

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 12 YEAR A

From Father Anthony

I sat in the garden sipping 'posh tea', enjoying early morning quiet and a fresh breeze. Gangsters squabbled around the eaves: Swifts circled and wheezed. Into this peaceful reverie I recalled the ocean waves of two weeks ago. Crashing, splashing, awe inspiring, alarming and terrifying. Now they crashed through my mind disturbing the peace but also, drawing attention to it!

Last week we encountered Jesus sending out the twelve. *Esoterically*, we suggested that *sending* refers to an interior journey we must all make to find what we have lost - to find ourselves. We were told to bypass the pagan territories of selfish, worldly values: to encounter our dysfunctional nature and what we have made of ourselves. As we honestly venture into the life we have lived and are living we will find much that is not to our liking. Jesus tells us not to be afraid. The word *afraid*, (φοβέω), *phobeo* - from which we get phobia - conveys a range of ideas from *awe filled reverence*, *alarm* and *outright terror*. It often alarms and horrifies us to see the thoughts, words and deeds we have covered up and hidden from ourselves. Seeing and accepting what we 'find', is *uncovering it*, 'nothing is concealed that it will not be revealed'. The revelation is the beginning of healing. Not uncovering it is to remain conflicted and disturbed... Gehenna!

What we find may surprise, dismay or even frighten us... but not God. We may not know ourselves but God does, *even to the hairs on our head*. We may have hidden things from ourselves... but not from God. As we truly see ourselves we see what God sees... *and loves*. This is good news, 'so do not be afraid you are worth more than many sparrows'. We are loved and lovable... God loves us, warts and all. The problem is... we do not always love ourselves. This lack of *self love* is a subtle challenge to God's love (*not acknowledging Him*) and creates interior conflict. Knowing, accepting and joining His love for us is our liberation: in the revelation, comfort and reassurance of that love we transform.

When we experience His Love, hidden behind the dark spaces of our being, we must proclaim it from the housetop of our life. I must bring the freedom and release that comes from true self knowledge and actualisation to you... and you to me.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.
Please register online

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WEEKDAY LITURGY TIME CHANGES

With effect from the week beginning 28 June, the following changes will be made to the regular Mass schedule:

- The Ordinariate Mass will move from Tuesdays at 6pm to Mondays at 6pm.
- The Wednesday 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart, Tisbury, will move to Thursdays at 6pm and will be celebrated by clergy from Salisbury.
- The Tuesday 9.30am Mass at All Saints', Wardour, will be suspended during the summer holidays of Wardour Catholic Primary School, i.e. from 21 July until 1 September, and will resume when the school returns after the summer break.
- Benediction at St Osmund's on Tuesdays & Thursdays will return to 6pm.
- All other Masses will continue according to the existing schedule.

DAY FOR LIFE – SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2026

This Sunday, we mark the Day for Life. This year's theme is "*The Wonder of the Child in the Womb.*" A child is a gift from God, to be nurtured and cherished. The theme acknowledges the sorrow of babies who die before birth and the deep grief experienced by their parents and families. On our [Day for Life](#) page you will find the joint message from the Bishops of England, Scotland & Wales, with prayers; a podcast from Archbishop John Sherrington and a message from Pope Leo, offering prayers for parents grieving the loss of a child.

The retiring collection this weekend will support the Day for Life Fund, which provides grants to organisations promoting respect for life from conception to natural death.

SAINTS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE – MONDAY 22 JUNE 2026

The lives of St Thomas More and St John Fisher are very closely linked and so the Church celebrate their feasts together. They are both renowned Englishmen, martyred within two weeks of each other for the same cause of defending religious liberty, the sanctity of marriage and Papal authority. For reflections by Bishop Robert Barron and Dr Scott Hahn, click on the image of [St Thomas More](#) in the 'Top News' box.

Altar Server Training Opportunity – St Gregory's Church An opportunity is being offered on Saturday 27 June, from 10am to midday, for any young person who has recently made, or is preparing to make, their First Holy Communion who would like to train to be an altar server at St Gregory's. If your child plans to attend, let Deacon Steve know: stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com If there are young people who would like to become altar servers at St Osmund's, we also have training sessions with Emmanuel and Sam that you are welcome to join – contact the parish office for more details.

Radiant - our monthly group for women meets next Thursday 25 June 7pm. We would love you to join us for prayer, scripture and friendship. Bring a small plate of something for a shared supper. Please get in touch if you need a lift. For information Xanthe 07904 589360 or [click here](#).

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." All are welcome, but if you cannot attend each talk will be recorded and available on our website over that weekend. Please click on '[Parish Activities](#)' on our main menu and then on '[First Friday Talks](#)'.

SPUC Market Stall. This Saturday morning, 20 June, in Salisbury Market Square. Please do drop by to show your support, have a chat, and learn more about the work of SPUC. Your encouragement makes a real difference!

CONFIRMATION 2027 – ENROL NOW!

If you have a child who will be in Year 9 or above from Sept, please use our online form to apply to join our preparation programme for 2027 as **there will be an information evening for parents during the first few days of September**.

There is a wonderful residential retreat for the group during the first term and so it is vital that you sign up NOW to receive all the information and dates that you will need. Please click on the '[Confirmation](#)' button on our homepage for the link to sign up. The Confirmation programme and Mass are a wonderful time in a young person's life and is gaining in popularity every year with our youngsters. Please sign up now to be assured of a place for next year.

On our '[Confirmation 2026](#)' page we now have:

- A full recording of this year's Mass
- Audio of Bishop Bosco's homily and Deacon John Detain's address to the candidates
- A selection of over 80 photos kindly taken by Michael Illas. If you wish to view the full set Michael has provided this link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/C7JK6GvMH2ba6cWw6>

Please keep our newly confirmed in your prayers.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

Family of Faith: The next gathering will take place this Sunday 21 June after the 9am Masses at the Parish Centre. The final session for the current year is on Sunday 5 July. The dates for 2026 – 2027 (starting Sunday 13 September) are now on our [Family of Faith](#) webpage.

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@clifftondiocese.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.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Congratulations to Harriet, who received her First Holy Communion during the 11am Mass at St Osmund's last Sunday, following the completion of our Family of Faith programme with her parents. This joyful occasion marks the beginning of a deeper friendship with Jesus in the Eucharist. May she continue to grow in faith, hope, and love as a cherished member of our parish community.

Congratulations to Percy Michael Wrobel and Michael Anthony Lawrence who received the sacrament of Baptism last weekend, this weekend we welcome Eva Harrison-Byrne who will be baptised on Saturday and Demi-Leigh Nikita Moore-Higham who will be baptised during the 9am Mass at St Gregory. Please keep them all 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@clifftondiocese.com

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Ordinary Time Week 12 & Psalter 4

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

SUNDAY 21 JUNE

09:00 St Osmund MASS John Wilson RIP

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

11:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Isabel

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:30 Holy Redeemer Syro-Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Marianna & Rose Pace RIP

MONDAY 22 JUNE SAINTS THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Tuesday 23 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Lesley Margaret Turner RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

17:30 St Osmund Benediction

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Wednesday 24 JUNE The Nativity of St John the Baptist

10:00 St Gregory Requiem MASS Bridget Read RIP.
ALL WELCOME

Thursday 25 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Shanti Thapa

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

17:30 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 26 June

18:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Louis William Weeks RIP

Saturday 27 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Joshua

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

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 parishes of St John the Baptist (Trowbridge) with St Bernadette (Westbury) and St Thomas More (Bradford on Avon).

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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