

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST OSMUND, SALISBURY

ST OSMUND'S, EXETER STREET ✠ ST GREGORY & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, BEMERTON



Hi there,

I'm writing to you because you have now reached an age where we can offer you the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

What is Confirmation? It's kind of like "Baptism, Part 2". It makes you a full member of the Church, and equips you with the gifts of the Holy Spirit for all the challenges you'll face in life. Most of us were baptised as babies, so Confirmation comes once we're old enough to decide for ourselves to make a commitment to our faith.

Bishop Bosco will come to Salisbury to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 19th June 2025. To prepare for this, you would be expected to attend a programme of evening sessions, beginning in January, at St Osmund's. We would also expect to be seeing you at Mass on Sundays during that time.

Full details of the programme can be found in the Parish Planner, or on the website (<https://salisburycatholics.org/confirmation>).

You may not, right now, feel certain that this is a step you're ready to take. That's OK. You would be very welcome to come along to the sessions, as a way of helping you discern whether or not to go forward for Confirmation. The Sacrament must be undertaken in complete freedom, so there will be no pressure from us either way, but it's important to be able to make an informed choice about something so important.

I really hope that Confirmation is something you can start getting excited about, and that you'll enjoy the opportunity to meet together during the preparation course to talk about the Catholic faith, ask loads of questions, and hopefully eat a fair bit of pizza as well. You might want to start thinking about which saint's name you want to take as your Confirmation name! (Yep, you can have a new name... I picked Brendan 😊).

If you're up for doing this, or at least for finding out more about it, please come along to our information evening, with your family, on Tuesday 8th October at 7pm in the Parish Centre (down the end of Exeter St).

I really hope you will sign up to come and look forward to meeting you properly in January! 😊 In the meantime, you're very welcome to come along to our youth group, which meets on Wednesday nights in the hall (next door to St Osmund's church), 6.30-8pm.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Joseph Columba
Assistant Priest, Parish of St Osmund, Salisbury

P.S.

If you have any questions, please feel free to write to me (joseph.meigh@cliftondiocese.com), or speak to me after Mass one day.