

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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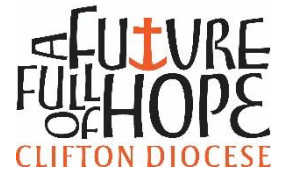
## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 20 (C)

### From Father Anthony

I drove over a patchwork of rumpled browns, yellows and greens topped with lazy cirrus and porcelain blue. Sweet, damp air filled the car, the silence loud above the hum of the engine. The road sliced through dense forest, then curved out into the open affording a dizzying sight of the valley below. A bonfire blazed filling the air with woodsmoke and hints of Autumn.

*I came to cast fire on earth and how I wish it were already kindled.* Spiritually, *Fire* often stands for *Purifying Love*: purification in the sense of releasing our attachment to things, our misperceptions of the sensory for spirit and our misidentifications of effects for Cause. God is Cause: the world is effect. This Cause, the Centre, is found and experienced as Christ from *within*; not 'out there'. Effects are discerned through the senses – *the household of five*. They operate in a world where one thing predicates another. *Up* predicates *down*, *father*, *son*, *mother*, *daughter*, etc. It is a world of opposites. Opposites are effects but very often we mistake one opposite (*effect*) as the cause of the other. Whereas, we should attempt to find and focus on the balance point, centre or fulcrum from which they both emerge. This is the Cause. It never moves and is always at rest: sometimes called the *Unmoved Mover* or *the Father* or *Our True Home*. This is what we long for... to be at home again in Him

Those who wish to grow in spirit and return home must demonstrate to themselves a desire to receive the Purifying Love (*Fire*) of Christ. Mostly, though, we don't want it (*how I wish it were burning already*) because of the division it will cause in our settled world and how we understand ourselves and others (*the household of five will be divided*). Our identification with and dependence on the outward sensory world will have to give way (*father against son*) so that we can occupy the spiritual realm within from which everything flows. It is a baptism where our sensory world dies for the spiritual realm to rise as our true home. This is not to denigrate the world but to release us from it so that we can see, understand and love it for what it is: and, from the realm of Spirit give it what it truly needs as we become Christ in action, in the world.



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### OUR CHURCHES

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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

[Click Here](#)

## WAR IN GAZA - CARDINAL NICHOLS

On the feast day of Edith Stein, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, has expressed his sorrow and condemnation after Israel's security cabinet approved a plan to take control of Gaza City.

"To increase the destruction of Gaza City and then the rest of its territory, in order to defeat a terrorist organisation and movement, is a development that is rightly being condemned around the world. There must be a better way, one that does not heap yet further suffering and misery on so many people who are not combatants but defenceless in face of the perpetrators of violence in their midst. Already too much innocent blood has been shed; too many lives destroyed; too much hunger and starvation. This war must be ended not increased". For the full statement please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**St John Henry Newman a 'Doctor' of the Catholic Church** - Pope Leo XIV will officially declare Saint John Henry Newman the 38th Doctor of the Church, recognizing the profound and lasting influence of his teachings on the universal Church. He becomes only the second Englishman to receive this title, following St Bede the Venerable. For more on this great Saint click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Thursday 21 August – The 10am Mass will be replaced by 'Liturgy of the Word'. This week only.**

**The Ordinariate Mass next Sunday 24 August will be at 1pm** not the usual 12.30pm to allow Fr Jonathan time to attend a reception after the Wardour Mass on that Sunday.

**Supporting our Young People** - Dominic Layet is setting off in a month's time to Malawi in his gap year to teach primary school age children in English and Maths. He will be there for just under a year. If you can support him please visit his 'Just Giving' page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dominic-layet>

**St Osmund's School Car Park.** Due to ongoing building work at the school over the summer their car park is unavailable for parking on a Sunday. Those with mobility issues will be able to park behind St Elizabeth Hall in the 'Parish Centre' parking spaces. To ensure accessibility for those who need it, please avoid using this facility if you are physically able.

**SCORE** - there will be a retiring collection for SCORE overseas projects this weekend 16 & 17 August.

**Chideock Pilgrimage** - Fr Joseph is inviting our young people (of secondary school age) to come on an end-of-summer pilgrimage to Chideock, on the south coast. We'll have Mass at the very historic chapel (complete with a secret Reformation-era hideaway for priests!), followed by a short ramble down to the beach. Saturday 30 August. £10 per family. Contact the parish office to reserve a place.

**Men's Breakfast** - The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday 13 September at 8.00am in the Parish Centre. Tickets are £10 each. Payment can be made on the day in cash or direct to Deacon John Proctor. To book your place please [click here](#) or for the QR code [click here](#).

**Justice & Peace Group** are meeting at 7pm on Monday 18 August at the Parish Centre. They will be discussing the 'Autumn' soup meal, a 'litter pick' and a 'clothing day'. Everyone is welcome.

The 'Autumn' soup meal referred to will be a simple soup meal in support of Encircles, a local charity that distributes food to the homeless and anyone experiencing hunger in our area. It will take place on Thursday, 26 September at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets, priced at £10 per person, will be available after the Sunday Masses starting next weekend (23/24 August).

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN SALISBURY FOR 2026

The preparation of our children to receive their first Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Communion (the Eucharist) takes place at *Family of Faith*. All the information is below.

### FAMILY OF FAITH

Family of Faith is our parish's way of helping families with young children grow together in their faith. It is also where our children are prepared to receive their First Sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Communion. The children have some teaching and fun activities, and the adults have a separate input and discussion to support each other in nurturing faith-filled families.

Family of Faith is open to children in Year 2 to 5, with Year 3 being the normal age for children to start preparing for their First Communion. This year, we are going to try moving to a new home at St Gregory's church. We will gather from 9.15am, and then move into the 11am Family Mass.

The first session this year will be on Sunday 28th September. There is lots more information, and all the dates, and the link to sign up, on our website—[CLICK HERE](#).

## CONFIRMATION 2026

Fr Joseph has published the details for this year's Confirmation programme, so if you (or your son or daughter) are in Year 9 or above and want to be confirmed, this is for you. This year, we are trying something a bit different, in that (A) the course will start in September, and (B) it will be on Wednesday nights. So if you are interested in Confirmation in 2026, please look up the details on our website, click on the '[Confirmation](#)' button on our home page or [click here](#)

Please note there is an information evening on Wednesday 10 September 6.30pm for the parents in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund. The potential candidates will join with Youth Group at the Parish Centre

## SHARING OUR FAITH

**Journey in Faith** – For adults who are not confirmed Catholics and for those who are returning to the faith of their childhood. The new programme which starts in the Autumn is now on our website with the first session on 21 September 10.30am at the Parish Centre. If you are interested in joining do contact Dave Blake at [Salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com). For more including the timetable click on the '[Journey in Faith](#)' button on our home page or [click here](#).

**Congratulations and welcome to**, Anthony Jose who will receive the sacrament of Baptism tomorrow Saturday 16 August at St Gregory in the Syro-Malabar rite. Please keep Anthony, his parents Joseph & Jovit and godparents in your prayers.

**Congratulations to** Zofia Cimachowska and Wojciech Cimachowski who will make their First Holy Communion at the 11am Mass at St Gregory this Sunday 17 August.

**Baptism Preparation Course** – The first course after the summer break starts on Sunday 14 September at St Gregory and will run for 3 consecutive Sundays after the 11am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to join. To request Baptism for your child, please click the 'Registration' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Marriage Preparation** - The next course is on 6 September 2025. Anyone planning to marry in any of our churches should attend THIS course. Please tell anyone you know who may be planning to marry next year. Contact the Parish Office to book.

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-1 Ordinary Time Week 20 & Psalter 4

### Saturday 16 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jane, Hannah and Sophie Tucker

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS John Brook RIP

### SUNDAY 17 AUGUST

09:00 St Osmund MASS Ross Burns RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

11:00 St Gregory MASS Maurice Kersey RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS People of the Parish

16:30 Holy Redeemer Syro-Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Mieke Walker

### Monday 18 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving – Fr Cyril Edamana SDB

### Tuesday 19 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Lily Mulcahy RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 20 August Saint Bernard

10:00 St Gregory MASS Bernadette Moloney RIP

13:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Duncan Green RIP

### Thursday 21 August Saint Pius X, Pope

10:00 St Osmund Liturgy of the Word

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Friday 22 August Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 St Gregory MASS Tony & Family - Thanksgiving

18:00 St Osmund MASS Ross Burns RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### Saturday 23 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS P. J. Chacko RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Keith (George) Smith RIP

## RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after 10am Mass & Saturdays 5.30pm until Mass

St Osmund: Saturdays after the 10am Mass until 12 noon and by appointment

## PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

### PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

**For mutual coexistence:** Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.. [Click here](#).

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** - We pray this week for the Parishes of St Joseph (Bridgwater) & Our Lady of the English Martyrs (Burnham-on-Sea).

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sally Bradley, Ruth Gibson, Duncan Green, Terri Thomas, Mary Eyre, Fr Keith Robinson, Alan Donegan, Emanuel De Sousa and Maurice Petty 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:

**Psalm Response**

**Lord, make haste to help me!**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me.**

**Alleluia.**

## 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 in our Family of Faith programme. [Click here](#)

**CONFIRMATION 2026** For children who will be year 9 there is an information evening on Wednesday 10 September for potential candidates and their families.

**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 Désirée for more details: [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org)