

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 11 YEAR A

From Father Anthony

Weeds had overrun the garden, confusing shapes, altering perspectives and obscuring hidden gems: chaos! I stretched and yawned. Despite blue skies and a happy sun, the beach would have to wait! With gulls circling overhead and the ocean abandoned I got to my knees... to weed!

The Word of God speaks to all levels of understanding: it reflects His infinite nature. There are outer (*exoteric*) levels; literal, easily comprehended and accessible. There are inner (*esoteric*) levels: hidden, secretive, not easily comprehended and less accessible. No level renders another meaningless. Each is appropriate to the development of the person encountering the Word. Between extremes there are middle (*mesoteric*) levels: bridges or ways of connecting extremes. Very often, at these middle levels, we have left the outer, glimpsed the inner or *mystical meanings* but have yet to incorporate and express them in our daily lives. There is work to do!

Exoterically the twelve disciples represent the historical men called to follow and learn from Jesus. Esoterically they represent the twelve faculties of soul called to develop spiritually and enter the Kingdom of Heaven within. Moving from the outer to the middle for the inner levels is often referred to in Scripture *as being sent out - Jesus sent the twelve*. The main faculties of the soul (*the twelve*) are sent out to journey within (*develop spiritually*) to re-establish what was lost due to sin and confusion (*lost house of Israel*).

This interior journey or development entails identifying and bypassing our pagan, secular territories of greed, ambition, self-aggrandisement, worldly beliefs and so on; to find those elements of our being languishing by the roadside of our lives; the thoughts and actions that lead to God and not our little ego. Here we find what is sick, dying, dead, leprous and demonic within ourselves. It is these areas that we are to visit and heal in prayer, meditation and simple awareness. At some stage we must stop fooling ourselves: stop living through and relying on the exterior, presentational images we have created as our self and venture within to discover the truth of who and what we are. Not always nice but necessary if we are to progress and become Christ like.

Movement from the outer to the middle level is where most spiritual work takes place; a bit like weeding: constant, hard, back breaking work... but the result are spiritually and esoterically marvellous!

SCORE – Retiring collection for SCORE Overseas Projects this weekend



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.
Please register online

[Click Here](#)

CONFIRMATION 2026

Congratulations to all the candidates who were confirmed in the Holy Spirit by Bishop Bosco at St Gregory & the English Martyrs yesterday evening. It was a truly wonderful, Spirit-filled occasion.



Bishop Bosco's homily was much remarked upon by many of the families present as just what our young people (and we!) need to hear. We need a bigger church! It is such a shame that the wider parish could not be present because of the capacity issues (the church was packed to the rafters!). I hope that many of you joined us online via our Church TV. If you weren't able to join, I HIGHLY recommend that everyone go to the [Confirmation 2026](#) page of our website to watch the Mass. On the same page we have audio of Deacon John Detain's address to the candidates prior to Mass and the audio of Bishop Bosco's homily in case you would like to listen as you drive or do your chores this weekend.



Our thanks to the catechists who have put in months of work to prepare a record 36 candidates, and to everyone who helped make the evening so memorable. The flowers were beautiful and the church looked wonderful with the Holy Spirit banners adorning the pillars. The music and liturgy were grace-filled and uplifting. Michael Illas once again came along to take photographs and they will soon be available on the website. Grateful thanks also to those kind and stalwart parishioners who came and put on (and cleared up!) the reception afterwards – what a generous, selfless act of service to our Confirmation families. Praise be.

PERMANENT DIACONATE VOCATIONS SUNDAY - 13/14 JUNE 2026

We are blessed in this Pastoral Area to have wonderful deacons who serve our parishes fervently and faithfully. I think that it would not be giving too much away to point out that they are all beyond retirement age! The church needs more permanent deacons. Our parishes need more permanent deacons. Could God be calling you to this life-giving ministry that can be lived out alongside your marriage and your existing life-arrangements? This Sunday in our diocese, we observe Vocations Sunday for the Permanent Diaconate and we ask of you quite simply that you take time out in prayer to listen to the voice of the Lord to begin to discern whether he might be calling you.

Permanent deacons are usually married men with families, called from everyday life to serve the Church by proclaiming the Gospel, assisting at the altar, and bringing Christ's compassion to those in need.

Bishop Bosco has released a video message in which he personally invites men to consider the diaconate. He speaks directly about the need for servant leaders in today's Church and encourages the faithful to be open to where God may be calling them. Please click '[here](#)' to watch on our website. Leaflets will also be available in our churches this weekend with more details.

SHARING OUR FAITH

We will welcome Percy Michael Wrobel and Michael Anthony Lawrence who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend 13/14 June at St Osmund. Please keep both Percy & Michael, and their parents in your prayers.

Not a Catholic but interested to know more? Our Journey in Faith group takes a short break from their planned sessions over the summer but we are always available to speak to anyone who feels drawn to (or to return to) the Catholic faith at any time. Speak to a member of the clergy, contact the parish office or speak to Dave Blake: salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliffondiocese.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all those who made their First Holy Communion over recent weeks. There are photographs to view in our website '[Photo Gallery](#)' or '[Top News](#)' box. Congratulations also to Harriet, who will receive her First Holy Communion at the 11am Mass at St Osmund's this Sunday, 14 June

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

Family of Faith: The next gathering will take place on 21 June. See the [Family of Faith](#) webpage for more information.

Bible Study with the Fathers of the Church - Fr Joseph's group for Young(ish) adults (open to all in their 20s & 30s) meets on alternate Tuesdays at 8pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms, also available to join online via Zoom. Please email Fr Joseph to be added to the WhatsApp group for notifications. joseph.meigh@cliffondiocese.com

Youth Group (Wednesdays in term time) at the Parish Centre at 6.30pm. This group is for those in Years 8-11 to meet up, relax, play games, chat about faith, ask questions, and pray. For more, click on [Youth Group](#) on our home page.

Relics of St Gerard Majella This special visit drew parishioners from across the Deanery and further afield offering a meaningful opportunity for prayer, reflection, and devotion. Our thanks go to Fr Royston Price, the Redemptorist priest leading the tour, who celebrated Mass, and to Shekinah - the wonderful music group from St George's Parish, Warminster who led the music at the Mass. This Mass is still available to view in the Recordings section of our Church TV and some photos of the occasion are on our [website](#)

SCORE update. In June, grants totalling £6,000 were made to 3 projects overseas. Please look at the '[SCORE](#)' page under '[Parish Life](#)' on our website for full details. Thank you for your generous contributions to SCORE.

Day for Life - 21 June dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. There will be a retiring collection next weekend for the Day for Life Fund which provides assistance to organisations working to support the Church's mission to protect human life from conception to natural death.

Rosary in Salisbury Cathedral Friday 19 June - The Rosary is prayed in Salisbury Cathedral on the third Friday of each month at midday. We meet in the refectory 1130-1150 before going to the Chapel of St Edmund and St Thomas.

Summer Fete - St George Church in Warminster is holding a Summer Fete on Saturday 27th June starting at 11am. There will be games, plants, books, toys, new and pre-loved clothes, tombolas, café with BBQ amongst others. Next to the book stall we will have the internationally published author Fiorella De Maria selling her own books, as well as being an international author she is a renowned speaker which has included giving talks at the Vatican. At the end of the Fete the winning tickets for our Grand Summer Draw with a top prize of £200 in cash plus other cash prizes will be drawn. The fete is set to be a fun family event and is not to be missed.

First Friday Talk – Friday 3 July 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Centre. '**Pilgrims, Progress and Punctures**': some parishioners have travelled the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage, walking or cycling, and will be recalling their experiences of grace and grief on the famous "Camino."

SPUC Market Stall. Saturday 20 June in the Market Square in the morning. Donations of Gifts, Books, CDs & DVDs, homemade cakes & produce gratefully accepted. If you can help, contact Alison on 741681 or Bernadette on 711137.

Dilexi Te - The Diocese's Symposium, 'Now is the Time', held on Saturday 30 May, explored the teachings of Pope Leo in his Apostolic Exhortation 'Dilexi Te' (Love for the Poor). It was a thought-provoking and inspirational day for those who attended. Speakers included Bishop Bosco MacDonald, Sir John Battle KC*SG, and Raymond Friel (CSAN). To watch the recordings, please click on the image in the '[Top News](#)' box.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Ordinary Time Week 11 & Psalter 3

Saturday 13 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Webb RIP

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Joan Brady RIP

18:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

SUNDAY 14 JUNE

09:00 St Osmund MASS Lucy Rose RIP

09:00 St Gregory MASS James & Margaret Harley RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Lewis Salmon R.N.

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 15 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Emma Ruth Middleton RIP

Tuesday 16 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

17:30 St Osmund Benediction

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Wednesday 17 June

10:00 St Gregory MASS Frank Farley RIP

Thursday 18 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 Downton MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

17:30 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 19 June

18:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Maria Anna Lambert RIP

Saturday 20 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS James (Jim) O'Farrell RIP

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Karl Toole RIP

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Saturdays 4.30pm until Mass

St Osmund: Saturdays 9.30am until 12 noon

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

PAPAL PRAYER FOR JUNE

For the values of sports.

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray for the parish of Sacred Heart (Tisbury, with Wardour).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bridget Read, Maureen Mooney, Bill Allen, John Wilson, Philip Potter, and Bob Kimsey 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.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS Please register using this online [form](#). 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 [register](#) your interest in our Family of Faith programme.

CONFIRMATION 2027 For children who are year 9 or above please visit the Confirmation [page](#) our website.

MARRIAGE Please speak to a priest for guidance at least six months in advance of your hoped-for wedding date.

FUNERALS Do your family know your wishes with regards to your funeral? Registered parishioners can provide these details which are stored confidentially with your parishioner record and can be given to families at the appropriate time.

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