

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 21(B)

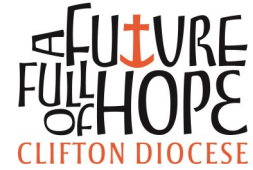
### From Father Anthony

I arrived back from Bristol hot, tired and irritable: but, it had been good to see the Bishop and some colleagues. The outside of the church was covered in confetti and looked magical; it softened my nerves. I helped Fr Joseph clear up, made tea and sat outside. A fat, fluffy, baby blackbird hopped over and stared at me. I made some petting noises and offered some biscuit; but it turned away, hopped across the lawn and got on with its business.

*'Many of his disciples turned away and walked with him no more'*. The Gospel continues with the theme of, *I Am the bread of life*. In history some disciples found this teaching unacceptable and we may too! But, Jesus tells us His Words are *Spirit and Life*. He is not only talking about physical bread but spiritual bread, *i.e.* the Word (*Voice*) of God, found at the core of our being: the place we call, *I Am*: the place where we fuse with God who also calls Himself *I AM*. If we empty ourselves of attachments to things, thoughts and worldly voices then we have a chance of hearing the Voice of God within. Then the *Child (Son) of Man (Soul)* within, will remember its spiritual origin, where it came from; we will *ascend* to where we were before.

If we do not attempt to control our physical and mental appetites, tame our desires, control the chattering mind and practice self-denial; if we do not clear the decks, so to speak, then the Voice of God will be drowned out by the voices of the world. The voice of our little ego will reign supreme, at best: at worst it will actively attempt to crush the Voice of God within and silence it in others, *he knew who would betray him*.

If not already, then at some stage, we have to choose between the world and Christ; not just intellectually but by the life we lead. A way of life that includes prayer and self-denial in order to actively empty ourselves of ourselves and worldly influences, so that God can be heard and manifested within. Then, *to see us* will be to see the Father within us; so that we may heal a broken world by leading it away from itself back to God its Creator... *the Bread come down from Heaven: which we will have become too*.



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**NEW TO THE PARISH?**  
We wish you a very warm welcome.  
Please register online at:  
<https://salisburycatholics.org>  
["Registration/update"](#)

## A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Next January, the Theatre Royal in Bath is hosting a production of A Man for All Seasons, a wonderful play about the life and martyrdom of St Thomas More. Fr Joseph would love to take a group from the parish, so we have reserved some tickets for the 2.30pm matinée performance on Saturday 18th January 2025.

If possible, Fr Joseph would love to give some of our young people the chance to go and have that experience. So please consider coming yourself, but please also consider whether you could sponsor a young person's ticket. Tickets are at the discounted price of £35 (exc. travel to Bath, which we will arrange separately). Please contact the office in the usual way. Tickets will be first come, first served; secured on payment.

**Adoremus** - On Sunday 15 September there will be Exposition followed by Benediction from 3pm to 5.30pm at St Osmund's following the Bishops invitation that all parishes should have a period of Exposition on that day to unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist with renewed and deepened devotion. For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**SPUC** are organising a Petition regarding the impact of the two child benefit cap on abortions. The two child benefit cap targets the poor & vulnerable. A major abortion provider has identified that the cap is a significant factor in many women's decision to abort their child. Cards will be handed out after Mass on the weekend of 7 & 8 September. Can you please complete and sign the card and hand it to a member of SPUC who will send them to SPUC headquarters.

**Kay Flood RIP** - recently deceased at the great age of 104. Kay was a much loved parishioner of Christ the King Amesbury and an occasional visitor to St Osmund. Her Requiem Mass will be at Christ the King next Friday 30 August at 12.00pm.

**Parish Quiz Saturday 14 September.** The next Parish Quiz Night will be held in St Gregory's Hall after the 6pm Mass, aiming to start at 7pm. Teams of six are welcome (we will also form ad hoc teams on the night so please come along to meet some new people). Tea and coffee will be available but please bring your own food and drinks either for yourselves or for sharing.

**My Generation** will be meeting next on Wednesday 4 September 2024 for a Quiz at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

**Hope & 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.

**Art and Craft Group** - Returns Monday 2 September, they 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 contact Oltea on 07597 453989.

**Coffee and Cake** which normally follows the 10am Mass every Thursday morning, resumes on Thursday 5 September. 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.

**Parish Rosary Group** which meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm, resumes on Wednesday 4 September. Please contact Alison on 01722 741681 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 to take to Our Lady for her intercession.

## FAMILY OF FAITH (INCLUDING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024-5)

In the coming year, we want to make our children and young people the main pastoral focus for the parish. As part of that project, we will be changing the way we prepare our children to receive their first Sacraments of Reconciliation & Communion. Starting in October, we will be launching a new 'Family of Faith' community, which will be open to families with children in Years 2 to 5. This will include, but not be limited to, those preparing to make their First Holy Communion. We will meet on Sunday mornings, after the 9am Masses, at the new Parish Centre on Exeter Street. There will be a time of prayer, followed by separate activities for children, and input and discussion for parents, finishing at 12 noon. Much more information on this will follow, but for now... if you have children who will be in Years 2 to 5, please register your interest by visiting our new web page 'Family of Faith' on our main menu or [click here](#). More resources will be added to this web page as they become available.

## JOURNEY IN FAITH

'Journey in Faith' returns next month. 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](#).

The first session in the new series is on Sunday 15 September 10.30am at the Parish Centre. Please do contact Dave Blake via the Parish Office [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org) if you would like to find out more or if you are interested in joining.

**Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré)** returns on Tuesdays starting 3 September 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 Tuesday 24 September in the Parish Centre

**First Friday Talks** - begins on Friday 6 September after the 7pm Mass in the Parish Centre, this first talk will be given by Rev Rob Taylor on 'Ministry of Love'. All are welcome, but if you cannot attend each talk will be recorded and available on our website over the weekend

**Stations of Creation Walk – next Sunday 1 September.** Marking the Season of Creation you are invited to join other local Christians on a walk from Salisbury Cathedral to St George's Church at Harnham. The walk starts from Mompesson House in the Cathedral Close at 2.00pm and will take about 90 minutes. Afterwards there will be refreshments. All welcome, just come along. The booklet for the walk can be found by visiting our ['Blog'](#) or you can [click here](#).

**Wedding of Carla Rouse & Ian Jacobs** to which we are all invited. Carla is the granddaughter of Ken & Janet Skutt. The service is at 1pm on Saturday 7 September at St Gregory.

**Congratulations to Annetta Vaz who received** her first holy communion last Saturday at St Osmund's. Please keep Annetta and her parents in your prayers

**Joaquim Sueth Crowley** will receive the sacrament of Baptism at the 9am Mass at St Osmund's this Sunday 25 August. Please keep in your prayers Joaquim, his mother Jamilly and the godparents.

**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](#).

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

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### Saturday 24 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS William Vaz RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Tony Broomes RIP

### SUNDAY 25 AUGUST

09:00 St Gregory MASS Tony & Family in thanksgiving

09:00 St Osmund MASS For Harriet & Declan on the occasion of their marriage

11:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Jovit Merin Vazhappilly

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

### Monday 26 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Birthday wishes for Norman Meech

### Tuesday 27 August Saint Monica

10:00 St Osmund MASS

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 28 August Saint Augustine

10:00 St Gregory MASS For Alasdair for recovery from illness

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

### Thursday 29 August The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

10:00 St Osmund Memorial MASS Frances Bernadette Carter RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Friday 30 August

10:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS

### Saturday 31 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS First Holy Communion Anita-Marie McDonagh

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving - Janet & Joseph Vazhappilly

## 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 August

#### For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs. - [Click here](#)

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** We pray for the parishes of St Teresa of the Child Jesus (Filton) and St Vincent de Paul (Southmead, Bristol).

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ross Burns, Dr Graham Heeley, Kay Flood, Maire Anne D'Alton, Dennis Hardiman & Barry Shrimpton 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:

*Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18*

*Ps 33*

#### Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Ephesians 5:21-32*

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your words are spirit, Lord,  
and they are life;**

**you have the message of eternal life.**

#### Alleluia!

*John 6:60-69*

## 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: [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org)