

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 18 (C)

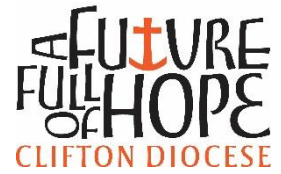
From Father Anthony

Fine rain and car exhaust clogged the air. Tires squelched and running lights bounced off wet tarmac. I skipped the traffic lights and made my way to the shops... trying to remember what I wanted and wishing I'd made a list! I enjoyed the rain on my face but not down my neck. Shopping in hand I made my way back and stopped to chat with a shopkeeper friend. He was unloading his van, 'That should keep us stocked for a while', he said.

'...you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!' The *'certain rich man'*, referred to in the Gospel passage represents you and me; the land producing a bountiful harvest represents aspects of our minds, material, intellectual, emotional: which leads to the spiritual. There is nothing wrong with material, intellectual and emotional abundance: the passage points, obliquely, to all abundance coming from God. God is abundance not scarcity; so we are right to expect abundance. As co-creators with God we should know what we want and set out to achieve it, working in prayer, trust and perseverance; with the spiritual goal of coming closer to God until we transcend closeness and become one with God in Spiritual Union. We wake up and recognise God in and as everything; yet, know that He is beyond it all, too... we are left in sheer Awe.

However, we mostly use our mind, intellect and emotion, in service of the material world in the hope that it will bring us comfort, ease and happiness; which it accomplishes in illusion but without substance. The true goal of the material is the spiritual from which it emerges; not itself. Mind in service of the material leads to an experience of night and death, 'this night your life will be demanded of you'. Whereas, Mind used in service of Spirit leads to an experience of Eternal life, now.

If we wish to progress from the material to the spiritual, from night to day, then, with St Paul and without any strain, guilt or fear we must assess ourselves in terms of *immorality, impurity, passion, evil desires, greed, lying* and so on. Not as a guilt trip but to *experience and recognise the 'old self' in us*. Then we will know what to let go of in order that the *new self (spiritual self in the world)* may emerge.



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Chapel of the Good Shepherd

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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

[Click Here](#)

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST

In the Transfiguration Christ enjoyed for a short while that glorified state which was to be permanently His after His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The splendour of His inward Divinity and of the Beatific Vision of His soul overflowed on His body and permeated His garments so that Christ stood before Peter, James, and John in a snow-white brightness. The purpose of the Transfiguration was to encourage and strengthen the Apostles who were depressed by their Master's prediction of His own Passion and Death. For more click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Saturday 9 August - St Teresa, was a woman who desired above all to discover the truth. A philosopher and a Carmelite nun, her entire earthly life was spent pursuing the truth about life and about God, until it was tragically extinguished in the gas chambers of Auschwitz during the Second World War. For more on the story of St Teresa click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Fr Jonathan's last Sunday Masses in our Parish - Sunday 10 August 11am at St Gregory, Saturday 23 August (Vigil Mass) 6pm St Gregory, Sunday 31 August @ 9am, 12.30pm Ordinariate & 6pm all at St Osmund.

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.

Father Alan Finley Returns to Salisbury to Mark 50 Years of Priesthood - Last Sunday, 27 July, Father Alan Finley returned to Salisbury to mark the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, celebrating the 11am Mass at St Gregory's Church. Father Alan, who served in Salisbury early in his ministry as an Assistant Priest, is now retired but remains actively involved in pastoral life. Alongside a number of retired Priests, he continues to supply to Parishes across the Diocese. For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Alabaré welcomes Bishop Bosco MacDonald as charity's latest patron - Alabaré, a homelessness charity supporting people across the South West and Wales, is delighted to announce that Bishop Bosco MacDonald has been appointed to join us as a patron. Bishop Bosco said: "I am delighted to be joining Alabaré at such an important time, and I'm keen to learn more about their work and the benefits they're bringing to some of the most vulnerable and marginalised people in our society". For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box 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

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 to discuss further.

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.

AS MASS STARVATION SPREADS ACROSS GAZA, CATHOLIC AID AGENCIES CALL FOR DECISIVE ACTION

CAFOD, the Church's overseas aid and development agency, alongside 115 organisations including Caritas Internationalis, other country and regional Caritas charities, Pax Christi, and more, have signed a joint letter calling for "decisive action" to bring an end to the humanitarian disaster playing out in Gaza.

How can I respond?

Donate to the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal: [.Donate to CAFOD's campaign here.](#)

For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

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.

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. 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 and to Niamh Ann McGrath who received the sacrament of Baptism last weekend at St Osmund. Please keep Fallon & Niamh, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

We will also welcome Theodore Joseph Michele Parr who will receive the sacrament of Baptism after the 9am Mass at St Osmund this Sunday 3 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](#).

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.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury 7 September - We still have seats available on the 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. Volunteer Altar Servers for the Mass at 3pm would be most welcome. Please note that minors must be accompanied by an Adult and those 18 or over must hold a current DBS certificate. All the information 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 18 & Psalter 2

Saturday 2 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Peggy O'Farrell RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Margaret Keane RIP

SUNDAY 3 AUGUST

09:00 St Osmund MASS Christiane Yamatay on her 70th Birthday

11:00 St Gregory MASS Colin O'Farrell RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS People of the Parish

18:00 St Osmund MASS Nelly Akopian Tamarina RIP

Monday 4 August Saint John Mary Vianney

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

Tuesday 5 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving – Jacob family

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

10:00 St Gregory MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Thursday 7 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Damien Fleming RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 8 August Saint Dominic

10:00 St Gregory MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Thomas Loaring RIP

SATURDAY 9 AUGUST SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

10:00 St Osmund MASS Arthur Buck RIP

18:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS John Fingleton 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 Parish of St Mary (Bath).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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