

# St Osmund's Catholic Church, Gainford

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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

### November: The Month of the Holy Souls



*How the seasons change,  
How certain it is that Summer  
Gives way to Autumn  
And the falling of the leaves  
And the passing of so many things,  
And the tears of one who grieves*

*Yet Winter gives way to Spring,  
New Hope and life after suffering,*

*Lord, so it is, and certain too,  
The promise of new life in you  
After life's woes and pains.  
For our loved ones gone  
No more strain and suffering now,  
Beyond life's struggles there awaits  
The joy of your embrace.  
Thank you Lord. Amen*

### 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](http://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](#)



## 34rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Christ the King

**Theme: Bandaging the wounded**

*"When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."*

**The Church recognises the contribution of young people, especially on the feast of Christ the King**

### Prayer for young people

*O God, who gave one origin to all peoples  
and willed to gather from them  
one family for yourself,  
fill all hearts of all young people, we pray,  
with the fire of your love  
and kindle in them a desire  
for the just advancement of their neighbour,  
that, through the good things  
which you richly bestow upon all,  
each human person may be brought to perfection,  
every division may be removed,  
and equity and justice may be established in human society.  
Roman Missal (adapted)*

### From 5th November churches are closed for public worship.

They will be able to open for private prayer.

**There will be no Mass at St. Osmunds during the current lockdown.**

Fr. Grieves has decided that the church will be open for private prayer on Sundays from 9.30am - 10.00 am and from 11.30 am - 12.00 pm. There is no need to book and all are welcome. For those wishing to access online Mass the links below may be useful.

When attending for Private Prayer it will be necessary for the purpose of 'Track and Trace' to sign in. It is still required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Please follow the directions of stewards.

## Readings for: 22nd November - Christ the King

*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 Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

#### **The Lord will judge between sheep and sheep**

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

### Responsorial Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6

#### **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

### Second reading 1 Corinthians 15:2–26,28

#### **Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father; so that God may be all in all**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king *until he has put all his enemies under his feet* and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be *put under his feet*. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

### Gospel Acclamation Mk11:10

#### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

#### **I was naked and you clothed me; sick, and you visited me**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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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.*

## Reflection on the Readings - 22nd November

### This is our God, the Servant King

*Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King; it is the last Sunday of the current liturgical year in the Church. Next Sunday Advent begins. Today is about endings and beginnings. These months have been and sadly continue to be draining, demanding and difficult on a personal, local, national and global level for all of us. Advent is the season of joyful hope, so we pray that at this time of the year that with God's help we will do all we can to remain faithful, optimistic and hopeful.*

*In this Gospel, Jesus speaks about the 'end times'. He describes what will take place when what is called 'the final judgement' happens. The question being asked is where will Jesus be found now and at the end of time? Christ the King will not be found in a palace living in wealth exercising power. Jesus will be found where the most in need are; refugee camps, homeless shelters, hospitals and prisons. Those who call themselves followers of Jesus will also be found there welcoming, listening, reaching out and caring for those whose are poor and on the margins of both church and society.*

*The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love and grace. It is not a kingdom of power, prestige or politics. As those who call ourselves 'Christian' and follow Jesus, we are called not only to enjoy the benefits of the Kingdom, but to do all we can to build and promote it here and now. We do this through how we live and treat others, especially those who are excluded and marginalised. We are called to be active participants not just silent spectators in God's Kingdom. Scripture reminds us of when we read, 'our love is not to be words and just talk, but something real and active.' (1 Jn. 3.18). We are called to feed the hungry, house the homeless, visit the prisoner, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger wherever and whenever we can.*

*Through his life death and resurrection, Jesus ushered in the Kingdom of God; a Kingdom where all belong. Today Christ calls and invites each of us personally to follow him and to share in his mission through the quality of our daily lives. Each of us are now called and invited to cooperate with Jesus as we continue to build and promote the Kingdom of God. To be a member of God's Kingdom requires that we carry on and continue the mission and ministry of Jesus.*

*We are also called to follow the example and actions of Jesus as we strive to make God's kingdom a vital and vibrant reality in our own and in others lives. Jesus the King came to serve not to be served. He reached out to those who were the poorest and most despised. He came to them with the message; I have come to bring the Good News to the poor. He left us the example which we are to follow; he bent down, took the place of the servant, washed our feet and said, 'I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done.'*

*The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, and love. As followers of Jesus the Servant King and members of God Kingdom, we are also called to live lives of truth, holiness, grace, justice and love. This is not as difficult as it sounds, but it does require that we commit ourselves to the person and values of Jesus. It also asks that we dedicate ourselves to others as we build and promote God's Kingdom. As Jesus says, 'This is my commandment: love each other as I love you.'*

– Br Michael Moore OMI [oblates.ie](http://oblates.ie)

**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. Osmunds [Click here](#)**

#### **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 when attending Private Prayer on Sunday*

#### **Mass on-line**

*St. Augustines Facebook - [www.facebook.com/staugustineschurchdarlington](http://www.facebook.com/staugustineschurchdarlington) Sunday 9.15*

*Other churches in the diocese [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)*

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

*Other churches in the UK and Ireland [Click here](#)*

*Vatican - [Click here](#)*

*Mass by phone: 01642 130 120*

#### **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**

***Durham Police Crime and Victims Commissioner  
Fraud Warning***

***We have been asked to publish the following message***

*There has been a massive increase in frauds where people receive a call from someone claiming to be the police; they then ask them to return the call by ringing 999. This is a sophisticated fraud please beware:*

- The police will NEVER ring you and ask you to ring them back on 999 – This is a SCAM!
- The police will NEVER ask you to withdraw cash from any bank accounts or savings – This is a SCAM!
- The police will NEVER arrange to come and collect money from you – This is a SCAM!
- HMRC will NEVER threaten to issue you a warrant for your arrest if you do not following the instructions from a voicemail or text
- HMRC will NEVER text you to inform you that you have a tax rebate
- No Bank will just text or call you to inform you that there has been fraudulent use on your account

If you receive a call and you are unsure ask them to call you back in 10 minutes and then ring a friend or relative; this will show if your line has been held open by offenders who may be posing as police.

If you are unsure you should ring 101 and ask to speak to someone from your local police force.

Jim

**Jim Cunningham BA (Hons) GCGI  
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Office of the Durham Police Crime and Victims Commissioner  
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***Feast of Christ the King***

***Some beautiful words and thoughts for reflection  
from the hymn 'The Servant King.'***

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow Him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

*So let us learn to serve  
and in our lives enthrone Him,  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.*

**Christmas Appeal: Mission to Seafarers and  
Apostleship of the Sea**

Dear Parishioners,

The local Mission to Seafarers (Mts) and Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) teams always ensure that in the weeks before Christmas that they have Christmas parcels to distribute amongst seafarers whom they visit on the ships in Tees Port. These mariners are often away from home and family for many months and will often miss Christmas. These visits by the teams and these gifts are particularly important to them at these times.

Would you be happy to put together (part of) a parcel and leave these in the porch at Sunday private prayer sessions? The collection period is from this week till 13/12. Alternatively you could also ring me at the number below for alternative arrangements

Suggested contents: Shampoo, Shower Gel, Toothpaste, Shaving Foam, Lip Balm.

Socks (new), Hat/ Snood, Gloves,  
Sweets, Chocolates, Pen, Noodles, Comb, (jigsaw-)Puzzle

On behalf of AoS and Mts

Wico: (T:07563155756)

Further info re AoS: [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk) and  
Mts: [www.missiontoseafarers.org](http://www.missiontoseafarers.org)



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