

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 15 (C)

### From Father Anthony

Rising and swelling, like the belly of a great supine beast, a mirror smooth sea reflected wispy clouds and a blazing sun. Hectic breezes hurried past promenaders, ruffling hair and caressing faces. A helicopter skimmed along the horizon; gulls perched and chattered on railings. I stood on higher ground and took it all in; the distant Yorkshire coastline, yellow sand, turquoise sea and blue sky; the face of God smiling upon us all.

Deus primum, *God first*. Surely, this has to be the motto written underneath the Coat of Arms of every truly Christian heart. God first; *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and... your neighbour as yourself."*

Too often, though, it is *me first*: often dressed up in altruistic, humble, meaningful language but, nevertheless, *me first*. *Me first* should not be confused with *enlightened self interest*. We have to look after ourselves, eat, exercise and earn money to pay for the bus that takes us to work to earn money to pay for the bus that takes us to work! But, there is a deeper self interest that puts 'self' (*me*) at the heart of one's heart, so to speak: that subtly believes the Universe is made in '*my image and likeness and damn you if you don't see it my way*'. But, the Universe (*one verse*) is just that... *one verse*; of which you and I are integral parts... including so called *multiverses* which are, again, simply aspects of the One Verse... God.

A great mystery! Yet, a mystery accessed through the other; our neighbour. No amount of meditation, prayer, ritual or learning can solve or dissolve this mystery. Only Love of one's neighbour, the royal way, leads to understanding and experience of that Mystery of mysteries, which can't be stated... God.

Christ Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, resides spiritually in our neighbour - *yes, even the person we can't stand* - and is accessible to us through love of that person. Person comes from *persona*, Latin for *mask*. Beneath the *mask* of another we experience Christ *the image of the invisible God, the first born of creation*. What we are asked to do is go beyond our own mask and listen and "*heed the voice of the Lord, our God, and keep his commandments and statutes...*" But, will we?



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**St Gregory & the English Martyrs**

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**Chapel of the Good Shepherd**

Barford Lane, Downton SP5 3QA

### NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

[Click Here](#)

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fr Jonathan Creer** has been appointed by the bishop of Northampton and the bishop of the Ordinariate to serve two diocesan parishes in Northamptonshire (Thrapston & Oundle). Fr Jonathan will continue to work with us officially until the end of July although it is his plan to celebrate some of the Masses in Salisbury on Sundays in August, to enable everyone to say their goodbyes - we will keep you informed as to where he will be as the weeks unfold. We thank Fr Jonathan for all that he has brought to our parishes over the last six years and assure him of our prayers as he prepares for the new challenge ahead.

**Fr Saji Mathew**, currently Parish Priest of Christ the King in Amesbury, has been appointed by Bishop Bosco to serve the parish of Holy Family in Patchway, Bristol. He will be taking up his new position from September, and similarly, we will keep you informed as to which Sunday Masses Fr Saji will be celebrating, to enable parishioners to wish him well as he leaves our Pastoral Area.

We are expecting a priest to arrive in Amesbury in September, although details are yet to be announced by the diocese. We do not know yet if, or when, a priest may be allocated to replace Fr Jonathan in his diocesan capacity, but we are anticipating that an Ordinariate priest will be sent to serve the Sarum Ordinariate group in due course. Let us keep asking to the Holy Spirit to send labourers to the harvest, to call good men to the priesthood, and to bless our Bishop Bosco and all those priests across the diocese who are preparing to move parishes this Autumn.

## MASS TIME CHANGES

FROM THIS SUNDAY 13 JULY ONWARDS

**Please read carefully**

The changes above mean that the situation that we have long been anticipating is now upon us and so weekend Mass times in Salisbury will remain as follows **until further notice:**

**6pm (Saturday evening Vigil Mass) – St Gregory's Church**

**9am – St Osmund's Church**

**11am – St Gregory's Church**

**12.30pm – Ordinariate Mass in St Osmund's Church**

**6pm – St Osmund's Church**

**Until further notice the final Wednesday 6pm Ordinariate Mass will be on 30 July.**

This arrangement will have an impact on many people and all our Masses and so we invite everyone to approach this new arrangement in a spirit of generosity and welcoming. Once the situation is more settled, the weekend Mass arrangements across the Pastoral Area of St Edith of Wilton (which includes Salisbury, Amesbury, Warminster and Tisbury/Wardour) will be reviewed.

**For this coming Wednesday 16 July the 10am at St Gregory will be Liturgy of the Word. This week only.**

## SEA SUNDAY - 13 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 this weekend 12/13 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](#).

### 'THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW'

Can You Help Our Parish Thrive?

Following Fr Joseph's homily last Sunday, [click here to listen again](#), we are reaching out to ask for your support in helping our parish continue to flourish, even while we adjust to having fewer priests. There are so many ways you can help, if you would be willing to offer the time and talents you have. For example...

**FAMILY OF FAITH:** It makes all the difference to have a few adults who are willing simply to sit with the children, do some colouring in, and chat to them about Jesus—even if you can't commit to every session. And if working with children isn't your calling, we would really welcome help with the admin behind the scenes, hospitality, and setting up the room in advance.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** There is always a need for 'extraordinary ministers' willing to distribute the Precious Blood during Mass, and / or to take the Blessed Sacrament to parishioners in care homes, or who are housebound.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** It is such a privilege to serve Mass, and a wonderful way to engage more deeply with Christ in the liturgy, both for adult servers, and children (Year 4+) who are eager to learn.

**TABLES AND CHAIRS:** There is always the physical work of setting up and packing down the tables and chairs at the weekend, especially whilst we will need overflow in the hall at our Sunday Masses.

**ADORATION:** As Fr Joseph reminded us, prayer is the vital fuel that powers every other ministry. We are blessed to have Adoration on Tuesdays & Thursdays at St Osmund's, but we really need to ensure that at least one person is there with the Lord, throughout the day—so please add your name to the rota in the porch if you can commit to an hour's slot.

**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING:** Our church buildings and the areas of garden around them are kept beautiful by the hard work and generosity of a small number of faithful volunteers. Any assistance you can offer would be so much appreciated.

These are just a few of the ways you can make a difference. If you feel called to help in any capacity, please contact the Parish Office. Your time and talents are deeply appreciated.

**Traffic Signal and associated road works near St Osmund from next Monday 14 July for 5 weeks.** The roads affected are all adjacent to the church. During this period there will be no parking in Ivy Street and St Ann Street will be restricted to one lane of traffic and no parking. Please do allow extra time to travel and park.

**SCORE -** There will be a retiring collection for local charitable projects next weekend 19 & 20 July.

## SHARING OUR FAITH

**Family of Faith** – Fr Joseph has emailed all the parents last week with a reminder that the last gathering of the year is this Sunday 13 July – **including a note asking parents to take note of the Mass Time changes.** The full text of the email and the '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** - A new programme will start in the Autumn for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. Contact Dave Blake [salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com) if you are interested in joining or [click here](#)

**Baptism Applications** - To request Baptism for your child, please click the 'Registration' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Confirmation 2025 Candidates**– were presented with their Confirmation certificates last Sunday 6 July at the 6pm Mass. Michael Illas has kindly provided us with photos of the event which can be found by visiting our 'Photo Gallery' or [click here](#).



**Confirmation 2026** - If you have a child who will be in Year 9 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. Please note that Confirmation sessions next year will be on Wednesday evenings.

**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.



**The Youth group** went to Old Sarum this week. A group of over 20 came. They celebrated Father Joseph's 3rd Anniversary of Ordination, a card filled with 7-word prayers written by the group. A walk to the old Cathedral site with Evening Prayer. The last session before the summer break is next Wednesday 16 July and will reconvene on 10 September.

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY - 7 SEPTEMBER

This year's pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 7 September 2025 and will be centered around the theme of 'Mary, Woman of Hope', aligning with the Jubilee Year's theme of "Pilgrims of Hope".

We have booked a 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. We want to encourage more young families to attend this year... Never been? Why not consider taking your family along with another Catholic family that you know to make it special for the children? If you would like to go but finance is a problem, you can speak confidentially to Caroline in the office or one of our clergy.

All the information including an introduction by Fr Dominic Findlay-Wilson 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 15 & Psalter 3

### Saturday 12 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Kevin Kelly

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

18:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

### SUNDAY 13 JULY

09:00 St Osmund MASS For the grace of faith & health for Paulina Polaczek

11:00 St Gregory MASS Jan Methner in sickness

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Frank Farley RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS For Peter Walker

### Monday 14 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

### Tuesday 15 July Saint Bonaventure

10:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Terri Thomas RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 16 July

10:00 St Gregory Liturgy of the Word

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

### Thursday 17 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Maria Anna Lambert RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS Sam & Suzanne Webber

### Friday 18 July

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Robson RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS Peter & Margaret Pearce RIP

### Saturday 19 July

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

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Maura O'Mahony 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 JULY

**For formation in discernment** Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel. [Click here.](#)

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** - We pray this week for the Parishes of Our Lady & St Alphege (Bath) and St Joseph (Peasedown St John).

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

**Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of eternal life.**

**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@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org)