

St Osmund's Catholic Church, Gainford

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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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**

Please Pray for:

The sick of the Parish:

Pat Avison, Christopher Smith, Patrick Doherty, Julie Hall, Joan Towers and Toni Neville

Fr. Grieves on his retirement.

Fr. Thomas Mason as he looks forward to his move to the parish.

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](#)



Pentecost Sunday - 23rd May

Theme: Receive the Holy Spirit

'...What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control....Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.'

Change of name

The 'Darlington Ordinariate' has been reformed under the new name of the 'Ordinariate Darlington'. It remains part of The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham was established in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI to allow Anglicans to enter into the full communion with the Catholic Church whilst retaining much of their heritage and traditions. It has constitutional equivalence to a diocese, currently under the direction of the Ordinary Msgr. Keith Newton. Msgr Newton is a member of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

The Ordinariate Darlington mission is independent of the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and the parish of St. Osmund's with members drawn from across the North East and Yorkshire. The mission will continue to offer distinctive services in the Anglican patrimony as welcome guests at St.

Osmund's. Agreement on the hosting arrangements are currently being finalised between the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and Msgr Newton. On his arrival in early June Fr. Thomas will serve the diocesan parishes of St. Osmund's Gainford, St. Mary's Barnard Castle and the Ordinariate Darlington mission.

May - The Month of Our Lady

Nightly Rosary from the National Shrine Walsingham 8pm visit walsingham.org.uk [click here](#)

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. (Please book by 7pm on Saturday evening)

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

The Weekly Bulletin is available online at: www.stosmunds.co.uk

Readings and Reflection Pentecost Sunday- 23rd May

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 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 Galatians 5:16-25

If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you
If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.
Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

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,
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 15:26-27, 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth
Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

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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

St. 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

[Bidding Prayers 23rd May Click here](#)

Reflection on the Readings Pentecost Sunday - 23rd May

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.

Pentecost Sunday – The Spirit makes all things new

Fifty days ago we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Some were lucky and privileged to have been able to go to church for the Easter liturgies. Sadly some of us were still unable to go to church because of shielding, social restrictions and because churches in some places were still closed. Many took part in the liturgies in their homes as they watched them on line. Hopefully we each took part in our own way and best we could given what we are still living with because of Covid 19.

Today marks the end of the Easter Season but it ends with the life-giving outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole world, the church and on each of us personally. Before his Ascension, Jesus promised his followers that he would send them a Helper, an Advocate, namely the Holy Spirit to encourage and strengthen them. This is not something that just happened in the past a long time ago. This dramatic and powerful outpouring of Christ's new life is happening today, here and now. Today, you and I are personally filled with and anointed with the life-giving and encouraging Holy Spirit.

After more than two thousand years we perhaps look back the first followers of Jesus as being great leaders. Initially they weren't! They were not strong, confident, courageous or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. Peter denied him and the rest of them deserted him when he needed them the most. After his death, they all doubted and hid themselves away out of fear because the Jewish and Roman authorities were looking for them. They had lost all heart and hope.

Then the strangest thing happens to them. The house shakes with the sound of wind and the sight of fire. These frightened followers of Jesus are transformed from within. Through the Holy Spirit they are given new hope, new heart and new purpose. Their fear is silenced and replaced with courage and conviction. They leave the room in which they were hiding and go into the streets to proclaim the good news about Jesus. They become new people with new a new message. At this very moment the missionary church is born.

We are no different from the first followers of Jesus; we too have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. When we were baptised and celebrated our Confirmation, we too were anointed and filled with Holy Spirit. God says to you and I today and every day; 'You are my servant, whom I strengthen, in I am well pleased, I have filled you with my Spirit.' God continues to call and fill us with the same Spirit that the first followers of Jesus experienced. We are sent us out just as they were. Today we are called to be open to Holy Spirit; today we too are called to be transformed so that we can live and share our faith with courage and conviction. Today it is our privilege and responsibility to proclaim the good news about Jesus.

There is nothing mild, gentle or polite about the Holy Spirit or Pentecost; it is wild and radical experience that both encourages and challenges us. Saint Oscar Romero who was murdered while bishop of El Salvador in 1980 said, 'The Spirit makes all things new, we are the ones who grow old and want to keep everything to our aged way of doing things; the Spirit is never old, the Spirit is always young.' (17 Dec. 1978)

Today, may each of us be open to experiencing the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. May we be renewed and refreshed with the power of the risen Lord so that in the words of Pope Francis 'we may, go out again and again without hesitation, without fear to proclaim the joy of the good news which is for all people.'



A warm welcome to Fr. Thomas Mason who will be our parish priest after Easter. Fr. Thomas will also be serving St. Mary's Barnard Castle along with the Darlington Ordinariate mission.

It is anticipated that he will move to Barnard Castle in early June.

Cycle of Prayer Intentions

Throughout Easter we are asked to pray for the following intentions: New Members of the Church; Vocations; Human Work; The right use of the media; The Church

The Church

Especially on **Pentecost**

Background

Throughout the Season of Easter the first reading at Mass is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. Luke tells the story of the early Church from the Ascension and Pentecost to the early missions of the apostles.

"When the work which the Father gave the Son to do on earth was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that he might continually sanctify the Church." Then "the Church was openly displayed to the crowds and the spread of the Gospel among the nations, through preaching, was begun." As the "convocation" of all men for salvation, the Church in her very nature is missionary, sent by Christ to all the nations to make disciples of them." Catechism 767

"Those who with God's help have welcomed Christ's call and freely responded to it are urged on by love of Christ to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world. This treasure, received from the apostles, has been faithfully guarded by their successors. All Christ's faithful are called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer."

Catechism 3

Prayer

God our Father, in all the churches scattered throughout the world you show forth the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Through the gospel and the eucharist bring your people together in the Holy Spirit and guide us in love.

Make us a sign of your love for all people, and help us show forth the living presence of Christ in the world.

Roman Missal

Celebration of Marriage and Family Life

Bishop Robert has kindly agreed to preside at a **Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass** in the **Cathedral on Saturday 22 May 2021 at 12:00** which will be both an open Mass and live streamed. Due to the limited capacity and in keeping with the current COVID restrictions, anyone wishing to attend the Mass **MUST BOOK** in advance by contacting the Cathedral office on 0191 232 6953 or emailing office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk. Booking is available now. Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary should also provide the details of this at the time of booking and a certificate of celebration will be offered.

Life after the pandemic

Below is an extract from Pope Francis on life after the pandemic. To read in full [click here](#)

"When evening had come" (Mk 4:35). For over one year now, it has been evening. Thick darkness has gathered over our squares, our streets and our cities; it has taken over our lives, filling everything with a deafening silence and a distressing void, that stops everything as it passes by; we feel it in the air, we notice in people's gestures, their glances give them away. We find ourselves afraid and lost. Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying "We are perishing" (v. 38), so we too have realised that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this.

You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak and we are fearful. But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm. Tell us again: "Do not be afraid" (Mt 28:5). And we, together with Peter, "cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us" (cf. 1 Pt 5:7).

Little Sisters of the Poor - Urgent Appeal

The Little Sisters of the Poor have launched a vital fundraising appeal, in response to the increasing pressures faced by St. Joseph's Care Home during the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

The Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding the current economic climate increasingly more demanding. Make a Donation Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to: St. Joseph's Home, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure, online donations can be [made here](#).

www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here

Offertory

If you wish to make your donations directly to St. Osmund's. Bank account details are: HSBC: DHN Gainford St Osmund.

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.

Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy week ahead

