

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

Part of the Clifton Diocese: Registered Charity 1170168 Company No 10462074

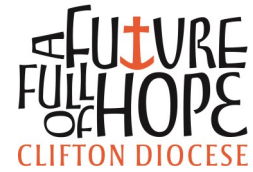
ORDINARY TIME WEEK 27(B)

From Father Anthony

After a spell on the beach we made our way across country to a factory outlet park. What a contrast! It could have been anywhere in the world; another *Mall* thronged with people buying things they probably did not need with bits of plastic representing money they probably did not have! But, we had some excellent fish and chips. A man sat with his baby daughter outside a coffee shop; he was feeding her out of a little bowl. She looked around smiling, watching people and occasionally opening her mouth to receive the proffered spoon... the most natural thing in the world.

Jesus tells us that childlike faith (*not childish*) recognises the Kingdom of Heaven. It's not that children are full of humility, innocent and full of Holy fervour; very often they are not. But, they do have a quality of *receiving* without feeling they have to earn what they receive. They trustingly throw all their burdens onto mum or dad as if it is the most natural thing in the world; as if to say, *you fix it*. Contrast the children's approach to Jesus for a blessing, with the approach of the Disciples, fending them off, or the Pharisees trying to catch Him out... the fixed rational positions, arrogance, and assumptions of equality. What is our approach?

Jesus is not a fictitious character, another name from history. He is Ever Present God made Man. Genuine spiritual practice cultivates a deep natural sense of His *real presence*: a presence as tangible as the person next to us (*not the presence of an intellectual image*). In this presence, with childlike confidence and faith, we pass all our burdens, worries and concerns to Him. This is not *copping out*; it is the meaning of *thy will be done*... in other words, *you do it*. But like mum and dad it has to be done their (*His*) way because they know best: He knows best! Thus, we cultivate *trust* like children with their parents. Easily said, I know! But, our relationship with Jesus has to be this close, this real: this *is* the reason for spiritual practice. Even formal prayer, (*not the Prayer of the Church*) meditation and spiritual reading - profitable as they are - can form a barrier between us and God; who would say a formal prayer to someone sitting next to them! You would just talk to them... surely!



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Anthony B Paris VF (Parish Priest)
01722 333581 or 07544 053785
anthony.paris@cliftondiocese.com

Rev Jonathan Creer (Pastor of Sarum
Ordinatee & Assistant Priest)
07724 896579
jonathan.creer@cliftondiocese.com

Rev Joseph Columba Meigh
(Assistant Priest)
01722 333581
joseph.meigh@cliftondiocese.com

Rev John Detain (Deacon)
01722 415588
john.detain@cliftondiocese.com

Rev Stephen Godwin (Deacon)
07583 254488
stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com

Rev John Proctor (Deacon)
07802 631968
john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com

Parish Office

Monday & Tuesday 0900 - 1600
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday & Friday 0900 - 1600

01722 562703

Caroline Williams
caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com

Désirée Coups
office@salisburycatholics.org

Tony Peters-Ennis
outreach@salisburycatholics.org

OUR CHURCHES

St Osmund
95 Exeter Street SP1 2SF

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://salisburycatholics.org>
"Registration/update"

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR ADULTS

BIBLE TIMELINE

Starts Wednesday at 7pm in the St Osmund's Parish Rooms (Green door)

First talk: Why is it so hard to read the Bible? Guest speaker: Stuart Ford (from the Bible Society)

Many Catholics do realise the importance of reading Scripture, but we give up quickly because it can seem so confusing and disorientating. If you've ever been puzzled by something you've heard in the readings at Mass, or you feel like you don't really know what most of the Bible is actually about... you're not alone! This 8-week course is designed to help all of us get more familiar with the Bible, so that we can understand more of what we hear at Mass, and deepen our prayer-relationship with God through His Word. As St Jerome said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". So we really hope to see you on Wednesday night — and feel free to bring a friend! Tea & Coffee will be served from 6.40pm onwards for a prompt start at 7pm.

Men's Breakfast 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. [Click here](#) to visit the event and to complete the form if you plan to attend or click on this link <https://forms.gle/zzGjety9e91aQSRz8>

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](#).

First Friday Talks - Videos of the talks are on our website; click on 'First Friday Talks' or [click here](#). The talk on Friday 4 Oct after the 7pm Mass is by Rev Philip Rhoades on 'Hospital Chaplaincy' in the Parish Rooms.

Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré) 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'.

Justice & Peace Group are meeting next on Monday 14 October at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. There will be a discussion on Red Wednesday and a showing of the film 'The True Cost' which is about the clothes we wear, the people who make them, and the impact the industry is having on our world. All are most welcome.

PARISH PLANNER 2024 - 2025

Thank you so much for all the positive responses to the online/parish app version of the Parish Planner for the current year. Not seen it yet? [Click here](#) The printed version is not quite ready - we are still sorting out a few important details that have been affected by the decision that Warminster parish will be served from Salisbury but we hope to have printed copies ready by next weekend.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Retiring collection this weekend. For the promotional video and other ways to donate please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Feast of Saint John Henry Newman 9 October - [Click here](#) or on the image in the Top News box

Apologies to our live stream viewers for the loss of sound at the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses at St. Osmund last Sunday 29 September this was due to a settings error which is now fixed.

St Osmund's Lost Property Please claim by the end of the month or all suitable items will go to charity.

Got an unused mobile phone lying in a drawer..? Please see the Youth notices overleaf.

Fr Alan Finley will be baptising Avery James Hammond this Sunday 6 October during the 9am Mass at St Gregory. Every one is invited into the hall afterwards for tea and cake.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

Family of Faith We are really excited about the imminent launch of our 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**.

When? Sunday mornings *every other week* during term time after the 9am Masses at our Parish Centre on Exeter Street from Sunday 20 October onwards.

What will happen? There will be a time of prayer, followed by separate activities for children, and input and discussion for parents, finishing at 12 noon.

How do I find out more? We held an information evening via Zoom this week and some of the content shared during that session is now available [here](#) along with plenty more information. Click on 'Family of Faith' on our homepage. More resources will be added to this web page as they become available.

Youth Group has got off to a really great start with a good turnout both sessions so far. After the games and hang-out time this week we had a speaker and there were plenty of questions and discussion that followed. We meet again on Wednesday 9 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 may like to come? Give them a nudge. All information on our website or [click here](#).

Got an unused mobile phone/handset lurking in a drawer? As our youth ministry is taking off now, we are increasingly going to be taking young people away on trips and need a dedicated mobile device for emergency contact and to communicate with them via WhatsApp groups etc. We've looked at buying a new handset (and we will do this, of course, if we need to!) but before we purchase one we're hoping that maybe someone is about to upgrade theirs and has a perfectly serviceable/relatively modern 'old' one.. If you do, please contact the parish office. Don't have a old phone? Perhaps you have a **beanbag, or a teen-style cushion?** Our fledgling youth group needs things like this... Please contact the office if you can help. Many thanks.

YOUTH Pilgrim Walk to Shaftesbury Abbey Fr Joseph is leading a pilgrimage walk for teenagers between Wardour Castle and Shaftesbury Abbey this 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!). A minibus will be leaving the St Elizabeth Hall/Parish Centre car park at 9.30am, places still available..

SHARING OUR FAITH

Journey in Faith - For adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. The next session is Sunday 13 October at 10.30am at the Parish Centre. Do contact Dave Blake via the Parish Office office@salisbury Catholics.org if you are interested in joining. For more click on 'Journey in Faith' on our home page 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 next 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](#).

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](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 27 Psalter 3

Saturday 5 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Derek Boston RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Clive Bogie RIP

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER

09:00 St Gregory MASS Doris Phelan RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS George & Monica Pickford RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Dowager Virginia
Countess of Airlie RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 7 October **Our Lady of the Rosary**

10:00 St Osmund MASS Elizabeth Kane & Patricia Knott RIP

Tuesday 8 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Arthur Buck RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 9 October **SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Buck RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 10 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Happy Birthday
John-Paul Pearson RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 11 October

10:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving - Rani Marie Jose

19:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 12 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS David Palmer RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving

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 parish of English Martyrs (Chard, with Crewkerne & Ilminster).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Veronica Quarm, 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:

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms 127

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Hebrews 2:9-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Mark 10:2-16

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:
office@salisbury Catholics.org