

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 27 (C)

From Father Anthony

As usual, I sat gazing out of the bedroom window after prayers. The early morning sky was distant, deep and blue. Glowing pencil lines crisscrossed its surface as jets raced to their destinations high above the rising sun. Pigeons cooed, a lone Spiv rattled; cool autumn air curled through the open window. Paradoxically, the beauty I perceived outside heightened feelings of interior darkness, insecurity and lack of faith... I doubt I'm alone in this!

Recently, Jesus has asked us to pick up our cross and follow Him; *become as He is*. He wants us to be trustworthy in small things; to pick up the weight of our egocentricity and false, grandiose notions of who we think we are and discard them in favour of the truth and our innate smallness. In that smallness we come to know ourselves as the image and reflection of God; it is in that knowledge we come to know our greatness... *we are trusted with bigger things*. All of this is what is often termed spiritual work.

This work requires faith, (πίστις) Pistis; it means *to be persuaded, to trust*. It means to trust that we will have the strength and clarity to rebalance any imbalance in ourselves by seeing the truth of our being; to understand that it is God, not us, who does the work in us. It is not about raw rational belief. Rather, it is about putting ourselves in a position where God can divinely persuade us that our true nature is not something we earn but something we recognise as already there: He put it there. We obscured it for a while.

In this faith we can uproot who we are not (*the mulberry tree, symbol of false religions and ideas of the self*) and cast it away into the ocean of spiritual love (*the sea*). This is what we are commanded to do. Command, (διατάσσω) diatassó means *a thorough arrangement, a direct chain of command*, i.e. our true make up, how we naturally flow; not what we have made up. It is less about obeying orders in blind obedience and more about doing what is right out of recognition of the truth. Once again, we come to see how we reflect, in our smallness, God in His Greatness. We are the servants reflecting the Master's bidding (*reflecting his image*); both at the same table, in the same house, all one.



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OUR CHURCHES

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St Gregory & the English Martyrs

St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

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](#)

FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO SATURDAY VIGIL & WEEKDAY MASSES

From next Saturday 11 October onwards the Sunday (Saturday pm) Vigil Mass Schedule will be:

5pm	St Gregory & the English Martyrs
6pm	Christ the King, Amesbury
7pm	St George, Warminster

The weekday Mass schedule from Monday 13 October onwards will be:

Mon	10am St George (Warminster)	6pm St Osmund (Ordinariate)	
Tues	9.30am All Saints (Wardour)	10am St Osmund (Salisbury)	6pm Christ the King (Amesbury)
Wed	10am St Gregory	6pm Sacred Heart (Tisbury)	
Thurs	10am St Osmund	7pm St George (Warminster)	
Fri	10am Christ the King (Amesbury)	6pm St Osmund	
Sat	10am St Osmund		

CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday 5 October There will be NO Ordinariate Mass at 12.30pm this

Tuesday 7 October 10am Mass will be at St Gregory with NO morning Mass at St Osmund's on that day

Tuesday 7 October Adoration will commence at noon in St Osmund followed by Benediction at 6pm as usual.

Thursday 9 October St Osmund's Primary School -Year 2 will be joining the 10am Mass at St Osmund.

LIVESTREAM UPDATE

The livestream at St Gregory's has been unavailable for the past two weeks. We have now determined that the camera needs to be replaced due to suspected power surge. We anticipate the arrival of a replacement camera next week and will do our very best to have this installed as soon as possible.

Whilst the camera was (thankfully!) still under warranty, the parish will now face the costs of installation of the new camera into St Gregory's and surge protection in both churches to prevent this happening again. If you would like to contribute towards the ongoing costs of our livestream provision, this is possible via the donation points in the church porches, via our website, by contacting the parish office or by scanning the QR code shown here and selecting 'Livestream Costs'. Thank you for your generosity, patience and understanding.



PARISH DEVOTIONS – OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

The Rosary will be prayed before Mass at 9.15am in St Osmund's Church every Thursday during October.

The Rosary will be prayed at 10.00am in St Gregory's Church, on Fridays in October from 17 October onwards, followed by refreshments in the hall.

From 7 November onwards, the Rosary will be prayed in St Gregory at 10am followed by a Service of the Word, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by refreshments.

These times of prayer are a precious opportunity for us to come together as a parish family outside of Mass. Our gatherings for the Rosary, Exposition, and Benediction are a vital way of deepening our faith and building up our community in prayer.

FAMILY OF FAITH PROGRAMME 2026

We were delighted to welcome 25 children and their parents to the start of this year's programme at St Gregory's on Sunday, 28 September. The session began at 9:15am, with the children heading to the hall for their catechesis while parents gathered in the church for their own input and discussion.

At 11am, the children and their parents processed with the clergy into Mass, taking their reserved pews.

A heartfelt thank you to our catechists and all the volunteers who assisted with setting up, clearing away equipment, and providing refreshments. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please visit our [Photo Gallery](#) or [click here](#) for some photos of the set up in the hall and of the parents' session in the church.

Family of Faith is open to children in Year 2 to 5. The next session is Sunday 12 October, gathering at St Gregory's at 9.15am, and then moving into the 11am Mass.

There is lots more information, and all the dates, and the link to sign up, on our website - [CLICK HERE](#).

CONFIRMATION 2026

This week, 25 of the candidates had one-to-one 'get to know you' meetings with Fr Joseph and Catherine Vaux. The first mandatory session will take place next Wednesday, 8 October at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre. This will be led by Fr Joseph, and the topic will be: "Is God Credible?"

To sign up or find out more, click on the button 'Confirmation' on our homepage or [click here](#).

Youth Group – For those in Years 8 to 11 who'd like to meet up, relax, play games, chat about faith, ask questions, and pray. Every Wednesday, 6.30 to 8pm (during term time) in the Parish Centre. Next Wednesday this group will join in with the Confirmation group. For more, click on 'Youth Group' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

SHARING OUR FAITH

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 is underway, the next session is this Sunday 5 October 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](#).

Baptism Preparation – commences this Sunday 5 October at St Osmund and will run for 3 consecutive Sundays after the 9am Mass. The next course starts Sunday 2 November at St Gregory 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](#).

SCORE: Thanks to Jane who has responded to our appeal and will be joining the SCORE committee. This committee meets 4 times a year when it considers applications for grants for charitable projects. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact John Proctor : john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com.

More information about SCORE can be found under 'Parish Life' on our main menu then on 'SCORE' or [click here](#)

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-1 Ordinary Time Week 27 & Psalter 3

Saturday 4 October Saint Francis of Assisi

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jan Methner in sickness

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving – Joseph George & Family

18:00 St Osmund Polish Mass

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

09:00 St Osmund MASS Pacifico & Maria Falzon RIP

11:00 St Gregory MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

12:30 Ordinariate Mass is cancelled this week.

18:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

Monday 6 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Tuesday 7 October Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00 St Gregory MASS George & Monica Pickford RIP

Exposition at St Osmund from 12.00

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 8 October

10:00 St Gregory MASS Gilbert Miller RIP

THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 10 October

10:00 St Gregory MASS (G) Margarita Callan RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS John-Paul Pearson RIP

Saturday 11 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving – Rani Maria Jose

First Mass of Sunday – Please note the new time

17:00 St Gregory MASS David Palmer 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 OCTOBER

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray this week for the Parishes of St Nicholas of Tolentino (Easton), St Joseph (Fisponds), St Lawrence (Chipping Sodbury with St Paul (Yate, Bristol).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jack Cox, Sr Patricia (Paddy) O'Connell, Alfred (Roger) Palliser, Helen Ahern, Stephen Castle, Sally Bradley, Ruth Gibson, and Duncan Green 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 that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts'.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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 are year 9 or above please visit our Confirmation page for information and how to sign up. [Click here.](#)

MARRIAGES - Please speak to a 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@salisbury Catholics.org

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES – 4 & 5 OCTOBER 2025

Every year the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) is celebrated on the last Sunday of September but this year, to coincide with the Jubilee of Migrants, the day will be celebrated over the weekend of 4 and 5 October. The theme is 'Migrants, missionaries of hope', emphasising the resilience and faith of migrants and refugees in the face of hardship.

"It is our obligation to try and understand why migrants appear among us; our duty is to care for those who seek refuge in our country". *Bishop Paul McAleenan*

For the full Bishop's message via video and text please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 3 October – Today the Catholic community is being invited to stand together in hope and solidarity with some of the most vulnerable people in our world. Through CAFOD, the Church continues to bring vital support to communities living amid conflict, displacement, and climate challenges. Envelopes are available in the porch of both churches and can be dropped into the regular collection in the following weekends. For the promotional video and other ways to donate please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Feast of Saint John Henry Newman – Wednesday 9 October - John Henry Newman has been called the "absent Father of Vatican II" because his writings on conscience, religious liberty, Scripture, the vocation of lay people, the relation of Church and State, and other topics were extremely influential in the shaping of the Council's documents. Although Newman was not always understood or appreciated, he steadfastly preached the Good News by word and example. For the story of this great saint click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#)

First Friday Talks – this evening (Friday 3 October) after the 6pm Mass in the Parish Centre. The speaker will be Deacon John Detain who will reflect on the 'The Eucharist'. All are welcome, but if you cannot attend the talk it will be recorded and available on our website over the weekend. Please click on 'Parish Life' on our main menu and then on 'First Friday Talks' or [click here](#).

Parish Quiz night on Saturday 18 October 7pm St Gregory's Hall. Please join us for a fun evening straight after Mass in St Gregory's Hall. Teams up to 8 (£5 per table) or £1 for individuals who we will place in ad hoc teams on the night (fellow parishioners, friends or family, everyone is welcome). Bring your own drinks and nibbles on the night. We will craft questions to make it accessible to all, so nothing too fiendish! There are sign up sheets in the porches of both churches.

Tuesday Prayer and Praise continues at the Parish Centre from 7.45pm, and all are welcome to join us. This week we'll be considering the Christian life, and asking 'what's the difference?' In doing so we are following the same pattern as our parish Journey in Faith sessions.

Hope & Friendship Group is for anyone experiencing grief or loss, even from a while ago, meets again Monday 13 October 10.45 - Midday in the Parish Centre. Any questions? Call Deacon John Detain 01722 415588.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 15 October 2025 for a Beetle Drive at 2.00pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

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.