

St Osmund's 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

FoodBanks

The Well: 46 East Green, West Auckland.

DL14 9HJ. Opening times: Wednesday-

Friday 9am - 3pm

Kings Food Bank: King's Church,

Prospect Place, Whesoe 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**

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
Mass on Sunday or Tuesday*

Please Pray for the sick of the Parish:

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



The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -24th January

Theme: Follow me

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by offering himself on the cross to set us free from the slavery of sin and death. By
the sacrificial gift of his life, he opened for us the path of love. To each of us he says,
"Follow me; go and do likewise" (cf. Lk 10:37). Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Prayer for Peace*

**St Osmund's will be open for Parish Mass on
Sundays at 9.30am**

It will be necessary to book

**To book please text 07796 282216 giving your Name, Number of
individuals or number in family group and a contact phone
number.**

In considering attending Mass please particularly bear in mind
your own health situation, that of others and current travel
restrictions.

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](#)**

Readings and Reflection for 24th January - The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**First reading Jonah 3:1-5,10****The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour**

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9**Lord, make me know your ways.**

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

Second reading 1Corinthians 7:29-31**The world as we know it is passing away**

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation Mk1:15**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The kingdom of God is close at hand:
repent, and believe the Good News.

Alleluia!**Gospel Mark 1:14-20****I will make you into fishers of men**

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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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.

Mass on-line

S t. Augustines Facebook - [Click here](#) Sun. 9.15

Other churches in the diocese [Click here](#)

Walsingham: www.walsingham.org.uk [Click here](#)

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

Vatican - [Click here](#)

Mass by phone: 01642 130 120

Reflection for 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Theme - 'Follow me'**Cycle of Prayer Intentions**

Throughout Ordinary Time: Winter we are asked to pray for a number of intention including 'Peace on Earth.' In Pope Francis' Message for the 54th World Day of Prayer for Peace he highlights the Theme of the readings for this week - 'Follow me.' By following Christ's example we are encouraged to develop a 'Culture of Care as a Path to Peace'.

The first part of Pope Francis' message is printed below. The full message can be read by following the link at the bottom of the page.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE
54th WORLD DAY OF PEACE

A CULTURE OF CARE AS A PATH TO PEACE

1. *At the dawn of a new year, I extend cordial greetings to Heads of State and Government, leaders of International Organizations, spiritual leaders and followers of the different religions, and to men and women of good will. To all I offer my best wishes that the coming year will enable humanity to advance on the path of fraternity, justice and peace between individuals, communities, peoples and nations.*

The year 2020 was marked by the massive Covid-19 health crisis, which became a global phenomenon cutting across boundaries, aggravating deeply interrelated crises like those of the climate, food, the economy and migration, and causing great suffering and hardship. I think especially of all those who lost family members or loved ones, and all who lost their jobs. I think too of physicians and nurses, pharmacists, researchers, volunteers, chaplains and the personnel of hospitals and healthcare centres. They have made, and are continuing to make, great sacrifices to be present to the sick, to alleviate their sufferings and to save their lives; indeed, many of them have died in the process. In paying tribute to them, I renew my appeal to political leaders and the private sector to spare no effort to ensure access to Covid-19 vaccines and to the essential technologies needed to care for the sick, the poor and those who are most vulnerable.[1]

Sad to say, alongside all these testimonies of love and solidarity, we have also seen a surge in various forms of nationalism, racism and xenophobia, and wars and conflicts that bring only death and destruction in their wake.

These and other events that marked humanity's path this past year have taught us how important it is to care for one another and for creation in our efforts to build a more fraternal society. That is why I have chosen as the title of this year's Message, A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace. A culture of care as a way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time.

2. God the Creator, the source of our human vocation to care

Many religious traditions have accounts of the origin of human beings and their relationship with the Creator, with nature and with their fellow men and women. In the Bible, the Book of Genesis shows from its very first pages the importance of care or protection in God's plan for humanity. It highlights the relationship between man (adam) and the earth (adamah), and among ourselves as brothers and sisters. In the biblical account of creation, God entrusts the garden "planted in Eden" (cf. Gen 2:8) to Adam's care, to "till it and keep it" (Gen 2:15). This entails making the earth productive, while at the same time protecting it and preserving its capacity to support life.[2] *The verbs "till" and "keep" describe Adam's relationship to his garden home, but also the trust God placed in him by making him master and guardian of all creation.*

The birth of Cain and Abel begins a history of brothers and sisters, whose relationship is understood – even by Cain, however mistakenly – in terms of protection or "keeping". After killing his brother Abel, Cain answers God's question by saying: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4:9).[3] *Cain, like all of us, was called to be "his brother's keeper". "These ancient stories, full of symbolism, bear witness to a conviction which we today share, that everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationship with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others".*[4]

3. God the Creator, a model of care

Sacred Scripture presents God not only as Creator, but also as one who cares for his creatures, especially Adam, Eve and their offspring. Albeit cursed for the crime he committed, Cain was given a mark of protection by the Creator, so that his life could be spared (cf. Gen 4:15). While confirming the inviolable dignity of the person created in God's image and likeness, this was also a sign of God's plan to preserve the harmony of his creation, since "peace and violence cannot dwell together".[5]

Care for creation was at the heart of the institution of the Sabbath, which, in addition to ordering divine worship, aimed at the restoration of the social order and concern for the poor (cf. Gen 1:1-3; Lev 25:4). The celebration of the Jubilee every seventh sabbatical year provided a respite for the land, for slaves and for those in debt. In that year of grace, those in greatest need were cared for and given a new chance in life, so that there would be no poor among the people (cf. Deut 15:4).

In the prophetic tradition, the biblical understanding of justice found its highest expression in the way a community treats its weakest members. Amos (cf. 2:6-8; 8) and Isaiah (cf. 58), in particular, insistently demand justice for the poor, who, in their vulnerability and powerlessness, cry out and are heard by God, who watches over them (cf. Ps 34:7; 113:7-8).

4. Care in the ministry of Jesus

Jesus' life and ministry represent the supreme revelation of the Father's love for humanity (cf. Jn 3:16). In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus showed himself to be the one consecrated by the Lord and "sent to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed" (Lk 4:18). These messianic actions, associated with the Jubilee year, bear eloquent witness to the mission he received from the Father. In his compassion, Christ drew near to the sick in body and spirit, and brought them healing; he pardoned sinners and gave them new life. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep (cf. Jn 10:11-18; Ezek 34:1-31). He is the Good Samaritan who stoops to help the injured man, binds his wounds and cares for him (cf. Lk 10:30-37).

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**Read Pope Francis' full message at: www.vatican.va [Click here](#)
 Bidding Prayers St. Osmund's: [click here](#)**

Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy week ahead

