

# St Osmund's Catholic Church, Gainford

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## Hogarth Partnership

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

**FoodBank: The Well:** 46 East Green, West Auckland. DL14 9HJ. Opening times: Wednesday-Friday 9am - 3pm  
Items may be left at the Foodbanks during their opening times or placed in St. Osmund's Church porch.

### Please Pray for:

**The sick of the Parish: Christopher Smith, Patrick Doherty, Joan Towers, Toni Neville, Ian Burns and Nico Human.**

### Tea & Coffee after Mass

As we are able to continue relaxing our Covid measure and progress safely toward normality; our weekly tea and coffee has been able to resume following the 9.30 Mass – all are most welcome to join this moment of fellowship as a parish.

### Second Collection – Sea Seafarers

Today there is a second collection for the work of Stella Maris (the Church's mission to those working at sea). Please see the posters at the back of church. Gift aid envelopes are available.

### Children's Liturgy

There are weekly sheets with activities for children available at the back of church. They can be used by children during the service.

**The children's Liturgy will be taking a break for the summer and will resume again after the holidays.**

### Children's Liturgy at home

A Children's Liturgy from Cafod can be found at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) [click here](#)

### 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.



**18th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**31st July**

**Theme: Riches before God**

*'Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!'*

*'Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.'*

### July: Month of the Precious Blood

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

### Peace for the people of Ukraine

We continue to pray earnestly for peace in Ukraine, joining the Holy Father in his consecration of Russia and Ukraine to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart – may her prayers bring a swift end to the conflict, and consolation to the bereaved and to the many thousands of refugees.

### Healing Mass: Wednesday 17th August 2.30pm at St. Anne's Church.

Celebrated by Brother Robert. After mass Coffee and Cake will be provided in the Church Hall.

### Liturgical Formation and Days of Reflection

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission is pleased to share their Autumn calendar for Liturgical Formation and Days of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers. Please visit [bit.ly/Liturgy2022](http://bit.ly/Liturgy2022)

### Encountering the Holy Spirit

The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the 'Encountering the Holy Spirit' booklet, which is the third of a series of reflection booklets to accompany the Year of the Eucharist. The booklet is available on the Diocesan website from the following link: <https://bit.ly/3R2gJRZ>

**Readings and Reflection****18th Sunday of Ordinary Time****31st July****First reading Ecclesiastes 1:2,21-23****Vanity of vanities; all is vanity**

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm 89(90): 3-6,12-14,17****O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.**

You turn men back to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream, like the grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

**Second reading Colossians 3:1-5,9-11****You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image

there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn17:17****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel Luke 12:13-21****Fool! This very night your soul will be demanded of you**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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**Feast days this week**

**Monday 1st August:** St. Alphonse Mary de' Ligouri

**Tuesday 2nd August:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli

**Wednesday 3rd August:** St. Germanus of Auxerre (Wales)

**Thursday 4th August:** St. John Mary Vianney

**Friday 5th August:** Dedication of the basilica of St. Mary Major

**Saturday 6th August:** The Transfiguration of the Lord

**Reflection on the Readings****17th Sunday of Ordinary Time****24th July**

*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.*

***If I were a rich man***

*“What does it profit us to have gained the whole world, and to have lost or ruined our own self?” (Lk 9:25). “Our life is not made secure by what we own, even when we have more than we need” (Lk 12:15). A worthy and purposeful life focus merely on heaping up money or a material legacy. The rich man in the parable believed his future was secure, and that his good fortune was entirely due to his own merits. It must have come as a shock to learn that his life was God’s to give and God’s to take away. We might even feel a sneaking admiration for this industrious man. There is in all of us some streak of greed and covetousness, wanting to own things at all costs.*

*Greed can spring from lack of love, and many people try to fill that void with property and celebrity. There is ample evidence of this on every side. The clamour of the rat-race, an obsessive scramble to advance by fair means or foul, the demands of already well-paid professionals for higher salaries, backed by the withdrawal of service if these demands are not met. Jesus opposes such self-seeking and wants us to face the question: What are my hopes for the life hereafter?*

*The rich fool spent his energies on piling riches upon riches. The other extreme would be to see no value at all in working for a living. “Why bother with service since life is so short, and we can be fed at public expense?” Living off state benefits is not a valid vocational option. That tendency existed among some in the early Church, who thought that the second coming of Christ was so near that work was superfluous. Saint Paul, usually so concerned with spiritual growth, shows himself a pragmatist on this matter. “If anyone refuses to work, he should not eat.”*

*Virtue is usually midway between extremes. We should apply this to our appetite for money. On the one hand we have the voluntary poverty of Jesus; born in a place used to house animals; he left this world owning nothing, stripped even of his clothes before being crucified. On the other side, we need some worldly goods, a place to live and money to live on. And there are many ways to use money responsibly. Someone rich who uses that wealth to provide worthwhile employment, is doing more than one who claims to believe the gospel but does nothing for the welfare of others.*

*We “lay up treasure in heaven”, by living with integrity, not only honouring God but also caring for our neighbour. To live a good, honourable life we need to put to death our vices, especially greed which is like worshipping a false god. Nothing can better show the relativity of money than the question, “This pile of yours, when death comes knocking – whose shall it be?”*

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

