

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

From Father Anthony

I parked, climbed a hill and took in the view. Soft, curvy fields, in velvety shades of green, rolled into the distance. A large black crow eyed me suspiciously from a rickety fence. The sun played hide and seek with puffs of clouds gliding across an ocean of blue. It was lovely. But I had an eerie sense of *being seen* by it all and, strangely, it left me feeling deserted and alone.

'..... for we are in a deserted place here.' Very often the individual and collective experience of life leaves us feeling deserted and alone and nothing seems to nourish us. The message of scripture is that only Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, can nourish us so that we will never feel hunger, loneliness or desertion again. Science, Philosophy, Psychology, Spirituality etc, cannot give what Jesus gives; because they find their fulfillment *in* Him.

Our experience of the world is conditioned by our five senses, thoughts and feelings (*spiritually, the five loaves and two fish*). Too often we allow the world to lead us; but it is incapable of leading. That is not its job. Its roads lead nowhere, its houses give no shelter, its food cannot satisfy, its friendships end or drift away and so on. Into our senses, thoughts and feelings Jesus comes if invited. Through the Holy Spirit He will order our misused senses and our many dysfunctional thoughts and feelings (*the five thousand*). Traditionally there are twelve stages of spiritual development (*twelve baskets left over*). When He has finished with us, we will be developed, whole and complete; no longer being led by the world. On the contrary, we will lead it. Through the Holy Spirit, we will lead it back to Him through whom it came to be in the first place!

There are many things we must do and must be done; but, put God first and then do them. *Sit down in your lonely, desolate place, i.e. slow down*; find some space to invite Him into these desolate, lonely areas of your soul. Know what you want: feel it vibrantly. Then surrender it to Him. Let Him 'feed' you, arrange your life and give you what you need. Increasingly as you feel His guiding Presence in life, as it unfolds, you will recognise Him more fully in the mystery of His Body and Blood at Mass... and share Him with others.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - SUNDAY 22 JUNE

Standing at the crowded table of the Upper Room during the Last Supper, Jesus Christ did not hand out bibles to the Twelve Apostles and solemnly tell them, "Take this, all of you, and read it. This is my book, written for you". Jesus gives us Himself, not a book. On today's Feast, we commemorate God's greatest gift to mankind, the person of Jesus Christ. God gives us His Son, and then Christ gives us Himself, body and blood, soul and divinity, under the *appearance* of bread and wine in the Holy Eucharist. Gift, gift-giver, and receiver meld into one in this Sacrament of Sacraments. We have a reflection from Jeff Cavins (Ascension Presents) on today's readings. He discusses the Tradition of the Eucharist handed down to us through Christ and addressed by Paul in the Second Reading, and he shares his thoughts on the Gospel story of the multiplication of loaves and fish. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (TUESDAY 24 JUNE)

Celebrating the birth of St John the Baptist is a feast that is relevant to all of us today. Just like St John, we would do well to "leap" with joy in announcing Jesus to all those we encounter in our world. We can do this in everything we do – not just by words, but by actions. Asking for the intercession of St John on this Feast of his birth, we can draw the strength necessary to proclaim our Lord to others. For more on this Feast and a video of the story of St John, please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Pope appeals for 'responsibility and reason' in Iran-Israel escalation - Pope Leo XIV decries the military escalation between Iran and Israel and renews his appeal for dialogue and the pursuit of a world free from the nuclear threat. To watch the short video please click on 'Iran-Israel' on our main menu or [click here](#).

Assisted Suicide – In a statement on the precarious situation facing care homes and hospices if the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill passes its Third Reading on Friday, 20 June, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, and Archbishop John Sherrington, voice concern over the future of many care homes and hospices which will be put in grave doubt if the bill becomes law. For the full statement click on the 'Assisted Suicide' button on our home page or [click here](#).

Radiant - A group for women, meets again next Friday 27 June, 7.00 - 9.15pm at the Parish Centre, New ladies are always welcome. Bring a plate to share, nothing too fancy or difficult and an open heart. For more information contact Xanthe on 07904 589360 or click on 'Radiant' on our homepage or [click here](#)

SPUC Salisbury Branch are having their Annual Market Stall to raise funds tomorrow Saturday 21 June in the Market Square. Donations please of nearly new gift items, also books CD's & DVD's, Plants, Cakes, Jams/Marmalades etc. No Bric-a-Brac. Please contact Alison on 01722 741681.

Peter's Pence retiring collection next weekend 28 & 29 June. Peter's Pence is the name for the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

Pastoral Ministry Information Sessions around the Diocese – Department of Adult Education are now actively seeking to recruit for the next Pastoral Ministry Formation course which begins in the Autumn 2025. The course is ideal for ANY parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. For more information please visit our blog or [click here](#).

CONFIRMATION 2025



Congratulations to all the Candidates who were Confirmed in the Holy Spirit by Bishop Bosco at St Gregory & the English Martyrs yesterday evening, A huge thank you goes to the catechists who prepared a record number of 34 candidates. A big thank you also to those who made the evening an amazing event, the flowers were amazing, the church was beautiful with the Holy Spirit banners adorning the pillars, the music & the liturgy was wonderful and to all those who helped with the reception afterwards - huge thanks to you all. The Mass was recorded and is available to watch by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). It is certainly worth listening to Bishop Bosco's homily which begins at 21 minutes into the recording – where he opens with “I am standing in front of young people who have said yes to God in a world that has said no to God”.

Photographs will soon be available on the same webpage. Please keep the newly Confirmed in your prayers.

Last Saturday our Confirmation Candidates joined together for a day's retreat led by Father Joseph. The day began with Mass at Wardour Chapel, followed by a tour. Very kindly, Lord Talbot arranged for the group to spend the day at Old Wardour Castle. A day blessed with fine weather and joy. Thank you to all who were there.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Family of Faith - the next session is on Sunday 29 June beginning at our morning 9am Masses continuing afterwards at our Parish Centre. For all the dates click on the '[Family of Faith](#)' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Congratulations and Welcome to Richeldis Thalakkottur who received the sacrament of Baptism at St Gregory last Sunday. Please keep Richeldis, her parents Reshma & Nithin and her godparents in your prayers.

Baptism Applications - To request a Baptism for your child, please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Youth Group - meets every Wednesday in term time at the Parish Centre at 6.30pm. Do you want to join? This is for anyone in Years 8-11. All the dates are on our website, click on Youth Group on our home page or [click here](#).

Parish Rosary Group meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please contact Alison on 01722 741681 for information. All are welcome to join.

Hope & Friendship Group is for anyone experiencing grief or loss, even from a while ago, will next meet on Monday 14 July 10.45 - Midday in the Parish Centre. Any questions? Call Deacon John Detain 01722 415588.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 for bingo. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré) meets on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-1 Ordinary Time Week 12 Week Proper of Solemnity

Saturday 21 June Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jancy Joy RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Doris Phelan RIP

SUNDAY 22 JUNE

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

09:00 St Osmund MASS Fr Keith Robinson RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Jim Rolleston RIP – 5th Anniversary

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Margarita RIP

Monday 23 June

10:00 St Osmund Liturgy of the Word

TUESDAY 24 JUNE THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

10:00 St Osmund MASS

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 25 June

10:00 St Gregory MASS

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 26 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

FRIDAY 27 JUNE THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

10:00 St Gregory MASS Paula Elvin RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 28 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after the 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 JUNE

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world. [Click here](#).

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray this week for Chaplaincies to HM forces in the diocese.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr Keith Robinson, Alan Donegan, Emanuel Sousa, Maurice Petty, Pope Francis, Peter Gange, Peter Emmett, Margaret Price, Gertie Harmon, Celia Maidment 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

You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. 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 If you have a child who will be in Year 9 or above from Sept 2025, please use our online form to apply to join our preparation programme for 2026. [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 Désirée for more details: office@salisburycatholics.org