

St Osmund's Catholic Church, Gainford

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Hogarth Partnership

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Auckland. DL14 9HJ. Opening times:

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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](#)



The Most Holy Trinity - 30th May

Theme: Abba Father

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'

Fr. Grieves' Retirement

Sunday 30th May will be the last Mass celebrated by Fr. Grieves as Parish Priest at St. Osmund's. We thank him for his almost nine years of service and wish him well for a long and happy retirement.

Welcome to Fr. Thomas Mason

Fr. Thomas will be joining us as Parish Priest of St. Osmund's and St. Mary's Barnard Castle as well as Pastor to the Ordinariate Darlington in the week beginning 31st May. He will take up residence in St. Osmund's prior to moving to more permanent accommodation in Barnard Castle once renovations to the presbytery there has been completed.

Mass times for the following week will be as normal. Fr. Thomas will celebrate Saturday evening Mass at Barnard Castle with the Parish Mass at St. Osmund's on Sunday at 9.30am followed by a Mass for the Ordinariate Darlington.

We extend a very warm welcome to Fr. Thomas and look forward to meeting him and supporting him in his ministry in the parish.

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 Reflections 30th May - The Most Holy Trinity**First reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40****The Lord is God indeed: he and no other**

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm 32(33):4-6,9,18-20,22**Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

By his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke: and they came to be.
He commanded; they sprang into being.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second reading Romans 8:14-17**The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God**

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation cf. Rv1:8**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!**Gospel Matthew 28:16-20****Go and make disciples of all nations**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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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 St. Osmund's [click here](#)**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 The Most Holy Trinity - 30th 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.

Much debate in the 20th century centred on the thought of three outstanding figures, Charles Darwin, Sigmund Freud and Karl Marx, described irreverently as “the unholy trinity.” They pushed us into the modern world, often in spite of our protests. Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution was greeted, particularly by the established churches, with howls of derision, and had to battle hard for recognition. Sigmund Freud opened up the universe of the unconscious and profoundly affected conventional attitudes. The socialist theories of Karl Marx came to dominate one half of the planet and considerably influenced the other. Of the three, only Darwin and his theory of evolution remain intact. Recent events in the Eastern Bloc have largely discredited Marx. The theories of Freud are more and more contested in recent times. Time has taken its toll of “the unholy trinity.” The Holy Trinity, whose feast we celebrate today, is beyond the reach of time and the grasp of human reasoning. It is a mystery of our faith. We can only fumble in the dark in search of glimmers of light. “Two is company, three is a crowd” is a popular expression. The gospel would have it otherwise. There, the figure three symbolises completeness and perfect symmetry, and re-appears at all the key moments of the Christ story. His life itself constantly reflected the Trinity. Three figures make up the nativity scene in Bethlehem — the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Their first visitors were the three wise men. Later, in the desert preparing to begin his public life, Jesus was tempted three times by the devil. A good story should have a beginning, a middle and an end. Christ was a storyteller par excellence and three figures prominently in his parables. The Prodigal Son is about a father and his two sons; the Good Samaritan tells of the behaviour of three passers-by, the priest, the Levite and the Samaritan; the sower sowed his seed in three different types of terrain, yielding three different levels of harvest. The end of his life, as the beginning, has again the three motif. During his Passion, Peter denied him thrice. On the road to Calvary, he fell three times. The crucifixion scene has three figures, Christ between two thieves. Before his resurrection, he spent three days in the tomb.

God is love. There are Three Persons in the Trinity, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Together they represent the fullness of love. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is their love for each other. We are made in the image of a triune God. God the Father, who created us, his Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us. Our lives should reflect the Trinity. We should be always creative like the Father, compassionate like his Son, and dispose our talents in the service of others like the Holy Spirit. associationofcatholicpriests.ie

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).

May - The Month of Our Lady

Pope Francis writes: “The month of May is a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this ‘family’ aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May.”

The Vatican has announced that May 2021 will be dedicated to a prayer marathon with the theme ‘Prayer to God went up incessantly from the whole Church.’ It is asked that across the world the faithful pray for the end of the pandemic.

Nightly Rosary from the National Shrine

Walsingham 8pm visit walsingham.org.uk [click here](#)

Little Sisters of the Poor

Thanks to all for the generous contribution of over £316 to the Little Sisters of the Poor Annual Appeal



Best wishes for a safe , happy and healthy week ahead

June - The month dedicated to the Sacred Heart