

# 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:** Patrick Doherty, Nico Human, Alexandra Jüngst, Kate Konig, Patrick Heffernan, Hilary Fletcher, Mike Griffiths, Luca Gallucci, Pat Aveson and Susan Hunton

### 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.

### Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times. Details of our Parish Safeguarding Representative can be found on the notice board in the porch and the Parish Centre, or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on [0191 2433305](tel:01912433305) or at [safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)

**Jubilee 2025:** We celebrate this year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation, seeking to be Pilgrims of Hope There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at <https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>. To aid your journey through this jubilee year, **copies of a companion booklet are available at the back of church.** A donation of £1 is suggested.



## June: Month of the Sacred Heart

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**Theme: Plenty for all**

*Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied*

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

**Sunday 22nd June 9.30am**

**Saturday 28th June 6.30pm**

**Saturday 5th July 6.30pm**

**Sunday 13th July 9.30am**

**Saturday 19th July 6.30pm**

### Children's Liturgy

**There will be a Children's Liturgy on Sunday 13th July**

### 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.*



**Congratulations to Ava, Florence, and Georgie who make their first Holy Communion today.**

*May God bless you all as you make this important step in your relationship with him.*

# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

22nd June

First reading Genesis 14:18-20

**He offered bread and wine.**

In those days: Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. And he blessed Abram and said, ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!’ And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Responsorial Psalm 110(109):1-4 R4bc

**You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.**

The Lord’s revelation to my lord:  
‘Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your foes your footstool.’

The Lord will send from Sion  
your sceptre of power:  
rule in the midst of your foes.

With you is princely rule  
on the day of your power.  
In holy splendour, from the womb before the dawn,  
I have begotten you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change:  
‘You are a priest for ever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.’

Second reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**‘For as often as you eat and drink, you proclaim the Lord’s death.’**

Brothers and Sisters: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Sequence

**Lauda, Sion**

*The shorter form of the sequence.*

Angels’ bread made pilgrims’ feeding  
truly bread for children’s eating,  
to dogs not to be offered.

Signed by Isaac on the altar,  
by the lamb and paschal supper,  
and in the manna figured.  
Jesu, food and feeder of us,  
here with mercy feed and friend us,  
then grant in heaven felicity.

Lord of all, who here do feed us,  
heav’nly guests, heirs, fellows make us,  
in eternal company.

Amen. Alleluia.

*St Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), translated by St Robert Southwell (c.1561-1595)*

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Luke 9:11b-17

**All ate and were satisfied.**

At that time: Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing. Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him, ‘Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.’ But he said to them, ‘You give them something to eat.’ They said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, ‘Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.’ And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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**Feast Days this week**

**Monday 23rd June:** St Etheldreda

**Tuesday 24th June:** The Nativity of John the Baptist

**Friday 27th June:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Saturday 28th June:** The Immaculate Heart of Mary

**The Cycle of Prayer**

**Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights**

**Background**

The intention is inspired by the Feast of St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 June).

**Prayer**

*O God, who in your inscrutable providence  
will that the Church be united  
to the sufferings of your Son,  
grant, we pray, to your faithful  
who suffer for your name’s sake  
a spirit of patience and charity,  
that they may be found true and faithful witnesses  
to the promises you have made.*

**Roman Missal**

***The table of fellowship***

*Sitting together for a meal can generate a special feeling of togetherness. Each of us will have our own memories of table companionship or fellowship. Many of these will be happy experiences of celebration and laughter, of love received and shared. Some memories of table fellowship may be sad, times when we were more aware of one who was absent than of those who were present. Jesus shared table many times with his disciples. It is likely that, when sharing food with his disciples, he also shared with them his vision of God's kingdom. At table, the disciples imbibed something of Jesus' mind and heart and spirit. Of all the meals he shared with them, the meal that stayed in their memory more than any other was their last meal together, what came to be known as the last supper. Today's gospel gives us Mark's account, his word-picture, of that last supper.*

*This last meal Jesus shared with his disciples stood out in their memory, capturing the imagination of generations of disciples right up to ourselves. He did more than share his vision with the disciples; he gave them himself in a way he had never done before, and in a way that anticipated the death he would die for them and for all, on the following day. In giving himself in the form of the bread and wine of the meal, he was declaring himself to be their food and drink. In calling on them to take and eat, to take and drink, he was asking them to take their stand with him, to give themselves to him as he was giving himself to them.*

*It was because of that supper and of what went on there that we are here in this church today. Jesus intended his last supper to be a beginning rather than an end. It was the first Eucharist. Ever since that meal, the church has gathered regularly in his name, to do and say what he did and said at that last supper — taking bread and wine, blessing both, breaking the bread and giving both for disciples to eat and drink.*

*Jesus continues to give himself as food and drink to his followers. He also continues to put it up to his followers to take their stand with him, to take in all he stands for, living by his values, walking in his way, even if that means the cross. Whenever we come to Mass and receive the Eucharist, we are making a number of important statements. We are acknowledging Jesus as our bread of life, as the one who alone can satisfy our deepest hungers. We are also declaring that we will throw in our lot with him, as it were, that we will follow in his way and be faithful to him all our lives, in response to his faithfulness to us. In that sense, celebrating the Eucharist is not something we do lightly. Our familiarity with the Mass and the frequency with which we celebrate it can dull our senses to the full significance of what we are doing. Every time we gather for the Eucharist, we find ourselves once more in that upper room with the first disciples, and the last supper with all it signified is present again to us.*

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**Prayer for Pope Leo XIV**

Lord of life, love and hope, we thank you for the election of our new Pope.

Watch over, protect and bless Pope Leo XIV

We pray that, led by the Holy Spirit, his faithful witness will be a beacon of hope in our fragile and often divided world.

May the joy of the Gospel inspire him with compassionate understanding so that, together, we can be peacemakers and life-givers.

May Pope Leo be a good and courageous shepherd, concerned for “the least, the last and the lost” of “every tribe and tongue and people and nation”. Guide him to be a leader after your own heart, which is more loving than we can possibly imagine.

We ask you, Lord, to surround Pope Leo with people of pastoral wisdom as he adjusts to his new role. Fill him with confidence in the power of prayer. Help us to help him.

Amen.

**Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ – Romans**

Back in March we looked at how the New Testament contains a number of letters, a new form of biblical book, written by the early leaders of the Church to different local congregations giving them guidance. The first of these is the Epistle to the Romans, it's worth noting that the order is merely a convention and doesn't reflect chronological order, indeed within S. Paul's letters they were merely placed in order of length (Romans being the longest and thus the first).

Written around 58 to the church which was developing at Rome. Of course, at that time Rome was the capital of the Empire and the most significant city in the known world. Unlike most of his writings, it was not written to a local church which he had founded; however, he was planning to make a visit to Rome and wrote in advance to prepare the ground for his travels. The local church there appears to have been a mixture of Jewish converts (there was a significant Jewish community in Rome at the time) as well as gentiles.

This epistle is usually regarded as S. Paul's greatest work, as well as his longest; for example, the modern scholar N.T. Wright compares it to 'an Alpine peak towering over hills and villages.'

Romans has often been seen as the epistle of 'grace', that is to say the fruit which flow to us from God's work in the world. In particular Romans speaks of the contrast between the salvation freely offered by grace, and any attempt to earn our own salvation through works of the law. To do this it begins with an account of humanity without God's intervention, alienated and indeed hostile to him since Adam – from this helpless position, we are given the chance to be raised up and brought back into union with God, through the work of Christ. To gain this we need to have faith in God, this is a free gift and not something which we can earn. We open ourselves to faith, and receive is particularly through baptism, and thus are brought back into a right relationship with God.

There has been a conflict on the precise nature of this between Catholics (and indeed Orthodox) and protestants. Martin Luther and his followers interpret 'works of the law' as meaning any human action; whereas the older understanding was that S. Paul was distinguishing attempts to gain God's approval by following the Old Testament law, rather than relying on God. In this Catholic understanding, when we receive faith, this inspires us to do good works, out of love for God, and in the strength which he gives to us, and these good works do assist our salvation.

From this account of being brought into grace, he continues by relating the sort of life which a Christian should live. This life is one of transformation, the encounter with God and his grace is one which cannot leave a person unchanged. By freeing us from our sins God gives us the strength to grow into a new creation, one which increasingly wants to do that which is right. At the heart of this, love (God's love for us, our love for him in return, and then our love for those around us) becomes the main force which guides our lives – "love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law" (*Romans 13:10*).

That transformation, begun by God, assisted by our co-operation with his graces, is the great challenge of the Christian life. We pray that our hearts are open to God and his guidance, so that we may be transformed and live truly under his grace. – **Fr. Thomas**.

**Witness: Sharing Our Faith in Today's World – A Year of Jubilee Formation Opportunity****Saturday 28 June, 9.20am - 1.30pm, Emmaus Village**

Are you terrified by the idea of evangelisation? Do you dread people asking you about the Church?

All are welcome to join us for: a day of sharing experiences and fears; an insight into how to deal with tough questions and 10 things that might help when talking to people about your faith!

This witness formation event will lead into the Significance Festival with Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen at 3pm followed by a BBQ, live music and ceilidh.

For more information and booking details visit: <https://bit.ly/DHNWitness-Significance> or contact the Formation & Mission team at [adminfaith.mission@diocesohn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesohn.org.uk) or call 0191 243 3316.

**School Governors** – please take a moment to look at the poster in the porch regarding schools governors, and consider whether this could be a way in which you would be willing to help in the life and mission of the Church.

**Second Collection – next week**, the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, there will be a second collection for Peter's Pence, which supports the work and charities of the Holy See.

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

