

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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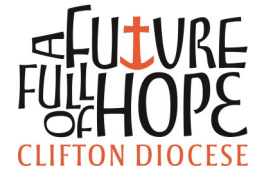
ORDINARY TIME WEEK 18(B)

From Father Anthony

Salisbury traffic coughed and spluttered; puffs of cloud gathered on the eastern horizon but the sky stayed blue. An old warbird droned overhead, morning sun glinting off its wings. I hurried along Catherine Street and, as always, was delighted by the Market, its colour, the buzz of humanity and all the things I did not need... and the few I did! Weighed down by vegetables, some meat, honey and bread I made my way back. Quietly, I thanked God for the food and the money with which to buy it... although I couldn't help hear a little voice within saying, "*do not work for food that is perishing but for food enduring unto life eternal*".

Obviously, it is right and proper to work for the food we eat, the bills we have to pay and the life we aspire to live; we should be thankful if we can do it. The talents and personal gifts each of us have been given, that allow us to flourish or get by in society are ultimately gifts of God. Even the ability to work hard, to focus, assimilate information and '*do well*' are His gifts. We should be careful not to attribute it all to our own doing: and, we should never look down upon those whose gifts and talents do not match our own or equip them to '*make it*' in society. Whether we have made it or not: what we have in common, at least to begin with, is an outer consciousness always seeking after things of the senses. To the extent that this is true, rich and poor alike '*are perishing*' because these things are not the '*real substance and origin of all we have and are; which is eternal*'.

To be truly fulfilled we have to '*remember*' and '*return to*' being the spiritual person we actually are. This does not mean abandoning or denigrating the world but not attributing a role to the world it cannot fulfil. It is a derivative not a cause. Spirit is cause: the world derives from it. Real food (*what sustains us*) is found within. It is found at the point where our humanity fuses with Divinity; where God and Man are one; where God's name (*Character*) and ours are the same... I Am (*Christ*). If we work and rest from this centre we will naturally understand... *I Am the Bread (food) of Life*.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online at:

<https://salisburycatholics.org>

"Registration/update"

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD TUESDAY 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](#).

ST OSMUND'S VENUES

We now have a new dedicated website featuring all three of our venues: The Parish Centre for parish use, St Elizabeth Hall for hire and St Gregory's Hall for both hire and parish use. Thank you to Tony in the parish office for building the website and to Deacon Steve Godwin (aka Steven Spielberg) for providing the video tours of each venue. On our Parish website clicking on '[Venue Hire](#)' on our main menu will now take you directly to the new website or the direct link is: <https://stosmundvenues.com/>

Not only is it important that parishioners make full use of the Parish Centre, but it also important that we increase our income on the hire of St Elizabeth & St Gregory's Halls. The use of search engines such as 'Google' to find local businesses is well known. If we have a lot of people visiting the site it tells Google that we must be doing something right. The more popular our website is, the higher it will rank in local search results. Therefore can we ask as many of our parishioners as possible to visit our new site (link above).

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Friday 9 August - The writings of Edith Stein fill 17 volumes, many of which have been translated into English. A woman of integrity, she followed the truth wherever it led her. After becoming a Catholic, Edith continued to honour her mother's Jewish faith. Sister Josephine Koepfel, O.C.D., translator of several of Edith's books, sums up this saint with the phrase, 'Learn to live at God's hands'. For the story of St Teresa click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Saint Lawrence - Saturday 10 August A saint about whom almost nothing is known, yet one who has received extraordinary honour in the Church since the fourth century. Almost nothing - yet the greatest fact of his life is certain: he died for Christ. For the story of St Lawrence click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#):

Wedding Invitation - many of you will know Harriet (Hattie) Allen who is a much-loved daughter of this parish. Harriet was a very active member of Salisbury Young Catholics and her dedication to faith-sharing with the youngest members of our parish was brought to fruition through the 'Searchlight' summer camps that she established in St Elizabeth Hall. Harriet and her fiancé Declan Carroll are set to marry in St Osmund's Church on Thursday 22 August at 1pm and parishioners are warmly invited to attend their nuptial Mass to join in prayer for God's blessings on their marriage. No need to respond, simply turn up on the day.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday & Thursday at St Osmund. Thank you to all those who have signed up to keep watch with the Lord. We are still seeking volunteers to complete the rota. Please do sign up by contacting the Parish Office 01722 562703 or completing the sheet in the Porch.

Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré) on Tuesdays and **Evening Supper** (on the last Tuesday of each month) is paused for August and will return in September.

My Generation will be meeting this Wednesday 7 August for Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

FAMILY OF FAITH (INCLUDING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024-5)

In the coming year, we want to make our children and young people the main pastoral focus for the parish. As part of that project, we will be changing the way we prepare our children to receive their first Sacraments of Reconciliation & Communion. Starting in October, we will be launching a new 'Family of Faith' community, which will be open to families with children in Years 2 to 5. This will include, but not be limited to, those preparing to make their First Holy Communion. We will meet on Sunday mornings, after the 9am Masses, at the new Parish Centre on Exeter Street. There will be a time of prayer, followed by separate activities for children, and input and discussion for parents, finishing at 12 noon. Much more information on this will follow, but for now... if you have children who will be in Years 2 to 5, and have not received an email from us this week, please get in touch with the Parish Office to register your interest.

You can also register by visiting our new web page 'Family of Faith' on our main menu or [click here](#). More resources will be added to this web page as they become available.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

After two very successful years, 'Journey in Faith' returns in September. These sessions are for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. We will meet on a Sunday morning to learn about what it is Christians believe, why they believe it, and explore what it means for our own lives.

This programme can lead to becoming a confirmed Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, should you choose to do so and when you feel ready. For more click on 'Exploring Your Faith' on the Main Menu of our website or [click here](#).

Hope & Friendship Group The group is for anyone experiencing grief or loss, even from a while ago. A friendly hour or so among people who will listen to one another with care and encouragement. Monday mornings 10.45 - Midday in the **Parish Centre**. Any questions? Call John Detain 01722 415588.

Welcome to Eileen Kathleen Rooney who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 27 July. Please keep Eileen and her parents Theresa & Martin and her godparents in your prayers

Congratulations to Dominica Dutta who made her First Holy Communion at the 6pm Mass at St Osmund last Sunday. We have a lovely photo of Dominica in our [Photo Gallery \(or click here\)](#) along with all the other children who made their First Holy Communion in June.

Baptism Preparation Course - The next course dates are 8 September at St Osmund and the 6 October at St Gregory. To register for a baptism, please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Marriage Preparation The next course is on 23/24 August and this will be the LAST one until next March. **Anyone wishing to marry in any of our churches between now until next March should attend THIS course.** Please tell anyone you know who may be planning to marry in the next year. Contact the parish office.

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron - During this period of Eucharistic Revival, we continue our reading of the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. And this week, Barron reflects on a line that names something so spiritually basic: 'Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life'. To watch and listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: 'The Bread of Life' for this the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time B. Click on the 'Children's Liturgy' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 18 Psalter 2

Saturday 3 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Colin O'Farrell RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS John-Paul Pearson 3rd Anniversary RIP on 5th

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

09:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Samantha Chinedum

11:00 St Osmund MASS For family Winchester & Atger Bryan & Vaitihere

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving

Monday 5 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Jacob family

Tuesday 6 August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

10:00 St Osmund MASS Evelyn Gofton RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 7 August

10:00 St Gregory MASS Michael Learnihan - 90th Birthday

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

Thursday 8 August St Dominic

10:00 St Osmund MASS Keith Edward Smith RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 9 August ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

10:00 St Gregory MASS Frank Farley RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Kevin Mooney RIP

Saturday 10 August ST LAWRENCE

10:00 St Osmund MASS For family Mekemeke Kala & Luse

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Doris Phelan RIP

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after the 10am Mass & Saturdays
17:30 until Mass

St Osmund: On the first Saturday of the month from 9am to 12
noon, and on other Saturdays after the 10am Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for August

For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs. - [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for the parish of St Mary-on-the-Quay (Bristol) with St James Priory.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barry Shrimpton & Emma Middleton 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:

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Psalms 77

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
No one can come to the Father except through me.**

Alleluia!

John 6:24-35

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. [Click here](#)

CONFIRMATION If you have a child who in secondary school from Sept 2024, please use our online form to register your interest in our youth faith formation. [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 Desiree for more details:
office@salisbury Catholics.org