

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 26(B)

### From Father Anthony

Summer held on with blue sky, puffs of white cloud and a blazing hot sun. The tide was out. We combed pebbles and vast sandy beaches for sea glass, petted dogs, chatted to their owners and managed to walk round a normally impassable promontory of rock. The sight was breathtaking. A spotless curved beach of golden sand framed by sheer high cliffs. Normally it was dangerously cut off at both ends unless the tide was right out: and the tide turned, so we reluctantly retraced our steps... only to find we had been beaten by it at our farther exit. I had miscalculated, missed the mark! I thanked God for some old sea stairs cut into the promenade wall; they saved the day and kept us dry!

If your hand, foot or eye should cause you to sin cut it off. Sounds barbaric and not worthy of a loving God. But, for the ancient semitic mind the hand is what we create with: a tool of the mind. The feet bring harmony and balance and the eye perception and insight. So, if your mind mis-creates, or you are out of balance or your perception and insight are awry, causing you to sin (miss the mark, get it wrong) then change them, cut them off... we call it repentance.

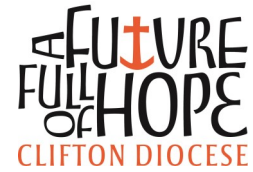
One way we sin or miss the mark, is in our understanding of who Jesus is. In the minds of many He is just another holy man, a good person, an 'ascended master' and so on. This increasingly prevalent view cuts us off from who He actually is - the unknowable God made visible, known and approachable: the Person out of and through whom the universe and all else comes into being. Coming into His Presence is often coming into a mental idea of who we think He is. This we need to cut off, otherwise it is a false Jesus we accept and teach to others... the little ones in the Gospel.

Like Moses we must have a first hand experience of who He actually is. We must climb the mountain and meet Him as He is and on his own terms, i.e. in spirit. Having had a real experience of Him then, like Moses communicating Him to the seventy elders, we will be able to communicate Him to others. Our journey begins with prayer where He communicates Himself to us.

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY 2024 - 4 OCTOBER

Gift Aid envelopes are available this weekend for this collection. For more please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Next weekend - bring food item/s (tinned and packaged) to Mass to be



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### OUR CHURCHES

**St Osmund**

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**St Gregory & the English Martyrs**

St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

**Chapel of the Good Shepherd**

Barford Lane, Downton SP5 3QA

### NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online at:

<https://salisbury Catholics.org>

"Registration/update"

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH THIS YEAR?

**Lots and lots and lots!** After the success of our Parish Planner last year, we have prepared one again for this year to bring together in one location the details of all the liturgies, groups, talks and events we have lined up from now until July 2025. We had hoped to have this ready for you by the beginning of September but it had to be delayed as certain things needed to change once we became aware that our clergy would also be serving the parish of St George in Warminster. Thank you for bearing with us whilst we made those changes.

It is by spending time together, praying together, working together and supporting one another that we receive the strength and grace to co-operate in the upbuilding of the Kingdom here on earth. We invite all parishioners to commit themselves anew to participating in the life of the parish as much as possible during this coming year. At the time of writing this, the Parish Planner is only available digitally (by email and on the parish website, click on the 'Parish Planner' button on our homepage). In the coming days it will appear on our Parish App and printed copies will be distributed via our Churches. So, pour yourself a cuppa, get out your diary and pencil in all those things that will help you and your family grow in faith in the coming year.

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

**Family of Faith** Starting on Sunday 20 October, we are launching a new 'Family of Faith' community, which will be open to families with children in Years 2 to 5. This will include, but not be limited to, those preparing to make their **First Holy Communion**. Meeting on Sunday mornings, after the 9am Masses, at our Parish Centre on Exeter Street. There will be a time of prayer, followed by separate activities for children, and input and discussion for parents, finishing at 12 noon. Please register your interest by clicking on 'Family of Faith' on our homepage or [click here](#). More resources will be added to this web page as they become available.

**Family of Faith Volunteer Training Day** Thankyou to all our volunteers who attended last Saturday's training day at the Parish Centre. The day led by Georgia Clarke was in preparation for our upcoming 'Family of Faith' programme and was attended by those who have offered to help us run both the programme on Sunday mornings, and Youth Group on Wednesday evenings. It is NOT TOO LATE to volunteer to help! Contact the parish office or speak to Fr Joseph if you'd like support this really important development. We have a lovely photo of the entire group on our '[Family of Faith](#)' page.

**Youth Group** has got off to an AMAZING start with lots of young people joining together for the first two sessions. The next session is on Wednesday 2 October at the **Parish Centre** at 6.30pm. Do you want to join? This is for anyone in Years 8 - 11 to meet up, relax, play games, chat about faith, ask questions, and pray. Know a young person that would like to come? Give them a nudge..if transport is a problem, let us know, we may be able to help you arrange lift-sharing. All the dates can be found by clicking on 'Youth Group' on our homepage or [click here](#).

**YOUTH Pilgrim Walk to Shaftesbury Abbey** All teenagers. Fr Joseph is leading a pilgrimage walk between Wardour Castle and Shaftesbury Abbey, on Sunday 6 October. It's about 8 miles easy going along an ancient pilgrim way - those who don't perish by the wayside will get a pilgrim's stamp from the Abbey (and maybe an ice cream, and definitely God's grace!). Depending on numbers, we can arrange transport to the departure point. To register please visit <https://forms.office.com/e/cbEtxV1r5a>

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR ADULTS

**Men's Breakfast** The first will be on Saturday 26 October 8am to 10am at the Parish Centre. Starting with a short prayer, a cooked breakfast and short talk by a guest speaker. Tickets will be £10. Contact Deacon John Proctor if you plan to attend so that he can make the catering arrangements.

**Radiant** A new group for women. The next get-together is on Friday 22 November, Mass at 7pm (St Osmund) followed by food, conversation and faith sharing till 9.30pm in the comfortable setting of the Parish Centre. For information contact Xanthe 07904 589360 or click on 'Radiant' on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Bible Timeline Talks** Save the dates! This promises to be a really fascinating series of 8 talks on Wednesday nights, beginning on 9 October, at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. These talks will give an overview of the whole Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, and to see how our favourite characters and stories fit together in the overall narrative. Hopefully, they will also become a way of opening up a deeper relationship with God through His Word, especially as we prepare to adopt the new translation of the Lectionary (readings at Mass) from this Advent. For more click on the 'The Bible Timeline' button on the homepage or [click here](#).

**First Friday Talks** - Videos of the talks appear on our website; click on 'First Friday Talks' or [click here](#). The next talk will be next Friday 4 October after the 7pm Mass in the Parish Centre by Rev Philip Rhoades on 'Hospital Chaplaincy'. All welcome, no need to book.

**Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré)** has returned on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre excluding the last Tuesday in the month when you are invited to the monthly 'Evening Supper' (see below).

**Evening Supper** next Tuesday 1 October will be a Harvest Supper at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. If you would like to join us please email or phone any of our Deacons.

**My Generation** Wednesday 2 October 2024 for Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

## SHARING OUR FAITH

**Journey in Faith** has now restarted. These sessions are for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. The next session is this Sunday 29 September at 10.30am at the Parish Centre. Do contact Dave Blake via the Parish Office [office@salisbury Catholics.org](mailto:office@salisbury Catholics.org) if you are interested in joining. For more click on 'Journey in Faith' on our homepage or [click here](#)

**Confirmation 2025** If you have a child that is in Year 9 or above who may be interested in finding out more about this programme, **there is a mandatory pre-Enrolment meeting for Parents & Candidates on Tuesday 8 October at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms**. For more information and dates click on 'Confirmation' on our homepage or [click here](#). If you are registered with the parish and have a child in Year 9 you should also have received an email about this.

**Baptism Preparation Course** The next course at St Gregory is now starting one week later on 13 October (and then 20 & 27) with 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the sacristy. To request a Baptism for your child, click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#). All the course dates can be found by clicking on 'Baptism' on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Baptism** of Avery James Hammond will occur next Sunday 6 October at the 9am Mass St Gregory.

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 26 Psalter 2

### Saturday 28 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Personal Intentions

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Julia - in sickness

### SUNDAY 29 September

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

09:00 St Osmund MASS Agnes and David Yao & family

11:00 St Osmund MASS Caroline Gibbons RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS

### Monday 30 September Saint Jerome

10:00 St Osmund MASS

### Tuesday 1 October Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

10:00 St Osmund MASS

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 2 October Holy Guardian Angels

10:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving - Tessy Jose

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

### Thursday 3 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Barry Shrimpton RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Friday 4 October

10:00 St Gregory MASS Frank Detain & John Brook RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Delma Dileep RIP

### Saturday 5 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Derek Boston RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Clive Bogie RIP

## RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after the 10am Mass & Saturdays  
17:30 until Mass

St Osmund: On the first Saturday of the month from 9am to 12  
noon, and on other Saturdays after the 10am Mass

## PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

### Pope Francis Intention for October

#### For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people. - [Click here](#)

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** We pray for the parishes of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Chippenham) and St Patrick (Corsham).

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

John (Sean) Coady, Ruby Spokes, Hansel Antony D'Cruz, Ross Burns and Dr Graham Heeley who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We also pray for all those in our parish currently facing ill-health that they will be granted comfort, healing and strength.

#### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:

*Numbers 11:25-29*

*Psalm 18:8,10,12-14*

**The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

*James 5:1-6*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

*Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48*

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS** For baptisms please register your application [click here](#). For more information contact Deacon John Proctor or Deacon Stephen Godwin.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** If you have a child who is coming to Mass regularly, for whom preparation for First Communion may be appropriate, please use our online form to register your interest. [Click here](#)

**CONFIRMATION** If you have a child in Year 9 or above please do attend the pre-enrolment meeting on Tuesday 8 October 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. For more information [click here](#).

**MARRIAGES** Please speak to the priest for guidance.

**FUNERALS** Do your family know your wishes with regards to your funeral? Registered parishioners can provide these details which are scanned and stored confidentially with your parishioner record and can be given to families at the appropriate time. Contact Desiree for more details:  
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