

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



From Father Anthony

I stood watching the surfing waves. Seagulls moaned; bank holiday people loitered. The air was salty with a hint of fish and chips! As always, the sea brought me to inner stillness. I watched its swelling emotions, flaring temperament, sheer power and had a fleeting sense of the magnificence of God. The words of an old monk came to mind... 'all this', he would say, 'and heaven too. What great gifts we have been given'.

God so loved the world that he gave his only son. Love and Giving lie at the heart of the mystery which is God and all His Creation: it is all Love, pure gift... including you and me. Who is this God so close yet so far? Our Catholic way of understanding the infinite, indescribable, unknown God, is to understand God as Three Persons in One; each a Gift of the other, bound in Love yet the total bigger and greater than anything that can be described; immanent yet transcendent. If we were to draw a triangular diagram to explain God it would not come close; the closest we could get would be the empty page it was drawn on representing infinity. The diagram would simply outline the mystery not explain it. At the heart of this mystery there is Giving, gift. Mind and intellect cannot grasp God; Love seemingly can. And Love is best demonstrated by giving.

Giving is the tool by which we experience, not explain, God. Not giving to get a return; just simple giving. All too often we are concerned with receiving, getting, accumulating: which is rooted in a belief in lack. But there is no lack regardless of what we think or have been taught. We have been given everything... Everything I have is yours (Lk 15:31). Our cup is full; we can get no more in it! Jesus is the fullness of God... in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Col 2:9). We are one with Christ in Jesus so that fullness is ours too (Eph 3:19)! Only, we forget it most of the time: our asking becomes a sign that we do not know what we already have.

Loving and Giving to those we can see leads to the God we cannot see (1Jn 4:20)... and into the heart of the Trinity where we were conceived and truly live.

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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 31 MAY

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the foundation of our faith. Upon it everything else depends, and from it everything else flows. For this reason, the Church has always taken great care to safeguard the revealed truth that God is one in nature and three in Persons.

On our website is a homily by Fr Mike Schmitz, in which he explains how the doctrine of the Holy Trinity is firmly rooted in Scripture. Alongside this, there is an explanation by Fr John Hardon SJ outlining how the doctrine developed over time, as well as the various challenges to the Church's Trinitarian faith throughout history.

To watch and read more, please click on the image in the '[Top News](#)' box.

RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

To mark the 300th anniversary of St Gerard Majella, a nationwide tour of his relics is taking place across England and Wales. This special occasion brings the presence of the saint to several dioceses, offering the faithful an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and devotion. St Osmund's will have the privilege of hosting the relics next Friday 5 June 2026. There will be Adoration at 5pm, followed by Mass at 6pm, celebrated by Fr Royston Price, the Redemptorist priest leading the tour. Music for the Mass will be led by Shekinah – the wonderful music group from St George's Parish in Warminster. We are grateful to them for travelling to join us to enhance this liturgy. After Mass, Fr Royston will offer individual blessings with the relics for those who wish. Priests will also be available for Confession. St Gerard is popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, especially expectant mothers, couples hoping to conceive, and those seeking work. For more on St Gerard click [here](#).

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Parish Activities - A wide range of faith and social activities take place across the Parish Centre and St Gregory's Hall — too many to list each week or else this newsletter is over-full and becomes very repetitive!

Visit [Parish Activities](#) on our website (or see the poster in the church porch) to explore what's on. Everyone is warmly invited to join. The parish also offers these spaces free to use of charge for anyone wishing to start a new parish group or activity that helps us to build up the parish community. If you have an idea and are happy to help run it, please get in touch with Deacon Steve for more details.

Pope Leo's first encyclical Magnifica Humanitas -On Safeguarding the Human Person in the time of AI

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical is entitled, Magnifica Humanitas ("Magnificent Humanity"), and addresses one of the defining questions of our age: how to safeguard human dignity in the era of Artificial Intelligence. The document explores technology, human identity, work, truth, and the Christian vision of authentic humanity. The full document is available on our website as is Pope Leo's full speech at 'Magnifica Humanitas' Vatican Launch.

Click on the image in the '[Top News](#)' box.

St Osmund's Archive – In our latest parish history blog, discover the remarkable story of Lady Herbert of Lea: a powerful aristocrat, friend of Florence Nightingale, Catholic convert, and the woman who transformed Salisbury's Catholic community. She spent the equivalent of millions, founded schools and charities, and left a legacy still visible around St Osmund's today. Read more in the latest post on our [History](#) blog.

CONFIRMATION 2026

Communication has gone this week to all the candidates' parents outlining all the final events leading up to Confirmation Day.

The next core Confirmation session will take place on Wednesday 3 June at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre.

The Confirmation Mass rehearsal will be held at St Gregory's at 7pm on Tuesday 9 June.

God our Father, We thank you for our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. You call each one of them by name and promise that whatever happens in their lives, you will be with them always. We pray that this journey to Confirmation will deepen their faith and renew their hope in you so that your love may shine through them to the world. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

UPCOMING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Ten children will be making their First Holy Communion next Sunday 7 June (Corpus Christi) at these Masses:

9am Mass St Gregory's Church (Liliana, Natalia, Natalia, Kaamara, Olivia & Seth)

11am Mass St Osmund's Church (Mary, Benjamin, Olivia, Orlaith, & Olivia)

They have prepared for this special moment alongside their parents in our Family of Faith programme. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith, hope, and love as cherished members of our parish community. These Masses are likely to be very full so do come early to get a seat!

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

Family of Faith: The next gathering will take place on 21 June. See the [Family of Faith](#) webpage for more information.

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 and welcome to, Antonella Gorosito Zabala who received the sacrament of Baptism last Sunday 24 May at St Osmund. Please keep Antonella, her parents Glenmay & Gonzalo and godparents in your prayers.

Congratulations to Timotej, who received his First Holy Communion during the 9am Mass at St Gregory's last Sunday, following the completion of our Family of Faith programme with his parents. This joyful occasion marks the beginning of a deeper friendship with Jesus in the Eucharist. May he continue to grow in faith, hope, and love as a cherished member of our parish community.

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 9 Psalter 1 & Proper of Season

Saturday 30 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Vanderputt Family - in thanksgiving

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Private Intention

SUNDAY 31 MAY

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09:00 St Osmund MASS Sebastian & Family Intentions

09:00 St Gregory MASS Deceased members of the Bell family

11:00 St Osmund MASS Xanthe & David Vanderputt
10th Wedding Anniversary

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS People of the Parish

18:00 St Osmund MASS Margaret Flood RIP

Monday 1 June

Saint Justin

10:00 St Osmund MASS Private Intention - Benny

Tuesday 2 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

17:30 St Osmund Benediction

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Wednesday 3 June Saints Charles Lwanga & Companions

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Robson RIP

Thursday 4 June

10:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Maureen Mooney RIP
All Welcome.

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

17:30 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 5 June

Saint Boniface

Relics of St Gerard Majella

17:00 Adoration of the Relics

18:00 St Osmund MASS Expectant Mothers of our Pastoral Area

Following Mass Individual blessings with the relics for those who wish and Priests will also be available for Confession.

Saturday 6 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Monte Little RIP

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 George/St Teresa of Lisieux (Taunton) and St John Fisher (Wellington with Wiveliscombe).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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.

Contact Désirée: salisbury.catholic@cliftondiocese.com