

# 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](#)



**34th Sunday of Ordinary Time 21st November**

## Feast of Christ the King

### Youth Sunday

*Theme: Christ Supreme*

*'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'*

**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.**

### St. Augustine's Mass update:

As from next Sunday 28th November (1st Sunday in Advent) St Augustine's will resume the 6.30pm Sunday evening Mass.

**No booking necessary, but face coverings are still required and social distancing inside Church.**

### November - Month of the Holy Souls.

#### Memorial Mass and Remembrance Book

At the back of church, there is a remembrance book for you to write the names of those who have died during the pandemic. This includes both those who died with Covid, and those who died of other causes, but for whom our mourning was affected by the various restrictions. On Saturday (27 November) there will be a memorial Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral Newcastle, Bishop Robert would like a representative from each parish to bring the parish's book to be blessed during that service. If anybody would like to represent St. Osmund at that Mass, please let Fr. Thomas know.

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

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

**Readings and Reflections 21st November Feast of Christ the King - (Youth Sunday)****First reading Daniel 7:13-14**

**I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man**

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages  
became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

**Responsorial Psalm 92(93): 1-2,5**

**The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.**

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself with might,  
he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time.

**Second reading Apocalypse 1:5-8**

**Jesus Christ has made us a line of kings and priests**

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:10**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel John 18:33-37**

**Yes, I am a king**

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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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 Feast of Christ the King Youth Sunday**

*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.*

**King of Justice, Love and Peace**

*Paul speaks of Jesus Christ at the end of time handing over the kingdom to God the Father. Today's Preface repeats this, describing Christ's kingdom as one of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace. This ideal is not to be merely a future hope but is to be worked for in the present. The kingdom is our hope, but somehow it is also in our midst, in the process of becoming. The gospel tells us how we are to promote the fuller coming of God's kingdom among us. It comes whenever justice is done for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, and the oppressed. To behave in this way is to imitate the Shepherd-King himself who is presented in our Gospels as one who rescues from situations of alienation, who feeds, gives rest, heals and makes strong. Among his final words was a promise to the thief being crucified at his side, that he would be enfolded by the eternal love of God, in paradise.*

*The best way to honour Christ our King is to work to make his kingdom a reality among us. Anything we do for the relief of the deprived and underprivileged is also a service to Christ, because he identifies himself personally with people in need. The disciple of Christ the King cannot afford the luxury of comfortably keeping myself to myself or "Well I do no harm to anyone." To be deaf to the cries of the neighbour in need is to close our ears to Christ. To be blind to the anguish of the dying is to shut our eyes to him. If we follow Jesus Christ as our Shepherd-king we must in some way be shepherds ourselves, for his sake.*

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**The Cycle of Prayer  
Young People:**

Especially on Christ the King: 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**Background**

The Church in England and Wales has marked the contribution of young people on Christ the King for many years. Universally it is marked on Palm Sunday. In many parishes it is an opportunity to focus on the role of young people in the Sunday liturgy and in the life of the parish. Over the last few years material prepared to assist the day has used the *livesimply* campaign. There may be a collection for diocesan and national youth services on this day.

**Prayer**

O God, who gave one origin to all peoples  
and willed to gather from them  
one family for yourself,  
fill all hearts of all young people, we pray,  
with the fire of your love  
and kindle in them a desire  
for the just advancement of their neighbour,  
that, through the good things  
which you richly bestow upon all,  
each human person may be brought to perfection,  
every division may be removed,  
and equity and justice may be established in human  
society.

Roman Missal (adapted)

**Feast Days this week:**

**Monday 22nd November:** St. Cecelia

**Tuesday 23rd November:** St. Clement I St.  
Columbanus

**Wednesday 24th November:** St. Andrew Dung-Lac  
and his companions

**Thursday 25th November:** St. Catherine of  
Alexandria

**Saturday 27th November:** Memorial of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

**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.

### 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.

**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.

### Advent

Advent begins next week, and to assist our journey through this season the Diocese has prepared booklets with reflections for each week in Advent. A few copies of these will be available in church, or they can be found on-line: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#seasonal>

**Handel's Messiah during Advent** – organised by St. Mary's Church of England Parish Gainford

Over the course of four Tuesday evenings we will listen to the whole of the oratorio followed by a talk on the music and biblical texts by Canon Neil Russell. There will be time for discussion before closing with a short act of worship. We will meet from 7-30pm till 9-00pm in the Supper Room of Gainford Village Hall on the following Tuesdays: 30th November, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 21st December

Please phone (01325 733140) or email ([canonneil@gmail.com](mailto:canonneil@gmail.com)) if you would like to join the course. There is no charge but a donation towards the cost of the hire of the hall would be appreciated

### The Vicariate For Faith & Mission:

#### The Vicariate - 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*

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

