

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 19 (C)

From Father Anthony

I parked up at Old Sarum and took in the magnificent views. A humid breeze curled round my neck; church bells tinkled along the valley. To my right the cathedral, distant and tiny, nestled amid rooftops and clumps of trees; to my left, yellow and brown fields rolled away with gentle elegance towards Amesbury and the Plain. A combine harvester crawled over a golden field: a whining insect devouring and depositing the crop. A tractor followed leaving stacks in its wake. I said a prayer for those who serve by working the land.

Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. The word used for *servant* is δοῦλος (doulos). It means someone who belongs to another and is often used for those who belong to Christ; who call Him Lord and Master. A quality of the servant of Christ is to remain vigilant. Why? Well, for one reason, what we say or think is often just lip service or obedience to conventions. The lord and master we really serve is what our hearts are set on; what fuels, drives and feeds our desires in the world. This is what we are often vigilant for. Money, bigger houses, better jobs; status, good name, ease of living and so on. Yet, all these are *effects*; the world is an *effect*. Effects never satisfy us ultimately; they are fleeting, insubstantial and illusory. They are not the Cause. God is. God is substantial, permanent, nourishing and the very Author of our being. And God is accessible to us now through Christ. It's not that the things of this world are all bad - although some of them are. It's that we must not fool ourselves and confuse Cause with effect. All things are possible with Cause; effects are secondhand and ultimately empty.

It is not always easy to discern Christ in our lives. We may not be able to say who or what Christ is. But, if we exercise vigilance (*keep a good look out*) within our own being we may become aware of what He is not; greed, anger, anxiety, hate, confusion, pride, deceit and so on. Knowing what is not of Christ clears a space in our lives from which we may discern His Presence... *His arrival*. In the light of this Presence, we will be taught and given all that we need (*He will wait on us*).



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

[Click Here](#)

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FRIDAY 15 AUGUST
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday 14 August Vigil Mass St Gregory 7pm

Friday 15 August Masses: St Gregory 10am, St Osmund Midday & St Osmund 6pm

This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God. Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Saint Maximilian Kolbe 14 August – Polish Franciscan priest, missionary and martyr. Saint Maximilian died in the concentration camp at Auschwitz, during World War II, and is remembered as a 'martyr of charity' for dying in place of another prisoner who had a wife and children. He was canonized by Pope St John Paul II on October 10, 1982. He is also celebrated for his missionary work, his evangelistic use of modern means of communication, and for his lifelong devotion to the Virgin Mary. For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Fr Jonathan's last Sunday Masses in our Parish – This 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.

SCORE - there will be a retiring collection for SCORE overseas projects next weekend 16 & 17 August.

Men's Breakfast – Next dates: 13 September, 8 November, 10 January — all Saturdays at 8am. at the Parish Centre. For men of all ages to share on matters of Life & Faith. Each breakfast will have a guest speaker and a full English breakfast. the cost will be £10 per head. A link will be provided for registration for 13 Sept next week.

Jubilee of Young People – Mass Sunday 3 August - During the Mass near Rome, Pope Leo XIV reminds the young people that Jesus is our hope, and urges them to "adventure with the Lord toward eternity" as the Lord is "gently knocking" at the window of their soul. We have the Mass with text on our website please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

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.

Rosary in Salisbury Cathedral - Friday 15th August - The Rosary is prayed by Catholics and Anglicans in Salisbury Cathedral on the third Friday of each month at 12 Noon. The next meeting will be on Friday 15 August. If you would like to join us we meet in the Cathedral Refectory 1130-1150 before going into the Cathedral.

Dona Collection Plate (card reader) – Following problems, the card reader in St Gregory's Church porch has been replaced and is now fully operational.

Justice & Peace Group are meeting at 7pm on Monday 18 August at the Parish Centre. They will be discussing the 'Autumn' soup meal, a 'litter pick' and a 'clothing day'. Everyone is welcome.

Youth Group – will reconvene after the summer break on the 10 September 6.30pm at the Parish Centre.

CONFIRMATION 2026

Fr Joseph has published the details for this year's Confirmation programme, so if you (or your son or daughter) are in Year 9 or above and want to be confirmed, this is for you. This year, we are trying something a bit different, in that (A) the course will start in September, and (B) it will be on Wednesday nights. So if you are interested in Confirmation in 2026, please look up the details on our website, click on the '[Confirmation](#)' button on our home page or [click here](#)

Please note 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

CHIDEOCK PILGRIMAGE

Fr Joseph is inviting our young people (of secondary school age) to come on an end-of-summer pilgrimage to Chideock, on the south coast. We'll have Mass at the very historic chapel (complete with a secret Reformation-era hideaway for priests!), followed by a short ramble down to the beach. Saturday 30 August. £10 per family. Contact the parish office to reserve a place.

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, Theodore Joseph Michele Parr who received the sacrament of Baptism last Sunday at St Osmund. Please keep Theodore, his parents Giulia & Michael and godparents in your prayers.

Congratulations to Zofia Cimachowska and Wojciech Cimachowski who will make their First Holy Communion at the 11am Mass at St Gregory next Sunday 17 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](#).

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 19 & Psalter 3

SATURDAY 9 AUGUST SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

10:00 St Osmund MASS Arthur Buck RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS John Fingleton RIP

18:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST

09:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving

11:00 St Gregory MASS Helena McGovern RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS People of the Parish

18:00 St Osmund MASS Sally Bradley RIP

Monday 11 August Saint Clare

10:00 St Osmund MASS Liya Yamatay

Tuesday 12 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Lorna Smith on her birthday

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 13 August

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mercedita Alvarez RIP

Thursday 14 August Saint Maximilian Kolbe

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bishop Mervyn Alexander RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Vigil Mass for The Assumption

19:00 St Gregory MASS Frank Farley RIP

FRIDAY 15 AUGUST THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 St Gregory MASS Sarah Hatton on her birthday

12:00 St Osmund MASS Jacob Family - Thanksgiving

18:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Maria Peniston RIP

Saturday 16 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jane, Hannah and Sophie Tucker

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS John Brook 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 Thomas More (Bradford-on-Avon).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sally Bradley, Ruth Gibson, 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

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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@salisbury Catholics.org