

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

### From Father Anthony

I was up before sunrise saying my prayers, making tea and packing the car. Then to St Gregory's for Mass followed by over five hours of driving. The sky changed from breezy white candy floss to oil rag black and buckets of rain. Then I was walking along the seashore, seagulls flocking and flapping, crying into a wind that blasted sand against bare legs. A day of opposites and conversions.

Opposites and conversions might apply to those titans of the church, Peter and Paul. In the Preface of Peter and Paul we read: "For by your providence the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul bring us joy: Peter, foremost in confessing the faith, Paul, its outstanding preacher, Peter, who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel, Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles..."

Peter established a firm base for the church characterised by Faith: Paul brought that Faith to the world through tireless preaching. Peter, meaning rock, begins as Simon meaning to hear: he learns to discern what is and what is not of God accepting the former and rejecting the latter becoming solid, as firm as rock. Saul becomes Paul; the S sound becomes a P sound indicating a movement from teaching - the L sound - by violence to teaching through words and persuasion; his human will power is converted through experience of and faith and knowledge in Jesus. Both Peter and Paul undergo conversion. How?

To both is revealed the gift of how to use the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven... Binding and Loosing. Binding has to do with what we affirm; loosing has to do with what we deny or push away. Ultimately we loose or deny ourselves. What we loose or surrender to God (Heaven) comes back to us transformed spiritually ('binded'). Now we can use our transformed, converted life in service of either the churches Mission or Maintenance or both.

It is vital that each of us undergo this conversion. Only the converted soul can bring the life of Christ to a world sinking ever deeper into a mire of war and death... especially with latest Abortion and Assisted Suicide Bills. If our politics and laws are rotten, maybe they are a reflection of a rotten core in society. If so, it is our task to transform that society in Love, so that our politics and laws reflect Christ whom we bring to it.

**SS Peter & Paul** - for more on these great saints principle pillars of the Church founded by Christ click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#)

**Retiring collection this weekend for Peter's Pence** unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Gift Aid Envelopes are available



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### OUR CHURCHES

**St Osmund**

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**St Gregory & the English Martyrs**

St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

**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](#)

## ADVANCE NOTICE – SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGE: 13 JULY

**Please note in your diary!** On Sunday 13 July, due to priest availability, Mass times will be as follows:

**9am – St Osmund's Church**

**11am – St Gregory's Church**

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

**6pm – St Osmund's Church**

### **For clarity:**

There will be no 9am Mass at St Gregory's Church and no 11am Mass at St Osmund's Church.

The Saturday Evening Vigil Mass (6pm at St Gregory's on 12 July) will go ahead as normal.

## ST OSMUND'S ORGAN

Sadly, we must inform you that the leather on the bellows of our pipe organ is splitting. Our organ has been a vital part of St Osmund's liturgy for over 175 years and the organ builders believe that the current leather is original! Now that it has split we have no option but to replace it if we are to continue using the organ. The bellows are the 'lungs' of the instrument which provide a constant flow of air to the pipes. As leather ages it becomes brittle, causing bellows to leak and eventually blow-out. You may have already noticed the 'breezy' sound in that corner of the church and soon, we may notice loud wind leaks, drastic escape of air, drops in the organ's pitch and volume and possibly even complete failure. The leather is sheepskin, which is tanned and then cut into various thicknesses which are appropriate for the job and is normally expected to last many, many years. Re-leathering entails removal of all the original leather, cleaning and repairing the woodwork, then applying new sheepskin in exactly the same manner as the original. We anticipate the costs of the project will be around £7000 and so we will be launching a fund-raising effort very soon. If you have any fundraising ideas and/or would like to be part of a team to raise the funds needed for this vital work, please contact Caroline in the parish office.

We will keep you updated as we receive further information from the organ builders and our parish finance team as to if/when we can go ahead with repairs. In the meantime...if the organ begins to sound a little strange...please don't blame the organists!

**Tuesday 1 July** – the 10am Mass at St Osmund will be a Requiem Mass for Emanuel David De Sousa RIP

**Thursday 3 July - Feast of St Thomas, Apostle.** We will welcome the whole of St Osmund's Primary School at the 10am Mass. Therefore there will be limited space in the church but seating in the overflow in the hall will be available.

**ADVANCE NOTICE – CONFESSIONS time change** NEXT weekend. Confessions will be after **the FRIDAY EVENING MASS on 4th July**. There will be no Confessions on Saturday morning (5th July).

**Assisted Suicide** In his homily last Sunday 22 June, Fr Joseph reflected on the recent adverse votes in our Parliament supporting assisted suicide and decriminalising abortion. The homily is available to watch on our website, click on the 'Assisted Dying' button on our home page or [click here](#), also available on our Parish App.

**Radiant** - A group for women, meets again this evening Friday 27 June, 7.00 - 9.15pm at the Parish Centre, New ladies are always welcome. Bring a plate to share, nothing too fancy or difficult and an open heart. For more information contact Xanthe on 07904 589360 or click on 'Radiant' on our homepage or [click here](#)

## CONFIRMATION 2025

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

- A full recording of the Mass
- Audio of Bishop Bosco's homily which can be downloaded as well as a full transcript
- A selection of over 50 photos kindly taken by Michael Illas. If you wish to view the full set Michael has provided this link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/NDtwrtiyvrWbmJuK8>

To access all this please click on the image on the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

*Please keep our newly confirmed in your prayers.*

If you have a child who will be in Year 9 or above from Sept 2025, please use our online form to apply to join our preparation programme for 2026. Please click on the 'Registration/Update' button on our homepage or [click here](#) and then select Confirmation Application.

## SHARING OUR FAITH

**Family of Faith** - the next session is this Sunday 29 June beginning at our morning 9am Masses continuing afterwards at our Parish Centre. For the dates click on the '[Family of Faith](#)' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

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

## PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

The Pilgrimage of Hope is a national walking pilgrimage with four main Ways converging at the Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham, on Saturday 13th September 2025, for shared prayer and celebration. The Pilgrimage will culminate with Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at 11.15 am on 14 September 2025 at St Barnabas' Cathedral.

The four main Ways, named after the Evangelists, Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, start at the Catholic cathedrals in Cardiff, Leeds, Norwich and London, and will bless our nations with a Sign of the Cross. A small group of 'perpetual pilgrims' will walk the full distance of each Way and they will be joined by 'day pilgrims' as they journey from one parish to the next.

Our own David Blake will be walking St Matthew's Way which starts at the Cathedral of St David in Cardiff to Nottingham Cathedral via St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, a distance of 210 miles. During his journey he will be carrying on his backpack a large cross from St Osmund's School and you can support him by helping to raise funds for our 'Parish Centre' or by joining him for a day or two along the way. Donations can be made via the GoFundMe link: <https://gofund.me/a065c344> or direct to the Parish Office.

## 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 will once again be taking a coach at a cost of £22 per adult, children 12 to 18 years £15 and under 12s go free. There will sign up sheets in both churches, please do include contact details

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 13 Week Proper of Solemnity

### Saturday 28 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS To the Blessed Virgin Mary & St Jude for my prayers answered

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

### SUNDAY 29 JUNE SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

09:00 St Gregory MASS Roy Muricken RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Jamie Purvis RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Lawrence Victor RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Birthday of Meg Scouller

### MONDAY 30 JUNE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

10:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased Members of the Hanby & Rockett families.

### Tuesday 1 July Saint Oliver Plunket

10:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Emanuel David De Sousa RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 2 July

10:00 St Gregory MASS Monica Mullen ne: Machin RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

### THURSDAY 3 JULY SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

10:00 St Osmund St Osmund's Whole School Mass  
John Stone RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Friday 4 July

10:00 St Gregory MASS V. J. Joseph RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Carolus Curley RIP

### Saturday 5 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Ruta Vaykute & Anatoly Pranin

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Private Intention

### RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after the 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 JUNE

**That the world might grow in compassion**

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world. [Click here.](#)

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** - We pray this week for Hospital & Prison Chaplaincies.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr Keith Robinson, Alan Donegan, Emanuel Sousa, Maurice Petty, Pope Francis, Peter Gange, Peter Emmett, Margaret Price, Gertie Harmon, Celia Maidment 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:

**Psalms Response**

**From all my terrors the Lord set me free.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 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** If you have a child who will be in Year 9 or above from Sept 2025, please use our online form to apply to join our preparation programme for 2026. [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 Désirée for more details: [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org)