

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

From Father Anthony

For several days we had low dark cloud, curtains of rain and refrigerated temperatures. People moved hurriedly with umbrellas unfurled. Tires squelched and headlights twinkled in the gloom. Only the brave and determined ventured over the sands. 'How much longer', said one lady exasperatedly. On the third morning, dark oily clouds began to evaporate and drift eastwards over the sea. And out came the sun, hot and beaming. Streets steamed in the heat and relaxed; people found their smiles again. There had been a transformation!

'...He was transfigured before them.' The word translated as *transfigured* is metamorphoo: μεταμορφώω... from which we get *metamorphosis* and *metamorphize*. Loosely it means *to transform*. The first part *meta* means *with...* the change that takes place after being *with* something or someone. Morphoo conveys a change of form (*outer expression*) so that it embodies the essential (*inner*) substance, *i.e.* form harmonises with inner essence, inner reality. Always being one *with* the Father in His inner substance, Jesus' outer form radiates with wisdom, power and love (*Moses, Elijah and Jesus*). Inner and outer harmonise. Very often we are not in harmony; our outer person does not reflect our inner being: there is a pretence.

Transfiguration encapsulates spiritual life. By conforming our inner life to the Father our outer life harmonises *with* and reflects it. *Spiritual life* is often understood to mean something set apart from '*normal life*'. This is a misunderstanding. Spiritual life is part of and fulfils normal life. It may be left dormant but it is always there waiting to grow. It is the wheat that grows among the weeds. It must be so entwined with '*normal life*' that it grounds, stabilises and raises '*normal life*' to levels where the Author of all Life shines through. It raises life above selfishness, greed, harshness, deception, violence, war and so on. It is the yeast that makes life palatable.

Everyone is called to this Life. Everyone can be *transfigured*. It is not for the few or the chosen; it is for all. We are all unique and as such we are all chosen. Spiritual life, therefore, is not an option: it is a necessity. Like Peter we must learn to pitch the three tents of our body, soul and spirit in the Father so that we radiate Him in us. Then, coming down the mountain of His Love... love is what we bring to the world.



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We wish you a very warm welcome.
Please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org>
click "[Registration/update](#)"

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY 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) 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 Koeppel, 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 - 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](#):

Fr Anthony's 40th Anniversary BBQ/Fun Day last Sunday - Despite the weather we had a wonderful turnout on Sunday afternoon. Knowing the rain was coming later a queue quickly formed for the food and drink and by the time rain did come, the food was eaten and the bottle stall was empty. Many thanks to all those who donated bottles or food. A really big thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day but also those who gave up their time on Saturday and Monday. The day was a little bit shorter than planned but was enjoyed by all. Photos can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box, in our Photo Gallery or [click here](#).

Canon Michael Fitzpatrick - had a planned full hip replacement on Friday last, all went well, so much so he was discharged 24 hours later. To quote Fr Michael he is 'feeling absolutely marvellous'. We wish him well in his recovery.

World Youth Day 2023 - For World Youth Day which is occurring in Lisbon this week Pope Francis has dedicated his August monthly prayer intention in which he emphasises that the Church is not an Old People's Club, it needs the Young or it will die. To watch click on 'The Pope Video' in our 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

These Walls Have Spoken - On Thursday 20 July, a final liturgy of Solemn Vespers of St John took place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, to mark the closure of St John's Seminary, Womersley, a house of formation for men training for the priesthood that served the Catholic Church in England and Wales for over 130 years. The occasion also marked the launch of a book celebrating the life and history of the seminary. For more please click on the image of Fr Joseph who attended and was previously a seminarian at Womersley or [click here](#).

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 16th August 2023 for a Beetle Drive 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

We have received delivery of nearly 21,000 cards. These cards have been 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. Our wonderful volunteers have pledged to post 17,000 cards. If you are fit enough to simply post cards why not help as well?

Please call the Parish Office 01722 562703 or email: outreach@salisburycatholics.org

'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 Maja Maria Selwon who received the Sacrament of Baptism Friday of last week at St Osmund. Please keep Maja and her parents Patrycja & Kamil 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

First Holy Communion - If you have a Child that has just completed Year 2 (going into **Yr 3 or above** in September) and you wish to enrol them in the next programme, **the deadline is 9 September 2023**

Confirmation - If you have a child that has just completed Year 8 (going into **Yr 9 or above** in September) and you wish to enrol them in the next programme, the deadline is 3 February 2024.

Please register for either programme by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our home page or [click here](#).

Homily from Bishop Robert Barron reflects on *Daniel 7* where Daniel had a vision about four kingdoms that would oppress ancient Israel before the coming of the Son of Man. So when Israel was oppressed by Rome (the 4th kingdom) there was a real sense that the Messiah was about to come. To listen and watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: The Transfiguration of the Lord! A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for the 18th 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 18 Proper of Feast and Psalter 2

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.

SUNDAY 6 August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

09:00 St Osmund MASS Colin O'Farrell RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS in Thanksgiving

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Peter Edmonds RIP

Monday 7 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS David Maycock RIP and Mary & Family

Tuesday 8 August Saint Dominic

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 9 August ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS John R Pitt RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 10 August SAINT LAWRENCE

10:00 St Osmund MASS Kevin Mooney RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 11 August Saint Clare

10:00 St Gregory MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

Saturday 12 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Lily Mulcahy RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Damian Fleming RIP.

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 Edmund (Calne) and St Anthony of Padua (Melksham).

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

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

Psalms 96

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

2 Peter 1:16-19

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, the Beloved,
he enjoys my favour;
listen to him.

Alleluia!

Matthew 17:1-9

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, 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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