

St Osmund's Catholic Church, Gainford

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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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](#)



13th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 27th June

Theme: Victory over death

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

*For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.*

And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about...

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 Mass at Barnard Castle 10.00am

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

Readings and Reflections 27th June - 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First reading Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24

God takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

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and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

Second reading 2Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

The Lord Jesus became poor for your sake, to make you rich

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation cf. Jn6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark5:21-43

Little girl, I tell you to get up

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

Vatican - [Click here](#)

Mass by phone: 01642 130 120

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 bulletin was prepared early this week. Unfortunately the usual sources for a Homily style reflection were unavailable at the time of putting the bulletin together. 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. Reliable sources for a Homily style reflections can usually be found at:

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate: www.oblates.ie [Click here](#)

Notre Dame Sisters : www.notredamesisters.org [Click here](#)

The Association of Catholic Priests: www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie [Click here](#)

Alternatively, You could always have a personal reflection on the readings:

The theme for the week is 'Victory over death.' The gospel reading is Jairus' daughter:

Having read the readings: How do they relate to life today? How do they impact on my life, attitudes, beliefs? What would Christ say? - He relates scripture to real life situations and real people with love and compassion. He loves us all. (Notice how He addresses the woman suffering from a haemorrhage as "daughter.") What one or two things can I do differently from today and in the future in a more caring, compassionate, thoughtful way that will impact as a source for good in my life, that of my family, my neighbourhood, the wider community? Are there challenges or injustices? Should I speak out or remain silent? The Summer Cycle for prayer below has a prayer for 'Human Life.' This may be a good way to end your reflection.

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.

Prayer

Human Life;

The origins of the Day for Life are found in St John Paul II's encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*. Preparation for the day is shared with the Bishops' Conferences of Ireland and of Scotland — though each marks the day on a different date. Since its inception it has focussed on a wide range of life issues.

Prayer

O God, our past and future hope, to you a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone. Teach us to see the world through your eyes, to recognise the faults of the past, and, however dimly, to see the future with hope. Let us seek out the places of hurt where we can offer your love and compassion. Find the places of darkness and despair where your mercy can bring light and comfort. May we be heralds of a new world where every human life is treated with dignity, where all can live and have abundant life.

Day for Life 2017

Perhaps Reread and reflect on the Gospel reading for today -
Jairus' daughter.

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.

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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 29th: Ss. Peter and Paul

Wednesday 30th: The First Martyrs of the See of Rome

Saturday 3rd July: St. Thomas
Happy Feast Day Fr. Thomas!

Best wishes for a safe , happy and healthy week ahead

