Cafod is available on www.cafod.org.uk

[Click here](#)

Prayer Resources for Primary and Secondary age pupils can be found on the Carmel College /Bishop Hogarth website

[Click here](#)

Mass on-line

St. Augustines Facebook Sun 9.15 am-

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Churches in the diocese - [Click here](#)

Other churches in the UK and Ireland

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Mass by phone: **01642 130 120**

The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Theme: God as Supreme King

'Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

Mass times: Sunday 9.30am and Tuesday 10.00am

It is necessary to book in advance for both the Sunday and Tuesday Mass. See left

Due to Covid measures it is required that both the front and back doors in church remain open to increase air circulation. It is getting chilly, so wrap up warmly, or even, think of bringing a blanket!

Many thanks to Wico van Mourik for the bountiful gifts of fruit from his garden that he has kindly bagged up and left for collection after recent Sunday and Tuesday Masses.

Nothing like a fruit pie or crumble to lift the spirits!



Forgotten your mask - Don't worry

It is necessary to wear a mask in church. However if you have forgotten yours there is a supply in Church. Just ask the steward.

October : Month of the Holy Rosary

On the 13th October 2020 there will be a 'Rosary Whirlwind' across the British Isles. This will involve people across the country praying the rosary at 8 pm. To sign up a group from your parish to be placed on the virtual map, access the website: www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk.

On the 31st October 2020, the diocese will be taking part in a Rosary Rally, with different dioceses from across the country having a designated time slot to ensure the rosary is prayed continuously throughout the day from 9 am to 9 pm. For more information register at adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

Darlington Ordinariate services at St. Osmund's - Sunday 11.30am and Wednesday 10.00am

Readings for: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 11th October

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 Isaiah 45:1,4-6

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

Responsorial Psalm 95(96): 1,3-5,7-10

Give the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens,

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
Give the Lord glory and power.
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika
which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing
you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for
you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how
you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and
persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been
chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it
came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy
Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation ph2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

You will shine in the world like bright stars
because you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap
Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him,
together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you
are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way,
and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank
means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it
permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware
of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this
trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They
handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose
name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well,
give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what
belongs to God.'

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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.*

Please remember in your Prayers .**The Sick of the Parish**

Christopher Smith, Irene Mulholland, Cath Simpson,
Patrick Doherty, Julie Hall, Joan Towers, Toni Neville
and Fr. Wilfred Elkin.

Bidding Prayers - St. Osmund's [Click here](#)**Fratelli Tutti - the Pope's new encyclical**

Fratelli tutti, with its powerful social meditation on the
Good Samaritan, who recognises love and attention as
the preeminent law and model for creative social
friendship, **is a call to everyone to take action.** To
read the full encyclical [click here](#)

Reflection on the Readings

No matter to which we country we look, they all have different political parties and factions all trying to attract as many people as possible with their promises and policies. It was no different at the time of Jesus. There were many different political and religious sects all trying to claim superiority over each other. There are two such groups in today's gospel; the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Pharisees saw themselves as the most important religious leaders of the day. They believed that they alone were faithful to the God's ancient covenant and mediators of Israel's many religious laws and customs. They tolerated the Romans and their laws but did not like them. The Herodians, as their name suggests were loyal supporters of King Herod and the Romans. These two scheming groups band together to trick a common threat and their one common enemy; Jesus.

They approach him and praise him with all sorts of false compliments asking whether or not it is permissible to pay taxes to Caesar. A simple answer either way will land Jesus in trouble. If he says it is good to pay tax he might be seen to be supporting the Roman political system which the Pharisees were against. If he says the opposite he might be suggesting that the political and tax system imposed on the Jewish people should be overthrown. This would play into the hands of the Herodians. Caesar's head was on all coins, so Jesus replies while calling both groups hypocrites; 'Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

This is not to be read or seen as a financial or political statement from Jesus, rather we are being asked to reflect upon and think about our priorities. What are and where are our concerns? Are we more interested in money than God? It is worth noting that in his answer, Jesus does not actually tell us what actually does belong to God – perhaps we each have to work this out for ourselves according to our own situation.

Maybe the challenging question that this gospel puts to each of us today is what belongs to God and what I am being called to give back to God? In reality, everything and everyone belongs to God. All created reality, including and especially each of us have been created by God and therefore belong to God. Without God nothing and none of us would exist. Perhaps the first thing we can give (back) to God is our simple and humble gratitude. As the psalm today tells and reminds us; 'Give the Lord, you families of people, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring and offering and enter his temple.'

We often misquote this line from scripture; money is the root of all evil. The actual quote tells us that it is the **love** of money which is the root of all evil. (1 Timothy.6.10) There is nothing wrong with earning and spending money. It's when we use money inappropriately and selfishly to serve ourselves and not to help others that problems arise.

Benjamin Franklin, the American economist famously said, nothing can be said to certain except death and taxes! So today, while we do our best to work, earn our living, pay our bills and taxes, may we never lose sight of the place of God in our ordinary daily lives. May we do as Jesus asks and offer God whatever we can with a willing spirit and a generous heart. – **Br Michael Moore OMI oblates.ie**

Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?

If you are new to the Catholic faith and would like to know more, we invite you to join our weekly Diocesan online RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme.

↓ Registration is now open. Tuesday evenings
6:30-7:30pm

The hour long online meetings will allow you to meet with others who are beginning the RCIA programme.



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To register for this online course, or find out more, email:
adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

Offertory

If you wish to make your donations directly to St.

Osmund's. Bank account details are:

HSBC: D.H & N Gainford St. Osmund's.

Account No. 41164015 Sort Code 40-34-18.

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

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. Offerings can be left in the basket at Church at the Masses on Sunday and Tuesday.

FoodBanks

The Well: 46 East Green, West Auckland. DL14 9HJ. Opening times: Wednesday-Friday 9am - 3pm

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.

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**

Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy week

