

# St Osmund's Catholic Church, Gainford

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## Hogarth Partnership

St Anne, St Augustine, St Mary, St Osmund, St Teresa, St Thomas Aquinas, SS William & St Francis De Sale

### Welcome back to Mass

St. Osmund's will re-open for Parish Mass on Sunday 6th September 9.30 am, Tuesday 8th September 10.00am and each subsequent Sunday and Tuesday.

To meet the reduced capacity limit and the requirement for Track and Trace it will be necessary to book.

Parishioners will be socially distanced during Mass (2 people per pew) however, providing space is available family groups will be able to sit together.

### How to Book

A special booking answer phone number has been set up:

**07796 282216**

Please **text** the number above stating:

**Your Name:**

**Day you wish to attend**

**Number of individuals** or

**Number in Family Group** and

**Contact Phone Number**

**You will be contacted to let you know if a place is available.**

**See the back of this Bulletin on what to expect on return to church**

### The 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



#### Theme: A living sacrifice

*Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do. Romans 12: 2*

### Re-opening for Mass - Welcome News

St Osmund's will be re-opening for Mass on:

**Sunday 6th September, Tuesday 8th September**

and each subsequent Sunday and Tuesday until further notice.

To ensure appropriate social distancing the capacity of the church is reduced to 20 people and to meet the requirements for Track and Trace:

**It will be necessary to book in advance.**  
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At this point, although the churches are beginning to open up it is important to stress that no-one should feel any compulsion to return. The Catholic Bishops urge that we must 'tread carefully' and the Sunday obligation remains suspended. We all still have the opportunity to keep Sundays Holy, for example through On-line Mass, reading and reflection on scripture and, of course, remembering that Christ will not refuse us in a sincere Act of Spiritual Communion. (This Bulletin provides a weekly source.)

**Readings for: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. 30th August**

*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.*

**First reading Jeremiah 20:7-9****The word of the Lord has meant insult for me**

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

**Responsorial Psalm 62(63): 2-6,8-9****For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.

**Second reading Romans 12:1-2****Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice**

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

**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!****Gospel Matthew 16:21-27****'Get behind me, Satan!'**

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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**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.*

**Mass on-line**

*S t. Augustines Facebook - [Click here](#) Sun. 9.15 am  
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*

## Reflection on the readings

*Today's gospel continues directly from last Sunday's when Jesus asked his friends who he was for them. Peter responded by saying that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God. So far so good. Today Jesus continues the conversation by telling them him that he will suffer grievously, be put to death and that he will be raised three days later. However, Peter who last week, full of enthusiasm was on Jesus' side now begins to argue and disagree with what Jesus has just said. He takes Jesus aside and plainly says to him, 'Lord, this must not happen to you'. Despite his admiration and respect for Peter, Jesus wastes no time in responding, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path... if anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let them take up their cross and follow me'. This is the very opposite of the compliment that he paid Peter in last Sunday's gospel. So what are we to make of this conversation between Jesus and Peter?*

*Last Sunday's gospel was very upbeat and positive. Peter knows who Jesus is. Jesus calls him the Rock, on whom the church will be built. Now today Peter doesn't like what he hears from Jesus when he speaks about suffering, discipleship and the cross. For all Peter's enthusiasm and exuberance in proclaiming Jesus as the Christ, it only takes a few seconds for Jesus to rebuke him for thinking not as God thinks, but as humans do. Peter wants to be a follower of Jesus, but only on his own terms, not those of Jesus.*

*Maybe that's a bit like us, well it's definitely the way it is me. I am happy when Jesus is teaching, healing, and forgiving. I like Jesus the good shepherd, the bread of life and the light of the world. However, when Jesus talks about his own suffering and as a disciple I need to carry my own cross and follow him, I am not so happy! But I can't simply pick and chose the bits of being a follower of Jesus that I like and ignore the challenging and demanding parts of being his disciple. There no other way of saying this; with Jesus, it's all or nothing! To share in the new life of Jesus' resurrection, I am also called to carry my cross and experience his suffering. I can't have one without the other. There is no Easter Sunday without Good Friday.*

*This is where we can look to Peter for strength and encouragement. On one hand he proclaims Jesus as the Son of God. On the other hand he doesn't fully appreciate the path Jesus must travel. Peter is not a perfect disciple. He swings from enthusiastic faith to fearful doubt, perhaps much like you and I. Despite Peter's fear and objection to Jesus' suffering as well as denying him, Peter is forgiven and restored by Jesus and asked to lead the new group of believers until he finally gives his life for Jesus and his faith as a martyr in Rome.*

*Peter is a man we can look to and admire as someone just like us. He should bring us hope. Like him, none of us are perfect followers of Jesus. At times, we too fall and fail. We too are often reluctant to follow Jesus with our cross. We may at times even deny him. But Jesus never deserts us. Like Peter, if we can accept and live with our mistakes and at the same time remain faithful, Jesus can use our ordinary and sacred lives to build up and promote God's Kingdom and his Church.*

– Br Michael Moore OMI [www.oblates.ie](http://www.oblates.ie)

## Please remember in your prayers

Fr. Tony Duffy, and Elizabeth Leeman who have died recently.

Our GCSE, A-level and BTEC students who have recently received their examination results and are making decisions for their future.

All healthcare and key workers.

All who are impacted by the economic crisis caused by the pandemic.

More than 750,000 people have been affected by the terrible explosion in Beirut which has left families out on the street with no food, shelter or emergency medical care. Cafod emergency appeal: [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). [Click here](#)

Help us to be aware of the fears, anxiety, pain, sorrow, difficulties and uncertainty all refugees suffer, and to remember that we all belong to the same human family.

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Let us remember the people of the United States of America as they prepare for the coming Presidential Election, that they may make wise choices based on respect and dignity for all.

### The Sick of the Parish

Christopher Smith, Irene Mulholland, Cath Simpson, Patrick Doherty, Julie Hall, Joan Towers, Toni Neville and Fr. Wilfred Elkin.

### Children's Liturgy:

A Children's liturgy from Cafod for this Sunday can be found on our website. [www.stosmunds.co.uk](http://www.stosmunds.co.uk) or directly at Cafod [Click here](#)

You might also like to try the following site for a Children's Liturgy. It is hosted by a Primary School teacher from the Dunkeld diocese in Scotland. [Click here](#)

**Food Banks**

**The Well:** 46 East Green, West Auckland. DL14 9HJ.

Opening times: Wednesday-Friday 9am - 3pm

**Kings Food Bank:** King's Church, Prospect Place, Whessoe 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. If you happen to be passing, 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****Offertory**

**If you wish to make your donations directly to St. Osmund's.** Bank account details are: **HSBC: D.H & N Gainford St. Osmund's Account No. 41164015 Sort Code 40-34-18**  
**This is the only account for donations to St. Osmund's.**

Thank you to all who, in the absence of our usual weekly Offertory collections, have used the parish bank details in this Bulletin to continue their contributions. It is much appreciated. Thanks also to those who have continued with their regular standing orders. These are simple and secure ways of making an offering to the parish. If you wish to save your offerings until we return to church, this is also ok.

**Before Returning to Church**

Those who are *clinically extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable including those over 70*, are advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if they do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside of their household.

If you **suspect that you have Covid-19**, (high temperature, new persistent cough, lack of taste or smell) or if you are **living with someone who has or is suspected of having Covid-19**, you MUST self-isolate in accordance with HM Government guidance and contact the online 111 service to arrange for testing. If you have **returned from overseas** you should review the latest guidance from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. If you **test positive** for Covid-19 after having recently attended church, you MUST contact your Parish Priest.

**On Return to Church**

**On return to church we will all have to become familiar with new routines and new seats!!**

**We will have to book** before attending.

**Text: 07796 282216**

**with the details on the first page of this Bulletin.**

**All must wear a face covering**

**A state of the art hand sanitiser on entry!**

**Be guided to our place by a steward** - (Great service) social distancing- alternate pews will be used. Family groups will be able to sit together if space allows.

**We will remain seated throughout:** This is to maintain social distancing at all times during the prayer/service - for some of us our joints may welcome the break from kneeling.

**Mass will be shorter:** This is to minimise the time people are sharing the same indoor space.

**Communion:** The final blessing will be given before approaching Fr. Grieves. It will be socially distanced by receiving the Host on outstretched hands. No words will be spoken.

**Post Communion:** As the final blessing will have already been given, we will each immediately leave the church by the side door at the back of church.

**We are advised not to touch furniture or objects including statues as we move and not to stay around too long before leaving for home. There will be hand sanitising stations at appropriate places.**

**Charity Swim**

**On Sunday 13th September Matthew Mc Auley will be taking part in the Windermere One-way Swim**

The Windermere One Way Swim is **an epic 11 mile swim** that starts at Fell Foot at the southern end of the lake and finishes at Brathay Hall on the northern tip.

Matthew is raising funds for two charities:

**Young Minds and Spinal Muscular Atrophy.**

Any help to reach or exceed his targets for these two charities would be greatly appreciated.

**You can donate on his Justgiving page by:**

**[Clicking here](#)**

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

