

# St Osmund's Catholic Church, Gainford

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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## Hogarth Partnership

**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**

### Please Pray for:

**The sick of the Parish:** Pat Avison, Christopher Smith, Patrick Doherty, Joan Towers, and Toni Neville.

### 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](http://www.cafod.org.uk) [Click here](#)



**33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time      14th November**

## Remembrance Sunday

*Theme: Saved from disaster*

*Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence*

*before the Son of Man.*

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

**It will no longer be necessary to book for the Sunday or Tuesday Masses.**

**However the capacity limits to allow safe social distancing remain in place. Should the safe capacity of the church be reached there will, unfortunately, be no further admittance.**

**This situation will remain under review. Please keep a check on the Bulletin for the latest updates**

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

## November - Month of the Holy Souls.

During November we particularly remember and pray for our departed loved ones and all of the faithful departed. Here at St. Osmund's we will be marking it in a few ways: the blessing of the graves will take place following Mass on Sunday 7 November. There are forms at the back of church for you to complete with the names of your departed family and friends – these will be placed next to the altar throughout November to be included in our prayers. During November, all free Masses will be Requiem Masses offered for the dead.

**The village Remembrance Day service** takes place on the green at 10.30am this Sunday, if you are able, please proceed there after Mass to remember, honour, and pray for those who died serving their country.

**The Weekly Bulletin is available online at:**

**[www.stosmunds.co.uk](http://www.stosmunds.co.uk)**

## Readings and Reflections 14th November

## 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

**First reading Daniel 12:1-3****Some will wake to everlasting life, some to shame and disgrace**

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

**Responsorial Psalm Psalms 15(16):5,8-111****Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.**

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

**Second reading Hebrews 10:11-14,18****When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin-offerings**

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt24:42 44****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

**Or: Lk21:36****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Stay awake, praying at all times  
for the strength to stand with confidence  
before the Son of Man.

**Alleluia!****Gospel Mark 13:24-32****The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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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](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) [Click here](#)*

*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 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 14th November**

*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.*

**When the Son of Man returns...**

*Metaphors like “burning your boats” or “burning your bridges,” suggest a radical option with no turning back. Having your lamp alight is a gentler image, but still a good one, for meeting the challenge of life. “What shall be the outcome?” is the question posed in both Old and New Testament. Where is this world headed? And more personally, what of my own destiny in the life to come? About that day or hour no one knows. And just as well, for it would be difficult knowledge to cope with. But his message is to be ready to meet him, whenever he comes. The Lord comes to us in many ways, both to gift us and challenge us. Welcoming him is what really makes us Christians, sharing the spirit of his first followers who said “Maranatha” — “Our Lord, come!” We are invited to live our lives within an awareness of eternity, seeing this life as preparation for and building towards an endless life with God.*

*The faster our cars become, it seems, the more we have to spend time waiting for the lights to change to green. The queue and the traffic-jam are signs of our times. The more we are in a hurry the more we feel held up. We travel at speed through the air, but wait interminably at airports. Business life is punctuated with frustrating times waiting for appointments. How do we wait? Sometimes with great impatience, sometimes with anxiety. But our waiting can also be coloured with joyful expectation. Expectation is often more pleasurable than realization. As Shakespeare said, “All things that are, are with more pleasure chased than enjoyed.”*

*How should a believer await the coming of the Lord? Carefully, as those employed and carrying great responsibility. We will have to give an account of all our doings. The books must be in order. Actively, with our lamps burning, not asleep. We have to keep on working until the end. There is no time when we can say we have arrived, we have it all made. Joyfully, for if we are ready, then it is a joy to await the bridegroom and enter into the marriage feast. Hopefully, for we await him who in his one sacrifice lives to make intercession for our sins. In him we have confidence. He comes to reward us who have remained faithful and whose names are written in the book of life.*

*Our vision of the last things should not sink us in pessimism, or despair at our sinfulness. But the question should be asked: How ready are we? Our faith tells us that some generation in history will experience the second coming of Christ. Then a person may have but a moment to wonder: “Am I ready? Am I prepared? Even if ours is not the generation to see the second coming, still each of us must face our personal day of death. For some it comes unexpectedly, out of the blue, even perhaps at a young age. For others it will be fairly predictable and follow the more natural course of ageing and decline. Regardless, there will be a time when each must ask the question: “Am I ready? Am I prepared? Meanwhile, we are faced with multiple choices to make each day which may seem insignificant; but they all add up pointing us in particular directions, sometimes good, sometimes less so. Are our everyday decisions helping to make us ready? Are they making us prepared?”*

*With the busy-ness of life it is easy to forget about the second coming of Christ. We prefer to ignore our mortality and put off our preparation for the death which we all must face. How do we prepare ourselves? How do we get ready? How will we be sure that the Lord recognizes us? What are the right choices to make during our day? The end of chapter 25 reads: “Then the king will say to those on his right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Although we do not know the day or the hour of the second coming of Christ, Although we do not know the day or the hour of our own deaths, we have been told what staying awake entails. It seems that if we meet the response from the Lord: “Amen, I say to you, I do not know you, it will be because of our foolishness and not because of a lack of mercy or justice on the part of the Lord.”* [associatiofcatholicpriests.ie](http://associatiofcatholicpriests.ie)

**The Diocese launches its new website:**

A new website for the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle is now live at [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk).

Featuring a modern, fresh design, easier navigation and search facilities, the new website also has advanced accessibility tools for users with additional support needs.

The previous web addresses [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) and [www.edurcdhn.org.uk](http://www.edurcdhn.org.uk) are being replaced with the new address [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk). For the time being, the previous addresses will redirect to the new website to ensure easy access. Please return for regular news and events, as well as Diocesan resources and information.

**Remembering Those Who Have Died Since the Pandemic Began**

Since the Pandemic began, the ways in which we have been able to say goodbye to our loved ones and to celebrate their funerals have been severely restricted. This applies to those who died with the Coronavirus and to those we have lost through other circumstances. Every family and parish will be finding ways to express their loss in the coming months. As part of our Diocesan family approach to these difficult times we shall especially dedicate the month of November to our remembrance.

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**During November, every parish is invited to prepare a 'Book of Remembrance' to contain all those who died during these difficult days.** Around the week ending Saturday 20 November each parish is asked to celebrate a special

Mass for their dead using the names in the Book of Remembrance as a focus.

These Books of Remembrance will be then brought to the Cathedral in the following week, so that all those named may be remembered at Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Byrne CO.

MASS at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Newcastle on Saturday 27 November 2021 at 11.00am.

### **Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Lourdes Pilgrimage**

Preparations are beginning for our annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 29th July - Friday 5th August 2022. It is hoped that this year, we will be able to travel together as a Diocese once more. In order to aid the planning stages, it would be helpful if you could indicate your interest in travelling to Lourdes in July 2022 and state if you would be willing to offer any help or volunteer for any of the roles that support the smooth running of the Pilgrimage. Please contact [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk) for an 'expression of interest' form.

### **The Vicariate For Faith & Mission:**

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#### **Synod:**

The Synod process is underway in the diocese with its underlying themes of Communion, Participation and Mission. Pope Francis is inviting us all to walk together and to pray and listen to one another as we discern the direction of the Holy Spirit. We are invited to reflect on the following:

'The world has come through a profound period with the covid-19 pandemic. The experiences of isolation, of sickness and death, of not being able to grieve as one would have contributed to the anxiety of life. On the other hand, there has been an outpouring of a generosity of spirit, of gratitude and care, of innovation and creativity.

As we set out on the journey what are our own thoughts and reflections on the following:

What strengths and weaknesses have emerged during the pandemic as a faithful community?

What has been the experience of the touch of God in these times?

What challenges and vulnerabilities have been exposed in our lives, both individually and ecclesially, which need to be addressed?

It is important that these conversations take place and that those who are on the margins are listened to. We are particularly invited to engage with those who are baptised but have walked away from the Church. This is a time of listening to one another and to the Holy Spirit in order to seek how we grow in the future as the people of God.

**Your local parishes have been invited to listen and to feed the local responses into the Partnership structure.**

*Amy Cameron*

Fr. Sean Hall continues to offer his weekly reflections on the Sunday Readings – available to read online or download. at [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

As we move towards Advent, the Vicariate for Faith & Mission has produced a booklet of Advent reflections based on the daily readings and Gospels and written by Clergy and Laity from across the Diocese. The Advent reflection booklet will be available online from mid-November.

Please visit our [Prayer Reflections](#) page.

## **Prayer on Remembrance Sunday**

Ever-living God  
 we remember those whom you have gathered  
 from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;  
 may that same peace  
 calm our fears,  
 bring justice to all peoples  
 and establish harmony among the nations,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy week ahead**

