

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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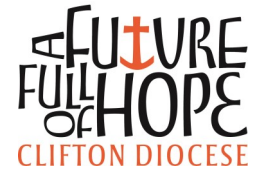
ORDINARY TIME WEEK 17(B)

From Father Anthony

It was early morning and hot already. I donned a cap, shouldered the daysack - with its thermos of tea - and set off. I skirted a lake, departed the track and squeezed through towering foliage bound together by bindweed. I found a spot by the stream and 'made camp'. Traffic rumbled, far away; nearby a train cleared its throat and hooted. A chiffchaff diced the silence and was answered, in the distance, by the delightful two-tone echo of a cuckoo. I sat, stretched and rested: water trickled and gurgled: the air was filled with insects buzzing and dancing in the sunlight.

If not so already, the Lord is going to do marvellous things in your life and mine when the time is right. It will be His doing not ours. He will teach us to "*cross to the other side of the sea of Galilee, that is, the sea of Tiberius*". Spiritually, Galilee represents our *life force* or *activity* and Tiberias means, '*to pass over*'. Our power is at its greatest when we allow Him to transport us to "*the other side*", our spiritual side; we must pass over from the outer to the inner. All our thoughts and emotions will follow too (*the crowds*) and come under His power, teaching and healing.

However, there is a requirement... "*Jesus said, make the people recline. Now there was a lot of grass in that place. So, the men reclined, about five thousand in number*". Once again, we have the theme of rest, (*make them recline*), the theme of time (*there was a lot of grass there – grass is a symbol of time, it withers and fades*) and the theme of prayer, (*the five thousand waiting expectantly on Him to act*). Spiritually we must use time to rest in prayerful expectancy. When we have cleared a space for Him in our daily lives, He will act in His own time; He will take the tools of our life, our five senses (*five loaves*) and the upper and lower aspects of soul that utilises them (*two fish*). He will order them correctly using our mind (*Philip*) and our spiritual strength (*Andrew*) embedded in faith (*Peter*). When our soul and senses are correctly ordered in favour of Spirit our twelve spiritual faculties, will operate correctly (*twelve baskets*). This is the miracle, related in the Gospel, He will perform in you and me.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?
We wish you a very warm welcome.
Please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org/Registration/update>

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY
SUNDAY 28 JULY 2024

Pope Francis' message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2024, Reminds us that God never abandons his children, never. He chose the theme: "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf.Ps 71:9).

Please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) for the full Papal Message. A video reflection by Canon Christopher Whitehead on Saints Joachim and Anne - The Grandparents of Jesus and a reflection from Cardinal Vincent Nichols on the very first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021.

PARISH CENTRE AVAILABLE FOR PARISHIONERS USE!

Our newly refurbished Parish Centre on Exeter Street, Salisbury is now open for use by parishioners! Located just up the road from St. Osmund's Church, the centre offers ample and free car parking. The Parish has invested significantly in this refurbishment to provide a comfortable and versatile space for parish activities.

Several parishioners have expressed interest in a "Knit and Natter" group, but we need a volunteer to lead it weekly. If you can help or have your own ideas for other groups and would like to volunteer to run something, please contact Deacon Steve to discuss further.

Come and make the most of our new space—it's here for you!

There will be no Adoration or Benediction next Tuesday 30 July due to the Requiem Mass at 3pm for Barry Shrimpton RIP.

Pastoral Ministry Formation and a Certificate of Catechesis - We are invited by our Diocese to attend an online information session taking place this Monday 29 July at 7pm (Microsoft Teams) on the upcoming courses on 'Pastoral Ministry Formation' and a 'Certificate in Catechesis'. For more information and how to attend please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SCORE - There will be a retiring collection for SCORE local projects this weekend 27 & 28 July.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday & Thursday at St Osmund. We are still seeking volunteers to keep watch with the Lord and form a rota. Please do sign up by contacting the Parish Office 01722 562703 or completing the sheet in the Porch.

Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré) on Tuesdays 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 next Tuesday 30 July in the Parish Centre.

Coffee and Cake which normally follows the 10am Mass every Thursday morning will be taking a break in August with a resumption on Thursday 5 September. More volunteers to help would be most welcome.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 7 August for Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Art and Craft Group which meets each Monday after the 10am Mass is also taking a break for August and will reconvene in September. For information Oltea on 07597 453989.

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH - TODAY FRIDAY 26 JULY AT ST OSMUND

Adoration at 6pm with Confessions and Anointing until Mass. All three Priests will be available.

Mass at 7pm

Confessions and Anointing will continue after Mass for as long as necessary.

Please invite anyone you know who may be in need of these Sacraments.

*Dear God, we place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you
restore your servants to health again.*

JOURNEY IN FAITH

After two very successful years, 'Journey in Faith' returns in September. 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](#).

DIOCESAN DAY 6 JULY 'PILGRIMS OF HOME'

As a precursor to The Jubilee Year 2025 the recent Diocesan Day featured 3 speakers:

Canon Christopher Thomas on 'Hope does not disappoint'.

Dr Phil McCarthy on 'Pilgrimage A Hopeful Sign'. and

Bishop Bosco with a practical list of ten ways we can all prepare for the 2025 Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope.

All three videos can be viewed by clicking on '2024 Year of Prayer' on our main menu or [click here](#).

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.

Welcome to Margaret Hermione Julia Wells who received the Sacrament of Baptism this week. Please keep Margaret and her parents Harriet & Oliver and her godparents in your prayers

Congratulations to Cameron Cain - who was baptised last Friday and was also received into the Church on Sunday 21 July.

We also congratulate Dominica Dutta who will make her First Holy Communion at the 6pm Mass at St Osmund this Sunday 28 July.

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](#).

Marriage Preparation The next course is on 23/24 August and this will be the LAST one until next March. **Anyone wishing to marry in any of our churches between now until next March should attend THIS course.** Please tell anyone you know who may be planning to marry in the next year. Contact the parish office.

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron - This Sunday we begin five weeks of Gospel readings from the sixth chapter of John, which is all about the Eucharist. The chapter commences narratively with the familiar story of the multiplication of the loaves, which is an iconic presentation of the Mass. To watch and listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 17 Psalter 1

Saturday 27 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS

SUNDAY 28 JULY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving - Jonathan Jose

09:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

11:00 St Osmund MASS Bridie & Harry Clapham RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Barry Shrimpton RIP

Monday 29 July **Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus**

10:00 St Osmund MASS Tulia Flavia RIP

Tuesday 30 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS

15:00 **St Osmund Requiem MASS Barry Shrimpton RIP**

No Exposition or Benediction this day.

Wednesday 31 July **Saint Ignatius Loyola**

10:00 St Gregory MASS

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

Thursday 1 August **Saint Alphonsus Mary Liguori**

10:00 St Osmund MASS For Family Yamatay & Cummings
- Christiane

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 2 August

10:00 St Gregory MASS Peggy O'Farrell RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS For Ken Sheppard's recovery

Saturday 3 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Colin O'Farrell RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS

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 July

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all - [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for the parish of Holy Cross (Bedminster).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barry Shrimpton, Emma Middleton, Maura O'Mahony, Patrick Sellers & Lou Godwin 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:

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 144

**You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and grant our desires.**

Ephesians 4:1-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

John 6:1-15

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@salisbury Catholics.org