

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 15(B)

### From Father Anthony

Early morning mist obscured rooftops and curled round brightly coloured hollyhocks. Cathedral bells muffled the hour; tea steamed. It was quiet. Then, Gangsters and Spivs descended; the lawn became a battle ground. Brown Sparrows circled above, providing top cover: the Gunslinger adjudicated from the stump. The noise was horrendous! However, a bold Blackbird hopped right through the centre of the battle. Whilst others fought over peanuts he found them and tucked in, taking occasional sips from the bird bath. There had to be a lesson here, I thought.

Last week we saw the conflict that arises when a person begins to wake from worldly to spiritual understanding (*prophet in his home town*). The old, worldly person rejects the new-found spiritual person within; no transformation (*miracles*) can take place because faith in our own transformation is weak, confused and world-bound. It can be a dark, uncomfortable time.

This week Jesus sends the twelve out in pairs. It can be wise and reassuring to make long difficult journeys in company with another; behind this worldly wisdom there lies a spiritual reality. We have to make a spiritual journey right through the centre of the tension and conflict we find between the old and new person within. Instead of another person we have to identify and gather together our spiritual faculties (*the twelve*) and pair them off (*send them off in twos*); Peter and Andrew (*faith and strength*), James and John (*wisdom and love*), and so on. The discovery of and pairing off of these faculties is a large part of the spiritual journey itself. To do it we must *lean on* and *trust* only in the Spirit (*Staff*); and allow the Spirit to lead us (*Sandals*). We must relinquish the hold the world has on us (*carry no purse, money or bread*) and be of one mind (*no second tunic*). When our worldly thoughts intrude we must brush them off (*shake the dust*). Where spirit begins to take hold and make sense, we should settle and rest allowing it to teach and feed us (*stay in the same house eating what is provided*).

The interior journey begins by responding to an interior call. This call will be heard when we truly long for a new way. The word used for *call* is *proskaleó* (προσκαλέω): *I call to myself*. It is a call from the Lord residing in our centre (*I Am*).



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### OUR CHURCHES

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### NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online at:

<https://salisburycatholics.org>

["Registration/update"](#)

## SEA SUNDAY - 14 JULY

Support Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea). Stella Maris is a Catholic charity who improve the lives of seafarers and fishers both in the UK and around the world through their network of local chaplains and seafarer centres. They provide expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support to all those who provide us with the food we eat and the goods we need. **There will be a retiring collection at all the Sunday Masses this weekend 13/14 July**, gift aid envelopes are available. We have both a short video and this year's booklet on our website, just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Glastonbury Pilgrimage this Sunday 14 July** Our original coach operator informed us in the middle of this week that the vehicle assigned to us was no longer operational and they did not have an alternative vehicle. To avoid cancelling we have had to go to another operator to secure a coach and an agency driver at a substantially higher cost. The extra cost will be coming out of parish funds as we will not be requesting any further money from those travelling but we would be grateful for any donation that could go towards offsetting this cost. Please contact the parish office if you would like to help.

**Next Thursday 18 July at St Osmund, Exposition will be until MIDDAY only closing with Benediction at that time. There will be no Benediction at 6pm, this is due to a wedding rehearsal in the church.**

**Polish Mass** - From September the Polish Mass will move from the 2nd Sunday in the month to the 2nd **Saturday** in the month at **6pm** at St Osmund

**The Eucharist - A Bond of Love that cannot be undone Saturday 8 June** If you were unable to join us on the day; or if you were but would like to return to Fr Michael's talks, we now have the videos on our website. Please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**St Osmund Church Cleaning** - We are in need of a small group of volunteers who can meet up once a month on an agreed day to spend an hour or two cleaning the Church. Please do contact the Parish Office if you can help on 01722 562703, men, don't be shy! We can be flexible with the agreed time to suit those who volunteer.

**Catholic Social Teaching video series** We now have the second video which focuses on : Dignity, and how this serves as a fundamental base upon which the Common Good rests. To view click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Coffee and Cake** following the 10am Mass every Thursday morning. Come and enjoy friendly company in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. There is no charge but we welcome a small donation for our chosen charities.

**My Generation** will be meeting next Wednesday 17 July for Afternoon Tea at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

**Rosary in Salisbury Cathedral - Friday 19 July** The Rosary is prayed by Catholics and Anglicans in Salisbury Cathedral on the third Friday of each month at 12 o'clock. The next meeting will be on Friday 19 July. If you would like to join us, we meet in the Cathedral Refectory 11:30-11:50 before going into the Cathedral.

**Parish Rosary Group** meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for information. Everyone is welcome to join. Never prayed the Rosary before? No problem - we are happy to help and explain it to you. We are also happy to receive prayer intentions if there is something that you would particularly like the group take to Our Lady for her intercession.

**Art and Craft Group** meet each Monday after the 10am Mass at St Osmund's in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome even if you have never painted, drawn or crafted before. For information Oltea on 07597 453989.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

At St Osmund's Church there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday following the 10am Mass until Benediction at 6pm. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just sit in silence before the Lord. We are seeking volunteers to keep watch with the Lord and form a rota. Please do contact the Parish Office 01722 562703 and sign up.

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH - FRIDAY 26 JULY AT ST OSMUND  
Adoration at 6pm with Confessions and Anointing until Mass. All three Priests will be available.

Mass at 7pm

Confessions and Anointing will continue after Mass for as long as necessary.

Please invite anyone you know who may be in need of these Sacraments.

*Dear God, we place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you*

## JOURNEY IN FAITH

After two very successful years, 'Journey in Faith' returns in September. These sessions are for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. We will meet on a Sunday morning to learn about what it is Christians believe, why they believe it, and explore what it means for our own lives.

This programme can lead to becoming a confirmed Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, should you choose to do so and when you feel ready. For more click on 'Exploring Your Faith' on the Main Menu of our website or [click here](#).

**Bereavement Friendship Group** The group is for anyone experiencing grief or loss, even from a while ago. A friendly hour or so among people who will listen to one another with care and encouragement. Monday mornings 10.45 - Midday in the **Parish Centre**. Any questions? Call John Detain 01722 415588.

**Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré)** on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre (except for the last Tuesday in the month - see 'Evening Supper' below). All are welcome.

**Evening Supper** on the last Tuesday of each month, the Alabaré Community host a supper for parishioners. All are most welcome but please contact Deacons John Proctor or Steve Godwin to register so that we know the numbers to cater for. There is no charge. The next supper is next Tuesday 30 July in the Parish Centre.

**Congratulations and Welcome** to Chidalu Pearl Ofoche who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday. Please keep Chidalu Pearl and her parents Ifeoma & Chukwuma and her godparents in your prayers

**Welcome to Cameron Cain** - who will be baptised at the 7pm Mass next Friday 19 July and will be received into the Church at the 11am Mass on Sunday 21 July. Both at St Osmund.

**Baptism Preparation Course** - The next course dates are 8 September at St Osmund and the 6 October at St Gregory. To register for a baptism, please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Marriage Preparation** The next course is on 23/24 August and this will be the LAST one until next March. **Anyone wishing to marry in any of our churches between now until next March should attend THIS course.** Please tell anyone you know who may be planning to marry in the next year. Contact the parish office.

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

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### Saturday 13 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Alfie Philips RIP

### SUNDAY 14 JULY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Deceased relatives of the Gillen family

09:00 St Osmund MASS Edward A Okosun RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

### Monday 15 July **Saint Bonaventure**

10:00 St Osmund MASS The McKague siblings RIP

### Tuesday 16 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Jovit & Joseph Vazhappilly

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 17 July

10:00 St Gregory MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

### Thursday 18 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased members of the Delaney family

### Exposition to Midday

12:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS

### Friday 19 July

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Robson RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS

### Saturday 20 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS For the Intentions of Maire Ivory

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Anthony Loudon 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 July

#### For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all - [Click here](#)

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** We pray for the Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barry Shrimpton, Emma Middleton, Maura O'Mahony, Patrick Sellers & Lou Godwin 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:

*Amos 7:12-15*

*Psalm 84*

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,  
and give us your saving help.**

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;  
you have the message of eternal life.

#### Alleluia!

*Mark 6:7-13*

## 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 who in secondary school from Sept 2024, please use our online form to register your interest in our youth faith formation. [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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