

# St Osmund's Catholic Church, Gainford

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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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

### Please remember in your prayers

**The sick of the parish:** Christopher Smith, Irene Mulholland, Elizabeth Leeman, Cath Simpson, Patrick Doherty, Julie Hall, Joan Towers, Toni Neville and Fr. Wilfred Elkin.

All healthcare professionals and key workers who are putting themselves at risk as they attend to the needs of other people.

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

We pray along with Pope Francis and the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales for the grace to overcome evil and racism in America, our own country and around the world

### 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)

Cafod do a live Children's Liturgy at 10.00am on Sundays. Register at <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>.

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](#)

Please keep sending in pictures and letters from the Children's Liturgy to Fr. Grieves or e-mail: [enquiries@stosmunds.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stosmunds.co.uk)

### Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust - Family Spiritual Resources

This is an excellent site that links many of the Secondary and Primary Schools in our area. It includes resources such as Daily Prayer and activities for pupils.

<https://liturgy.bishophogarthcet.org.uk>

A Family Act of Spiritual Communion can be found on our website [www.stosmunds.co.uk](http://www.stosmunds.co.uk)

## The 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul

#### Theme: Cups of water are rewarded

*Grant us, O Lord, that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread and in the teaching of the Apostles, we may be one heart and one soul, made steadfast in your love. Through Christ our Lord.*



### June: The Month of the Sacred Heart

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I Place all my trust in You*

## Reopening of Churches - Next Steps

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has welcomed the governments decision that churches can be reopened for public worship from 4th July.

There will not be a return to normality overnight, with a likely phased reopening of churches. The Cardinal said:

*"It is important that we continue to abide by the guidance, given by the Government, on appropriate social distancing and the other measures to avoid all unnecessary risk. Our own detailed guidance will be distributed around dioceses and parishes so everyone can be confident that they may come to Mass securely and understand the part they are to play in protecting each other from any remaining risk of infection."*

Currently we are awaiting guidance from The Catholic bishops. Reopening of churches will be dependent on diocesan approval. Each parish must have in place a detailed Risk Assessments and safety measures to protect parishioners and prevent a second wave of Covid - 19. In a message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of England we are reminded that "A significant number of churches may remain closed ..." It is a precondition that churches are able to meet the requirements for opening for individual prayer prior to opening for worship.

### Planning for Reopening of St. Osmund's - Next Steps

A Parish Council meeting has taken place this week with a group established to consider what can be done immediately in anticipation of the new guidance and to form an Action Plan, once the details have been received from the Catholic bishops and the diocese. We would like to be as ready as we can be when the diocese begins the gradual and phased reopening of churches.

Up-to-date information on progress within the parish will be available in the Weekly Bulletin and on the Parish Website: [www.st.osmunds.co.uk](http://www.st.osmunds.co.uk)

## Food Banks

**The Well:** 46 East Green, West Auckland. DL14 9HJ. Opening times: Tuesday and Friday 9.00 -12.00 noon

**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 the details are:

**HSBC 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.*

**Remember: there is no need to drop your offerings off at Church.**

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



**Until next time**

## Live streamed services this week include:

**Hogarth Partnership:** from St. Augustines at 9.15 am; on their Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/staugustineschurchdarlington](http://www.facebook.com/staugustineschurchdarlington)

**Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle:** Daily mass and other services throughout the diocese: [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**Walsingham live:** [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

**Vatican** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefylog9A5SGWA4FvGIA>

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**Other Churches throughout the UK and Ireland:**

[www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now](http://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now)

## Little Sisters of the Poor:

Have launched a vital fundraising appeal, in response to the increased pressures faced by St. Joseph's Care Home during the current Covid 19 pandemic. This is the home that looked after Fr. Melia. To find out how you can help, go to the diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or follow this link. [Click here](#)

## Cafod Emergency Appeal Covid 19

While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal)

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Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic?

You can get in touch via e-mail at

[adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk) or Telephone:

07375934713

## No Internet - No Problem

### Mass by Phone Service

During these times when our churches are closed and masses are being streamed online, the Diocese of Middlesbrough have set up a system to allow people who do not have internet access to listen to Mass over the telephone. 12.00 noon. If you would like to access, the telephone number to call is **01642 130120**.

## The Vicariate for Faith & Mission are able to provide copies of

**lockdown prayer resources** to those without internet access and contact for those who are thinking about becoming a Catholic. Please contact the Vicariate by ringing 07375 934713,

## Counselling and Listening Services

As part of the pastoral care of parishioners and others during this COVID-19 lockdown, a number of qualified counsellors and listeners have generously made themselves available to anyone who may be troubled by the negative effects of the situation. These counsellors and listeners can be contacted through the St Mary's Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.

## Keep in Contact

It is important to keep in touch in these unusual times. Keeping in contact with other parishioners through a telephone call, e-mail, text or social media is a simple way to show that we care. Receiving a call, message or seeing a friendly face on our phone, tablet or computer can be a real tonic. Visit the Parish website for more news and information. [www.stosmunds.co.uk](http://www.stosmunds.co.uk)

Don't forget: If you have any prayer intentions, news, information, questions, or if you have a special birthday or celebration and would like a mention please get in touch. It is important to have the persons authority to do this. Please send a message to: [enquiries@st.osmunds.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@st.osmunds.co.uk) In particular, let us know if you are aware of anyone who may be feeling isolated or could benefit from some help, by contacting the above e-mail address, or Fr. Grieves on 01325 730191

**Readings for: The 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Ss Peter and Paul - 28th June**

*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 Acts 12: 1-11****'Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod'**

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33(34): 2-9****From all my terrors the Lord set me free.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;

let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called, the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

**Second reading 2Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18****All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that

Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.

And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Matthew 16: 13-19****You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

*Today, as a church we are remembering and celebrating two of God's most unlikely heroes; Peter and Paul. Each in their own way carried on the mission and ministry of Jesus as they proclaimed the gospel through their words and actions as missionary disciples in the early church. We have to be very careful that we don't simply worship, and praise them from afar as if they were or are totally different than we are today. They are role models of what it means to be a follower of Jesus today. Jesus called Peter who denied him and Paul who persecuted him to be his witnesses; so why wouldn't the same Jesus call you and me today to be his witness and followers? Are we so different from these two men? Perhaps, when we hear Jesus call us by our name, we might say Who me or Why me? Maybe that's what Peter and Paul both said when Jesus called them by their name! We say, Lord, 'Why me?' Jesus says, 'Why not you?.' What is Jesus calling me to do today? **Extract from daily reflection - [www.oblates.ie](http://www.oblates.ie)***

**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.

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**Latest News: We will need to have a group of volunteers approved by the diocese to enable us**



**to reopen St Osmund's**

### **Notice from the diocese - Volunteers wanted to support the reopening of churches**

We have been asked to start preparations for a gradual re-opening of our churches. Providing a safe and COVID secure space for prayer and worship is our utmost priority at this time, and you could have a part to play in this.

To ensure that churches reopen in a safe and timely manner, we will require assistance from you, our parishioners, and therefore we are asking for volunteers from across the parish/partnership. Could you give up a few hours of your time each week to volunteer at one of our churches? This may be at any of our churches across our parish/partnership; you can indicate a preference on the form.

The Diocese has produced guidance for the re-opening of churches and full training will be given.

- If you are in the [clinically extremely vulnerable group](#), you must not volunteer at this time.
- If you are in the [clinically vulnerable group](#) you could be at a higher risk of severe illness from Covid-19.
- For more information please [read page 3 of our handbook for the reopening of churches](#) which includes links to HM Government guidance.

### **St Osmund's appeal for volunteers**

We can only open our church with your help. As we return to worship things will be very different. We will need a good pool of volunteers to ensure that we all look after each other and keep safe. Additional volunteers as, Ushers, Welcomers and cleaners for before and after services and prayer will be required.

Please do consider volunteering and if you are interested in volunteering at St. Osmund's, please reply with an expression of interest to the parish e-mail address: [enquiries@stosmunds.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stosmunds.co.uk) and we will contact you with further information as it is received from the diocese

**If you can help please do (The reflection on the scripture reading in this Bulletin is very appropriate .)**