

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 14(B)

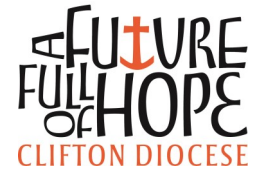
From Father Anthony

I was angry and felt guilty about feeling angry but couldn't let it go... typical human condition. It affected my mood and work and I let the tea go cold! I sat outside for a while, simmering. My senses were arrested by beautiful translucent yellow flowers and, with the birdsong, they transported me away from myself. I settled and relaxed and before long the anger subsided. And then it was I saw what angered me from the other person's perspective... saw the possibility that it might have been me at fault. God forbid!

In most forms of spiritual practice, we are urged to find silence... which might perplex us. The search for silence is not necessarily for the sake of silence itself; it is a *'mechanism'* by which we move beyond the normal set and boundaries of everyday thought and thinking: like pushing past a barrier. The object is not to find *emptiness, nirvana or the great ocean of nothingness*, as such but to find that place where thought, feeling and willpower are conditioned by the Love of God within... the Kingdom of Heaven within. Spiritually, it is sometimes referred to as *'returning to one's own country'* (*Jesus returned to His home town*).

Many of us attempt to make this inner journey but are put off by difficulties and by what we find. If we can get past the barrage of everyday thought, we do not find some mythically beautiful land. We find the situations that comprise our life but seen from a different perspective... seen from the vantage point of the Kingdom of Heaven, from the spiritual being we are. At the beginning this is not felt as a consolation but perplexing, even offensive. We cannot recognise the wisdom and understanding we find as ours and confuse it for weakness or pretentiousness – *they recognised Jesus as the carpenter's son but not Christ in Him and were offended – perplexed - by his spiritual understanding*. For a while we reject what we find in and about ourselves; we reject the Kingdom of Heaven within. But, with practice and perseverance, we accept our divine nature and let it shine through.

The purpose of finding *'the Kingdom within'* is not to find a new *'landscape'* (*although, there is that as well*) but to find rest (*Sabbath*) and to reinterpret this world from the perspective of the Kingdom of Heaven (*teach in the synagogue*).



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

SAINT BENEDICT - 11 JULY

The Church has been blessed through Benedictine devotion to the liturgy, not only in its actual celebration with rich and proper ceremony in the great abbeys, but also through the scholarly studies of many of its members. Benedict's response to the fall of the Roman Empire was to create small communities rooted in piety, learning and civility. Thus, was born western monasticism. For the story of St Benedict please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SEA SUNDAY - 14 JULY

Support Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea). Stella Maris is a Catholic charity who improve the lives of seafarers and fishers both in the UK and around the world through their network of local chaplains and seafarer centres. They provide expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support to all those who provide us with the food we eat and the goods we need. **There will be a retiring collection at all the Sunday Masses next weekend 13/14 July**, gift aid envelopes are available. We have both a short video and this year's booklet on our website, just 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.

St Osmund Church Cleaning - We are in need of a small group of volunteers who can meet up once a month on an agreed day to spend an hour or two cleaning the Church. Please do contact the Parish Office if you can help on 01722 562703, men, don't be shy! We can be flexible with the agreed time to suit those who volunteer.

Catholic Social Teaching video series - The Adult Education & Evangelisation department of the Clifton Diocese have produced a five-part video series to offer a brief overview of Catholic Social Teaching intended to help us grasp the big picture. We have the first introduction video on our website. To view click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SPUC Salisbury Branch would like to thank all those who helped in any way towards our Market Stall. We are very grateful and made £296 to send to SPUC HQ.

Coffee and Cake following the 10am Mass every Thursday morning. Come and enjoy friendly company in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. There is no charge but we welcome a small donation for our chosen charities.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 17 July for Afternoon Tea at 2pm 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 Josephine on 01722 328410 for information. Everyone is welcome to join. Never prayed the Rosary before? No problem - we are happy to help and explain it to you. We are also happy to receive prayer intentions if there is something that you would particularly like the group take to Our Lady for her intercession.

Art and Craft Group meet each Monday after the 10am Mass at St Osmund's in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome even if you have never painted, drawn or crafted before. For information Oltea on 07597 453989.

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](#).

Arriving late to Mass on a Sunday - Mass is the central act of worship in the life of a Catholic. Coming to Mass is about spending time with God and the community at an appointed time each Sunday. Of course, there are occasional reasons why being late is unavoidable but routinely we should endeavour to be on time for the most important appointment of our week out of respect for Our Lord and courtesy to those around us.

Growing Seeds of Hope - Saturday 13 July at St John the Baptist parish centre in Trowbridge. The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph are returning to lead us in our exploration of how we form people in the Faith. Their knowledge and practical experience will help to guide and inspire us in our ministry as catechists. For more information on the day please click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

Bereavement 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.

Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré) on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre (except for the last Tuesday in the month - see 'Evening Supper' below). All are welcome.

Evening Supper on the last Tuesday of each month, the Alabaré Community host a supper for parishioners. All are most welcome but please contact Deacons John Proctor or Steve Godwin to register so that we know the numbers to cater for. There is no charge. The next supper is next Tuesday 30 July in the Parish Centre.

Congratulations and Welcome to Annabelle Lily Willis-Newman who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday. Please keep Annabelle and her parents Claire & Thomas and her godparents in your prayers

11am Mass - the baptism of Chidalu Pearl Ofoche will take place at this Sunday (7 July) in St Osmund's.

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 - this week's reflection is on the second reading Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. The focus is 'a thorn in the flesh' that was given to Paul 'to beat me, to keep me from being too elated'. What was it? We don't know. We all have something like this some physical, psychological, or spiritual suffering that's deeply troubling. Yet this struggle with the thorn in the flesh is very often what brings us back to God. To watch and listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

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Saturday 6 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Robin Turvey RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS

SUNDAY 7 JULY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Frank Farley RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Buck RIP

Monday 8 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Tuesday 9 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS 20th Anniversary of the
Ordination of John Detain & Steve Godwin

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 10 July

10:00 St Gregory MASS Intention of Brigid Holland

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

Thursday 11 July SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT

10:00 St Osmund MASS

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 12 July

10:00 St Gregory MASS Intentions of Kevin Kelly

19:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 13 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS

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 July

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all - [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for the Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Emma Middleton, Maura O'Mahony, Patrick Sellers & Lou Godwin 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:

Ezekiel 2:2-5

Psalms 122

Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Mark 6:1-6

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:
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