

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

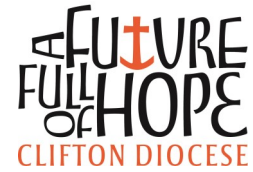
From Father Anthony

The warm, inviting aroma of freshly baked bread filled the kitchen. Rain tapped against the window panes; seagulls stood in line on an adjacent rooftop, their cries lost in the wind. Now! the only thing to have with freshly baked bread is... more freshly baked bread... and butter, of course...and tea. I tucked in and thought about the Hebrew word for bread, Lechem (לֶחֶם) this Hebrew root can also convey war and struggle (people fight over bread); it can also mean to be pressed together. I wondered what was going through Jesus' mind when he left us bread for His Body and wine for His Blood. It is the subject of many writings, intellectual and emotional arguments and great soul searching.

Our belief is that bread and wine become, through a process of transubstantiation (*a change of one substance to another*) the real Body and Blood of Jesus. The form remains the same but the substance differs. This is not 'consubstantiation' (the presence of Jesus residing alongside form and substance); nor is it symbolic (made meaningful by the *level of consciousness* we or others bring to it). Many ask, and so might we, did Jesus mean what He said literally; or did He mean something else.

In the face of any great mystery, 'old Basil' was insistent that, *we approach it directly... "be silent and humble and let the mystery speak to you in your heart; don't be noisy and arrogantly interrogate it"*. The approach to be taken is given in the Gospel in the context of *preparation*. Being His disciples we too must ask, *where He wants us to go in order to prepare for the Passover; to encounter the Last Supper, the mystery of His Body and Blood*.

His instruction is to go into the city, into our intellectual and emotional being. There we will meet ourselves in soul, *the man carrying a pitcher of water* (symbol of the embodied soul). Loosened from our focus on the world we journey (follow) within now focussed on Spirit (*the master of the house*). Here we experience *our higher consciousness, our upper room*. It is the Guest room. It operates beyond intellect and emotion through Love; Love which is at one with the mind of the other... the Guest. Being of one Mind we now understand His Mind: in that understanding is revealed the mystery of His Body and Blood.



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

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - SUNDAY 2 JUNE

Standing at the crowded table of the Upper Room during the Last Supper, Jesus Christ did not hand out bibles to the Twelve Apostles and solemnly tell them, "Take this, all of you, and read it. This is my book, written for you." Jesus gives us Himself, not a book. On today's Feast, we commemorate God's greatest gift to mankind, the person of Jesus Christ. God gives us His Son, and then Christ gives us Himself, body and blood, soul and divinity, under the *appearance* of bread and wine in the Holy Eucharist. Gift, gift-giver, and receiver meld into one in this Sacrament of Sacraments. We have a short video on the origin of this feast and an even shorter 'Pathe News' item from 1934. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

New Lectionary Grateful thanks goes to all those who have so generously sponsored the main editions for our churches and priests. The amount committed is over £4,000 which represents a huge saving to the parish and our priests. The only remaining item that we will need to purchase is a Chapel Edition (£395) for use in our schools/other venues when we celebrate Mass 'off site'. If you would like to sponsor or contribute towards this edition in memory of a loved one, please contact Caroline in the office. Parishioners who wish to order a new Sunday Missal through the parish and avoid carriage costs MUST complete this form: [click here](#).

Priests' Retirement Fund This weekend we have a retiring collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund. This annual collection helps support our sick and retired priests. It allows the diocese to help retired priests living on their own, and if needed care home fees. Your generosity is much appreciated. To enhance the value of your gift, special gift aid envelopes will be available in all our churches - please use one if you are a taxpayer.

Tuesday 4 June - MASS on this day has moved to 11.30am and will be celebrated by Fr Dominic Findlay-Wilson in thanksgiving for the Benefactors of the Diocesan Deliverance Ministry.

Help Wanted on Confirmation Day On 18 June, 30 of our young people will be confirmed by Bishop Bosco at St Gregory's Church. They have been a fantastic group and all of the families involved will be bringing food and drink to share for a party afterwards but I would very much like to extend to the families some parish support in terms of setting up, arranging the food, serving drinks and clearing away afterwards to allow the families involved to focus on their young person and enjoy the celebration. If you would be willing to help, I would be so grateful - please email me: joseph.meigh@cliffondiocese.com

Parish BBQ on 16 June at St Gregory from 10.30am. This will be an event for the whole parish and we hope that parishioners from all of our churches will come along and join in what promises to be a wonderful social occasions. If you would like to contribute in any way to the success of this event, do let us know and watch this space for more details to follow. Mark the date in your diary now!

SPUC Salisbury Branch are holding a Market Stall in Salisbury Market Square on Saturday 22 June. Please come along and/or provide donations. We are looking for Books, DVDs, CDs, items in good condition, that you no longer want. Also homemade cakes & produce on the day i.e. Jams/Marmalades, Plants, Rhubarb. Please contact Alison Verrian on 01722 741681.

A General Election Hustings with candidates for the Salisbury constituency has been organised by the city centre churches on Sunday 23 June at 6 – 7.30pm in St Thomas' church (SP1 1BA). Free entry. All welcome. Those who attended the churches' shared Lent Lectures in the Cathedral in February and March are invited to consider the issues we were exploring together as you reflect on questions to put to the candidates.

Coach Outing to Weymouth Wednesday 10 July leaving from St Gregory's at 9.45am and returning from Weymouth at 4-45pm. Cost £8 per seat. Please reserve your seat by phoning Chris Francis. 01722 321109.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations to all the children who will make their First Holy Communion in our churches this weekend. For the children who have been preparing since September last year, this weekend is a really important and significant event. Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. When He comes, we receive Him into our body and our soul. This is very beautiful, personal, and intimate. As Catholics, we never take this for granted. Thank you to the parents and catechists: Annette, Deacons John & Steve, Nicole and Raiiti who have prepared the children and all who have helped to bring the children to this day and make it special.

Please note: First Holy Communion Masses will be taking place at 9am at St Gregory and 9am & 11am at St Osmund. We look forward to full churches and celebrations of great joy!

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](#).

Glastonbury Pilgrimage - 14 July. The coach booked for the day, a 49 seater, **is now full**. All those who had booked a place will have received a confirmation email with payment and travel time details. The cost of the whole day out is just £20 per person.

Day on The Holy Eucharist - 'A Bond of Love that cannot be undone' A number of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are travelling together to this day which will be led by Fr Michael McAndrew at St Bernadette's. If you would like to join them, please [click here](#) or contact the parish office as soon as possible. There are now only 2 seats remaining. More information including travel times can be found by clicking the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). There is no charge for this day and we are looking forward to a good day out together.

Bereavement Friendship 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 - 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Any questions? Call John Detain 01722 415588.

Life in the Spirit The last talk in this series is tonight Friday 31 May at 7.30pm at the Parish Centre. The subject will be 'Transformation'. This and previous sessions can be viewed by clicking on the 'The Holy Spirit' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

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 on Tuesday 28 May in the Parish Centre.

Congratulations and Welcome to Shae Robyn Ann Villanueva who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Saturday. Please keep Shae and her parents Kimberly & Jeffrey and her godparents in your prayers

Baptism Preparation Course The next course will be at St Osmund starting 16 June. To register for a Baptism please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 9 Psalter 1 and Proper of Solemnity

Saturday 1 June

Saint Justin

10:00 St Osmund MASS Nora Burke RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving - Mary Fleming

SUNDAY 2 JUNE

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

09:00 St Gregory MASS For the
09:00 St Osmund MASS First Holy Communion
11:00 St Osmund MASS Candidates
12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Hadyn & Rowena Ingram
Golden Wedding Anniversary
16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 3 June

St Charles Lwanga & Companions

10:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

Tuesday 4 June

**No Mass at 10am : NB Mass at 11:30,
No Exposition or Benediction on this day.**

11:30 St Osmund MASS Deliverance Benefactors

Wednesday 5 June

St Boniface

10:00 St Gregory MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP
18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

Thursday 6 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS For a special intention -
family Jacob

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 7 June

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

10:00 St Gregory Requiem MASS Lou Godwin RIP
All are Welcome

19:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 8 June

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 St Osmund MASS For good exam results

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Fr David Boundy RIP

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 June

For migrants fleeing their homes:

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them. . [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for the Parish of St Peter & St Paul (Bath).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Maura Mahony, Patrick Sellers, Lou Godwin, Don Whelan, Maisie Elliott, Nora Burke and Ian Hewlett, 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:

Exodus 24:3-8

Psalms 115

The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

Hebrews 9:11-15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

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 will be in Year 3 or above from Sept 2024, please use our online form to join our 2025 programme. [Click here](#)

CONFIRMATION If you have a child who will be in Year 9 or above from Sept 2024, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme. [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 Caroline for more details:
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