

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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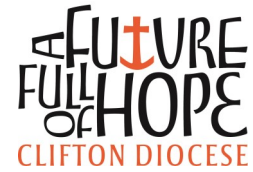
From Father Anthony

Sparkling like cut glass and flat as a mirror, the sea stretched away to the horizon, wide and blue. Overhead, puffs of cloud steamed eastwards. People ambled along the promenade with Mr and Mrs Crow keeping track of those with bags of chips! Gulls circled and swooped. In the distance a jackhammer dented the air with the staccato tap of a giant woodpecker. Otherwise, it was calm and still. I leaned against a railing and gazed out to sea. The sun burned down. A movement in the water caught its rays and twinkled like 'a pearl of great price'.

In the gospel Jesus teaches us about, 'the kingdom of the heavens', 'βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν'. He compares the Kingdom with images of sea and land; with something of great value found in both. Spiritually, He is referring to something of great value to be found or revealed in each one of us; because, as He reveals elsewhere, the Kingdom is found within Lk 17:21 and is not of this world, Jn 18;36.

At the heart of any kingdom there is a king: and, it is this king who is referred to as buried treasure, the pearl of great price and the good fish...in other words, Christ within. In order to get to the treasure, the pearl, the good fish, something in or about us has to be sold off or separated out. That is, there must be a change of mind and heart (repentance). We must seriously consider acknowledging and then discarding old, habitual, tired, worldly ways of being, 'to sell all that we have'; in order to experience thought, feeling and action in their original, refreshing, Christlike state.

The word translated as treasure is *thésaurus*, *θησαυρός* (from which we get the word *thesaurus*): it means a store-house for precious things. Spiritually, these precious things are our Christlike thoughts and feelings; a way of thinking and feeling that is not of this world but of Christ in this world. These are thoughts and feelings inspired by Love. Love is in the world; it is in us. Yet, it is not of the world or of us because we and the world emanate from it. All was created and sustained in and by Love. To Love is to be in the original state out of which everything emerged. It is the treasure within, the pearl of great price... Christ.



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Chapel of the Good Shepherd
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Chapel of the Holy Family
Southampton Rd, Whaddon SP5 3EB

NEW TO THE PARISH?
We wish you a very warm welcome.
Please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org>
click "Registration/update"

FR ANTHONY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

BBQ/FUN DAY SUNDAY 30 JULY 12 NOON TO 4.30 PM AT ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please do bring salads, side dishes and puddings to share.

If you have any food allergies, please bring (and keep separate) your own food as we cannot guarantee that the food provided will be allergen free.

Sorry - no dogs please as it is a children's play area.

Parking at St Elizabeth Hall is for the Volunteer Workers only.

Pauline Learnihan - Our congratulations go to Pauline on receiving the 'Bishop's Award' for outstanding service to the Parish. Pauline is the very first person to receive this award in our Parish. The award was presented to Pauline by Canon Michael Fitzpatrick accompanied by Deacon John Proctor. Photos can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Saint Alphonsus Liguori - 1 August. Saint Alphonsus was known above all as a practical man who dealt in the concrete rather than the abstract. His life is indeed a practical model for the everyday Christian who has difficulty recognising the dignity of Christian life amid the swirl of problems, pain, misunderstanding and failure. Alphonsus suffered all these things. He is a saint because he was able to maintain an intimate sense of the presence of the suffering Christ through it all. For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#)

Saint John Mary Vianney - 4 August. Indifference toward religion, coupled with a love for material comfort, seem to be common signs of our times. A person from another planet observing us may not likely judge us to be pilgrim people, on our way to somewhere else. John Vianney on the other hand, was a man on a journey, with his goal before him at all times. For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Jennifer (Jiffer) Potheary RIP - A Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Fr Saji for Jennifer (Jiffer) Potheary next Wednesday 2 August 12:00 at St Osmund followed by a reception immediately afterwards in the Parish Rooms. Jiffer's family hope that all of Jiffer's many friends in the parish will attend to celebrate her life and pray for the peaceful repose of her soul.

Congratulations to Deacon John & Catherine Detain who celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary this Sunday 30 July. May the blessings of the Lord remain with them and their family.

SPUC Market Stall last Saturday 22nd July - A big thank you to all those who were able to contribute to the SPUC market stall. Despite the rain we still managed to raise £180.

Salisbury Foodbank: Our collection of toilet rolls and fruit juice ends this weekend. Thank you for your donations. The next collection will be in September.

My Generation will be meeting next Wednesday 2nd August 2023 for Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Rosary Group meets to pray together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for information. Everyone is welcome to join.

Both the **Art Group** (Mondays) and the **Bible Book Club** (Tuesdays) are paused until September.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER OUTREACH
FOR POSTING CARDS IN LETTERBOXES NEAR WHERE YOU LIVE

The card is designed for those who may be interested in the Catholic church or for those who may wish to re-engage but just do not know where to begin. It will give them details of how to get the support and accompaniment we can offer them on their faith journey. Therefore it is important that we get a card through as many letter boxes in our city as we can. There is no door-knocking involved, simply posting cards.

If you are able to help please call the Parish Office 01722 562703 or email: outreach@salisburycatholics.org

Key areas of our Parish where we need more help: Alderbury, Bishopdown, Fugglestone Red, Wilton and off Wilton Road, off Castle Road, off Devizes Road and in Town

'Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations' Matthew 28

DON'T FORGET THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Come and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Friday 1 September 7-9pm at St Osmund. Starting with Mass of the Holy Spirit at 7pm (with Fr Matt Anscombe) followed by testimony, teaching, discussion and prayer. This will be the 'launch' event for a series of Life in the Spirit seminars which will then take place on the following 6 Friday evenings following the Friday evening Mass. Why not put the dates in your diary now? If you'd like to get involved in the preparation/delivery in any way, please contact the office or Deacon John Proctor.

Congratulations and Welcome to Benjamin Welsh & Carmin Zappatore Corbett who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Saturday & Sunday at St Osmund. Please keep Benjamin & Carmin and their parents Victoria & Mark and Marisa & Jamie and the godparents in your prayers

Baptism Our next course will take place on three Sundays at St Osmund: 3, 10, and 17 September consisting of attendance at the 9am Mass followed by a one hour meeting in the Presbytery. Please register with the Parish Office on 01722 562703. To apply for a baptism please complete a 'Baptism Application' by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

Sacramental Preparation for 2024

If you have a Child that has just completed Year 2 (going into **Yr 3** in September) or Year 8 (going into **Yr 9** in September) and you wish to enrol them in the next First Communion or Confirmation Programmes, please register online as soon as possible: [Click here](#) to register for either First Communion or Confirmation.

Homily from Bishop Robert Barron reflects on the reading from the first book of Kings. The setting is the early days of the reign of King Solomon, and the question it raises: If you could ask God for anything, what would you ask for? To listen and watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: Soloman's Wisdom! A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A. Click on 'Children's Liturgy' on our homepage or [click here](#).

Date for your Diary: Stations of Creation Walk on 24 September Following the Creation narrative from the Book of Genesis, you are invited to join local Christians on a walk from Salisbury Cathedral to St George's Church in Harnham, calling at seven 'Stations' - each Station marking one of the seven days of Creation. The walk takes place on 24 September and starts from Mompesson House in the Cathedral Close at 2pm. Please [click here](#) for more information or contact Graham on 07484 736398

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 17 and Psalter 1

Saturday 29 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Jonathan Jose

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 30 JULY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Ruby Wedding Anniversary

09:00 St Osmund MASS Clive Allan Holloway RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Private Intention

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS John & Kathleen McKay

Monday 31 July

Saint Ignatius Loyola

10:00 St Osmund MASS

Tuesday 1 August

Saint Alphonsus Mary Liguori

10:00 St Osmund MASS Cummings Family

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 2 August

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Doris Phelan RIP

12:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Jennifer Pothecary RIP

ALL WELCOME TO MASS & RECEPTION AFTERWARDS

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 3 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS D M (Peggy) O'Farrell RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 4 August

Saint John Mary Vianney

10:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS Jean & Michael Banks - Golden Wedding Anniversary

Saturday 5 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving Jacob Family

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS John-Paul Pearson RIP, friends & family.

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass

St Osmund Saturdays After the 10:00 Mass.

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

And by appointment with our priests.

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for August

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

[Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray this week for the parishes of St Patrick (Brockworth) and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (Churchdown).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

David Maycock, Jennifer Pothecary, Anne Gillam, Patricia Thomas, Janet O'Callaghan and Peggy (Margaret) Fletcher. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Psalms 118

Lord, how I love your law!

Romans 8:28-30

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Matthew 13:44-52

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 will be in Year 3 or above from September 2024, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme. [Click here](#).

CONFIRMATION If you have a child in Year 9 or above, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme. [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 Caroline for more details:

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