

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 17 (C)

### From Father Anthony

I rose early to pray. It was dark; Moonlight dappled rooftops. A car groaned in the distance; something rustled in the garden. I sat still, felt a cool breeze through the window, eased my tummy and contemplated the Trinity... the ineffable Father reflected in and as the Son; the Son gazing back into the Father, seeing The Everything and The Nothing. Son and Father bonded together in and by the Holy Spirit, the Son bringing The Everything forth in The Nothing... through Him all came to be. And then, as usual, emptiness and darkness! I trusted that God was Present and settled into the liminal space fringing the emptiness.

Lord teach us to pray. The word translated as teach conveys the meaning of to cause to learn. Very often prayer is a jumble of vocal or sub vocal words; a babble. Hence, do not babble as the pagans do. It is rooted in The Word yet beyond words. It is something we have to learn; and someone has to cause us to learn it. The Gospel hints at some aspects of this learning. We must be persistent regardless of how we feel. We must ask, seek and knock... trusting that we will be answered without necessarily knowing how we will be answered. Yet, this persistence, asking, seeking and knocking is not prayer. Prayer is more the awareness or attitude at back of these; characterised by the relationship of a child to a Father. It is about putting ourselves in a position where God can be God in our lives. Ultimately, prayer is not about what we ask of or what we do for God but what God does for us, in us; a loving Father holding and teaching His child. Is this what we have to learn? Is prayer, possibly less about words and concepts and more about a trusting attitude of mind and heart?

Jesus was praying in a certain place. What it actually says is, 'And it came to pass in His being in a certain place praying'. In His Being in a certain place! Have we found that certain place yet where we can settle into our Being, there to allow Him to cause us to learn (teach us)? If not already, then we must find that place, give Him that time. Expect nothing; expect everything... but let Him do it as we rest in His arms.



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**St Gregory & the English Martyrs**

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### NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

[Click Here](#)

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

SUNDAY 27 JULY 2025

In Pope Leo's message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2025, he reminds us we should cherish the elderly and recognise that there's no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren.

Please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) for the full Papal Message. A video reflection by Canon Christopher Whitehead on Saints Joachim and Anne - The Grandparents of Jesus and a reflection from Bishop David Evans on 'The important role grandparents play in a healthy society'.

### FR JONATHAN'S LAST SUNDAY MASSES IN OUR PARISH

The congregations of our 5 Sunday Masses will be bidding their farewells at the following Masses:

Sunday 10 August 11am at St Gregory      Saturday 23 August (Vigil Mass) 6pm St Gregory

Sunday 30 August @ 9am, 12.30pm Ordinariate & 6pm all at St Osmund.

**Until further notice the final Wednesday 6pm Ordinariate Mass will be next Wednesday 30 July.**

**Please also note that the Ordinariate Mass on 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.

**'The Harvest is plentiful, but the Labourers are Few'** - Can You Help Our Parish Thrive? Examples of the way you can help please click on '[The Harvest](#)' on our main menu or [click here](#).

**Volunteer Role: Social Media Support** - A flexible, remote role requiring a few hours per week to assist with basic social media tasks. Ideal for someone reliable and enthusiastic with a basic understanding of social media platforms. The goal is to help share inspiring content and enhance parish outreach. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Deacon Steve Godwin.: [stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com)

**Volunteer to Lead a New Parish Book Club!** - Several parishioners have expressed interest in attending a church-run book club, but we need a volunteer to bring this vision to life! Our Parish Centre established for parish activities has several daytime slots still available weekly. A short walk from St Osmund with free parking. If you have an interest in books, please consider leading this exciting initiative. Contact Deacon Steve Godwin: [stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com) to discuss further.

**Obsolete People's Sunday & Weekday Missals** – Last year, with the adoption of a new translation, many of us replaced our Missals and handed in our old ones so that they could be used by the Catholic Church in Nigeria, where they still use the previous translation. Thanks to Catherine and Robert, some 80 Missals and Lectionaries have been driven to St. Augustine's in Tunbridge Wells, from where they will now be shipped to Lagos.

**My Generation** will be meeting next on Wednesday 6 August 2025 for Bingo at 2.00pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

**Hope & Friendship Group** is for anyone experiencing grief or loss, even from a while ago, meets again Monday 11 August 10.45 - Midday in the Parish Centre. Any questions? Call Deacon John Detain 01722 415588.

## SHARING OUR FAITH

**Family of Faith** – ‘Readiness’ forms can all be found by clicking on the [‘Family of Faith’](#) button on our homepage or [click here](#). The first session after the summer break will be on Sunday 28 September.

**Congratulations** to Igor Podsiadlo and Jann Sagun who made their First Holy Communion at St Osmund last Sunday 20 July.

**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** Fallon Carmela Joyce Jaeggi who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this Saturday 26 July and to Niamh Ann McGrath who will also receive the sacrament of Baptism at the 9am Mass this Sunday 27 July at St Osmund. Please keep Fallon & Niamh, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

**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](#).

**Confirmation 2026** - If you have a child who will be in Year 9 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. Please note that Confirmation sessions next year will be on Wednesday evenings.

**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.

## PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

The Pilgrimage of Hope is a national walking pilgrimage with four main Ways converging at the Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham, on Saturday 13th September 2025, for shared prayer and celebration. The Pilgrimage will culminate with Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at 11.15 am on 14 September 2025 at St Barnabas' Cathedral.

Our own David Blake will be walking St Matthew's Way which starts at the Cathedral of St David in Cardiff to Nottingham Cathedral via St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, a distance of 210 miles. During his journey he will be carrying on his backpack a large cross from St Osmund's School and you can support him by helping to raise funds for our 'Parish Centre' or by joining him for a day or two along the way. Donations can be made via the GoFundMe link: <https://gofund.me/a065c344> or direct to the Parish Office.

**Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury 7 September** - This year's pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 7 September 2025 and will be centered around the theme of 'Mary, Woman of Hope', aligning with the Jubilee Year's theme of "Pilgrims of Hope".

We have booked a coach at a cost of £22 per adult, children 12 to 18 years £15 **and under 12s go free**. There are sign-up sheets in both churches, please do include your contact details. If you would like to go but finance is a problem, you can speak confidentially to one of our clergy. All the information including an introduction by Fr Dominic Findlay-Wilson can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-1 Ordinary Time Week 17 & Psalter 1

### Saturday 26 July

#### Saints Joachim & Anne

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bernadette Moloney RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

### SUNDAY 27 JULY

09:00 St Osmund MASS Isabelle Lawes & James as they begin their married life together.

11:00 St Gregory MASS Keith & Bee Fleming and Family

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS Julian & Jane Benson

### Monday 28 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bridie & Harry Clapham RIP

### Tuesday 29 July

#### Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving – Jonathan Jose

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 30 July

10:00 St Gregory MASS In Thanksgiving

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Sam & Suzanne Webber

### Thursday 31 July

#### Saint Ignatius Loyola

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Holmes in sickness

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Friday 1 August

#### Saint Alphonsus Mary Liguori

10:00 St Gregory MASS Christiane Yamatay on her 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

18:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Elisa Dew RIP

### Saturday 2 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Peggy O'Farrell RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Margaret Keane 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 JULY

**For formation in discernment** Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel. [Click here.](#)

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** - We pray this week for the Parish of St John the Evangelist (Bath).

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

**On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'**

**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)