

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](#)

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Mass by phone: **01642 130 120**

The 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Theme: Loving neighbours is like loving God

'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

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.

Prayer of thanks

As we look out our windows or go for a walk, along with our many prayers for help and intercession in these difficult times, we can take a moment to thank God for the beauty of our country and the place we live, enjoying these magnificent autumn days

*We thank you,
God of Seed and Harvest
And we bless each other:
That the beauty of this world
And the love that created it
Might be expressed though our lives
And be a blessing to others
Now and always
AMEN*

Readings for: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 25th 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 Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow and orphan, my anger will flare against you

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this:

‘‘You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

‘‘If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

‘‘If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.’’

Responsorial Psalm 17(18):2-4,47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;

my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise,

when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!

Praised be the God who saves me,

He has given great victories to his king

and shown his love for his anointed.

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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Gospel Acclamation Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

The commandments of love

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

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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](#)

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

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

Love is a major theme in books, plays, songs, poems, films, and popular culture. As we approach Valentine's Day each year we are surrounded by a multitude of cards, chocolates and roses in an attempt to convey our affection for the one we love. There is nothing wrong with this. However, there is always the danger that we have a passing and temporary idea of love. In short, our experience of love can be a little romantic! This is not the love which Jesus speaks of in the gospel today.

Before we listen to Jesus speaking to us, let us briefly look at the first reading from the Book of Exodus. God is speaking to the people of Israel and reminding them that once they were strangers and slaves in Egypt. They were treated cruelly by their oppressors. God challenges them not to treat others especially foreigners similarly. They are told, 'You are not to be harsh with widows or orphans... if you lend money to the poor, do not demand interest..., and if you take another's cloak, you must give it back before sunset.' In short, they are to treat each others, especially strangers with compassion and love.

The Pharisees and the Sadducees come to Jesus and ask him within the Law, which is the greatest commandment. This might be another trick question from them, because there were thousands of laws that Jews were meant to obey. Jesus reduces the whole of the Law down to two; 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and all your mind. This is the greatest. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law.' It would be very easy and a mistake to think that this a history

lesson from Jesus aimed at the Pharisees. These challenging words are meant for each of us today. Jesus does not ask us to merely like each other; he asks us to love each other! This is as we know from experience is not easy at all. There are those among our friends and even within our families that we often find hard to get on with never mind love. But this is exactly what Jesus asks us to do. This is the cost of being a follower of Jesus. This is the responsibility that we inherit if and when we call ourselves Christian.

There are two parts to Jesus' message; love of God and love of our neighbour. I can't say I love God, go to church, say my prayers and then refuse to love those around me. It's not one and not other; it's both. They are opposite sides of the same coin. As we read, 'We cannot love God whom we have not seen, if we do not love our brother and sister whom we do see.' (1 John 4.20). One poet said that God is in the bits and pieces of every day. God is love; therefore love is also in the bits and pieces of everyday. We express and experience love through the normal daily activities and events of our ordinary lives. As the first reading reminds us, it is through how we treat each other and how we are treated, that we love and are loved. We express and experience love through our relationship with others.

Loving others as Jesus asks is not easy, especially when he asks us to love not only our friends, strangers, those who are poor, but also our enemies. This is the cost of being a Christian. Jesus never said that being one of his followers was going to be easy! We end with these words from the 1st Letter of St. John:

Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action. (1 John 3. 18)

— Br Michael Moore OMI

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 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

LISTENING SKILLS TRAINING

A course for those who would like to support members of our parishes/partnerships who may be experiencing mental health issues

A six week online course beginning on Tuesday 10 November 2020 at 6.30 pm on Zoom

(2 x 45 minute sessions with 15 minute break)

Trainers: Kevin Daly, Oonagh Atkinson from The Road Centre and Chris Smith from the Diocesan Listening Service.

For further information on the course, contact Oonagh Atkinson on 0191 389 1188. Application forms can be obtained from The Vicariate for Faith & Mission

adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or tel: 0191 243 3316.

World Mission Sunday

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Unfortunately due to the Covid 19 pandemic it is not possible to collect in the red Missio boxes many of you hold. Missio have been in touch to ask us to have a collection on World Mission Sunday 18th October. Anyone attending either Sunday or Tuesday Mass will be able to put a donation in the basket as they leave church. If you are not attending mass yet but would like to make a donation there are a number of ways you can do this.

Send a cheque, payable to Missio-Mill Hill, to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square London SW1V 1NU
Give online at missio.org.uk/RedBox
Call 020 7821 9755 to donate via credit or debit card

Make a bank transfer - Account Missio. Sort code 16-00-16. Account No. 10824230 Ref: RB + your postcode

Thank you for your continued support for this very important cause. Enjoy your weekend away.

See you next week. Best wishes,

Anne

Remembrance Sunday Churches Together in Gainford has made preparations for the day which will be led by Reverend Eileen Harrop, Father Grieves, and Deputy Lord Lieutenant Mike Poole, with Cubs, Brownies and Scouts in attendance.

The service and act of remembrance will take place on the green on Sunday 8th November from 10.30am concluding with the 11am silence.

Don't forget to put the clocks back

Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy week

