

St Osmund's Catholic Church, Gainford

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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Hogarth Partnership

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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**

Please Pray for:

The sick of the Parish:

Pat Avison, Christopher Smith, Patrick Doherty, Julie Hall, Joan Towers, James Mc Hugh 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](#)



12th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 20th June

Theme: The Conqueror of chaos

'Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed.'

Church Day for Life - World Refugee Day

Father's Day

Happy Fathers day to all dads

June the Month of the Sacred Heart

O Heart of Love, I put all my trust in You;
for I fear all things from my own weakness,
but I hope for all things from Your goodness.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

St Osmund's will be open for Parish Mass on Sundays at 9.30am and Tuesdays at 10.00am

It will be necessary to book

To book please text [07796 282216](tel:07796282216) 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.

Fr. Thomas will also be celebrating the Saturday evening vigil Mass in Barnard Castle along with Ordinariate Masses on Sundays and Fridays in Gainford.

Thursday 24th June: Mass at Barnard Castle 10.00am

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

Readings and Reflections 20th June - 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time**First reading Job 38: 1,8-11**

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gives Job his answer

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm 106(107):23-26,28-32

O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep.

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their souls melted away in their distress.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed.

They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
for the wonders he does for men.

Second reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

We do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation cf.EP1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

Or: LK7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 4:35-41

'Even the wind and the sea obey him'

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

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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: 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 20th June

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.

The story of Jesus calming the storms shows us God is with us even when we do not realize it. Jesus is in control. He is with us in the storms.

- *As Mark tells the story, the disciples were terrified that the boat was going to break up and everyone would die. But Jesus was asleep apparently oblivious to their pending doom. They wake him and cry, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" Jesus quiets the storm with a word, but then he chides the disciples: "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"*
- *Jesus is with us throughout the storms of our life, and can bring a great calm. But he understands our fears and allows us to express them to him, like the disciples who cried out "do you not care?"*
- *In the storms of our own life, we too can cry out "Lord, do you not care?" He will hear us, reassure us and say "why are you afraid? I am here with you."*
- *Jesus has power over the storms of life, experiences them alongside us, loves us, saves us from them, and wants us to trust him more than we do.*

The message of the Gospel is that Jesus came so that we can be saved from our sin and reconciled to God. We should be quick to recognize His power and majesty and also quick to trust Him. He hasn't promised to calm every storm, but He has promised that He will never leave us and never forsake those who trust in Him.

Who do we believe God to be? How does our understanding of who God is impact the way we respond to difficult seasons in life?

Ann O'Connor, Notre Dame Associate - notredamesisters.org

The Cycle of Prayer;

Intentions

Throughout Ordinary Time: Summer we are asked to pray for the following intentions:

**A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews
Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and
Denial of Human Rights; Human Life; Europe;
Seafarers.**

**Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and
Denial of Human Rights; Human Life;**

The intention is inspired by the Feast of St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 June).

Prayer

*O God, who in your inscrutable providence
will that the Church be united
to the sufferings of your Son,
grant, we pray, to your faithful
who suffer for your name's sake
a spirit of patience and charity,
that they may be found true and faithful witnesses
to the promises you have made.
Roman Missal*

June - The month dedicated to the Sacred Heart Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger.

Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

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).

Some Feast Days this week:

Tuesday 22nd Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More

Thursday 24th The Birthday of St. John the Baptist

Saturday 26th Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Congratulations to Dame Maura

Maura Regan was made a Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (DBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2021 in recognition of her outstanding leadership and service to education in the region and nationally.

Maura, as the architect of Carmel Education Trust, became its founding CEO having led the successful transformation of Carmel College from a single outstanding College to the lead school in a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT).

Note from Fr. Thomas.

Dear friends,

Having been here for a couple of weeks now, I would like to take this opportunity first to say thank you to all of those who have given such a strong and warm welcome to the parish. I look forward to getting to know all of you who look to S. Osmund as your spiritual home.

Arriving at Gainford as we are still trying to find our way through this pandemic was always going to be a challenging time. Many of you still feel unable to come to Mass, and while you are still very much part of our community and united with us in prayer; nonetheless, you are still missed just as I am sure that you miss being present for Mass. The restrictions which we have to observe for the moment also mean that it is much more difficult to get to know those who are present. We can hope that many of these restrictions will be able to fall away, allowing us to gather as a whole community again.

As we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, we know that whatever keeps us apart physically, we are united in him through our prayers and our shared communion.

If you would to make contact, please do not hesitate to do so; I can be reached at the presbytery on 730191 or by e-mail at fr.thomas.mason@gmail.com and would be very happy to hear from you. Please do keep me in your prayers as I begin this ministry serving you as your parish priest; be assured that you are all in my prayers.

With every blessing,

Fr. Thomas.

Best wishes for a safe , happy and healthy week ahead

