

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 14 (C)

From Father Anthony

I sat on my favourite bench on the promontory looking out to sea. The air was salty and heavily scented with sea weed. A flock of wheezing starlings swooped upon discarded fish and chips, dive bombed by hungry seagulls. I let the sun fry my arms and legs and listened to the surf gently caressing the shore. In the mid distance men on boats heaved, hauled and pulled up heavy pots from the deep labouring against a heavy swell.

"The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest." Very often a labourer conjures up an image of people working in fields or on boats or on building sites. But, there is another image less prolific; that of people labouring at the spiritual life: labouring at transforming themselves from an *animated being* to a *life giving spirit*. This labour was anciently known as 'the Work', or 'the Way'. The Gospel implies that few are willing to begin and sustain this Work... hence *the labourers are few*. Many want the fruits of Spirit but are not prepared to *work* for it. One reason is that the things of this world, *the things we really work for (haversack, sandals, money, etc)* are of no use and only hinder us in spiritual work. Spiritual work demands we overcome the world, i.e. detach from materiality, human systems, laws, personal ego and anything that is not eternal. Consequently we feel vulnerable like spiritual lambs among material wolves... and we don't like it!

Those who do embark on spiritual labours and persevere are those whom the Lord sends back into the world to bring it the peace, understanding, order and fulfilment the world on its own cannot achieve. No worldly force can transform the world and save it; no politics, laws, systems or theories. These are all derivatives. Only Spirit, which is original and plentiful (*the harvest*), can transform and save. The 'Work' is as radical as repentance... *a change of mind and heart*; an intention to leave the worldly for the spiritual in order to bring the spiritual back to the worldly. The *good news* is that it is a work that God does in us... *pray the Master of the harvest*. If not already, let us *pray to the master for the intention and perseverance to become labourers in spirit*.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr Jonathan Creer has been appointed by the bishop of Northampton and the bishop of the Ordinariate to serve two diocesan parishes in Northamptonshire (Thrapston & Oundle). Fr Jonathan will continue to work with us officially until the end of July although it is his plan to celebrate some of the Masses in Salisbury on Sundays in August, to enable everyone to say their goodbyes - we will keep you informed as to where he will be as the weeks unfold. We thank Fr Jonathan for all that he has brought to our parishes over the last six years and assure him of our prayers as he prepares for the new challenge ahead.

Fr Saji Mathew, currently Parish Priest of Christ the King in Amesbury, has been appointed by Bishop Bosco to serve the parish of Holy Family in Patchway, Bristol. He will be taking up his new position from September, and similarly, we will keep you informed as to which Sunday Masses Fr Saji will be celebrating, to enable parishioners to wish him well as he leaves our Pastoral Area.

We are expecting a priest to arrive in Amesbury in September, although details are yet to be announced by the diocese. We do not know yet if, or when, a priest may be allocated to replace Fr Jonathan in his diocesan capacity, but we are anticipating that an Ordinariate priest will be sent to serve the Sarum Ordinariate group in due course. Let us keep asking to the Holy Spirit to send labourers to the harvest, to call good men to the priesthood, and to bless our Bishop Bosco and all those priests across the diocese who are preparing to move parishes this Autumn.

MASS TIME CHANGES FROM 13 JULY ONWARDS

Please read carefully

The changes above mean that the situation that we have long been anticipating is now upon us and so weekend Mass times in Salisbury will remain as follows **until further notice**:

6pm (Saturday evening Vigil Mass) – St Gregory's Church

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 after this coming weekend (6 July). The two 6pm evening Masses (Saturday & Sunday) will continue as previously.

This arrangement will have an impact on many people and all our Masses and so we invite everyone to approach this new arrangement in a spirit of generosity and welcoming. Once the situation is more settled, the weekend Mass arrangements across the Pastoral Area of St Edith of Wilton (which includes Salisbury, Amesbury, Warminster and Tisbury/Wardour) will be reviewed.

UPDATE ON OUR ORGANS

St Osmund's Organ - We are pleased to share with you the **wonderful news** that parishioners who wish to remain anonymous have stepped forward to such an extent and with such generosity that we are now confident that the work required on the St Osmund's organ can go ahead without delay. In accordance with diocesan policy, we are seeking quotes for the work and will report back to you once the finance and property team have chosen the most suitable Organ Builders. This means that the organ will be out of action for a period of time at some point this year, but its future now looks secure. Praise be!

St Gregory's Organ - The refurbishment work on the soundboard *already underway* on the Father Willis organ at St Gregory's continues and, thanks to a generous contribution specifically to clean the organ pipes whilst it is dissembled, this work will soon be going ahead also. We anticipate that it will be back in use by the end of August. There remains a funding shortfall of around £1500 for the soundboard work and so any fundraising ideas for this would still be gratefully received.

Many, many thanks to everyone that has contributed – both with their financial resources and their prayers.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Family of Faith – Fr Joseph has emailed all the parents this week with a reminder that the last gathering of the year is on Sunday 13 July – **including a note asking parents to take note of the Mass Time changes**. The full text of the email and the 'Readiness' forms can all be found by clicking on the '[Family of Faith](#)' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Journey in Faith - A new programme will start in the Autumn for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. Contact Dave Blake salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com if you are interested in joining or [click here](#)

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

Confirmation 2025 - All those who were confirmed on 19 June 2025 and their families have been warmly invited by Fr Joseph to attend the **6pm Mass at St Osmund this Sunday 6 July** for the presentation of their Confirmation certificates.

Confirmation 2026 - If you have a child who will be in Year 9 there is an information evening on Wednesday 10 September for potential candidates and their families. Please note that Confirmation sessions next year will be on Wednesday evenings.

Marriage Preparation - The next course is on 6 September 2025. Anyone planning to marry in any of our churches should attend THIS course. Please tell anyone you know who may be planning to marry next year. Contact the Parish Office to book.

Pilgrimage of Hope – Arriving at the destination of the Cathedral of St Barnabas in Nottingham on Saturday 13 September, our very own David Blake will be one of the 'perpetual pilgrims' walking one of the four Ways carrying a large cross on his backpack from St Osmund's School starting at the Cathedral of St David in Cardiff a distance of 210 miles. For more information and how you can support him please visit our Blog or [click here](#).

CONFESSIONS time change this weekend. Confessions will be after this evening Mass (Friday 4 July)
There will be no Confessions tomorrow, Saturday morning (5 July).

Sea Sunday 13 July – There will be a retiring collection next weekend in support of Stella Maris a Catholic charity who improve the lives of seafarers and fishers both in the UK and around the world through their network of local chaplains and seafarer centres. Gift Aid envelopes will be available this weekend.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 16 July 2025 for a Fish & Chip Lunch at 12.30 in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Our Justice & Peace Group are holding a simple soup meal to raise funds for 'Encircles' a local charity that feeds the homeless in our city. The event will take place on the 27 September at the Parish Centre. Tickets will be on sale at £10 a head after each Mass this weekend by a member of the Justice & Peace Group or contact Graham on 01722 333873.

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 have booked a coach at a cost of £22 per adult, children 12 to 18 years £15 **and under 12s go free**. There are sign-up sheets in both churches, please do include your contact details. We want to encourage more young families to attend this year... Never been? Why not consider taking your family along with another Catholic family that you know to make it special for the children? If you would like to go but finance is a problem, you can speak confidentially to Caroline in the office or one of our clergy.

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](#).

VESTMENTS

This weekend at St Osmund's, we will be blessing a new set of green vestments which have been donated in memory of a young man who died last year, Hansel Dacruz. The design is a special "Pugin style", chosen to match the church architecture. Hansel's family wanted to donate specifically for something that would be of enduring liturgical use. Until now, the church hasn't had any vestment sets which actually belong to the parish which include the priest's chasuble, two deacon's dalmatics, and the veil and burse which cover the chalice. The Ordinariate community have subsequently given money to enable a purple set to be made, in memory of Fr Keith Robinson who served here so faithfully and whose funeral took place on Friday. These will soon be made to order, blessed and brought into service in time for Advent. If you would like to make a gift of a vestment in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for prayers answered, please let us know. We do hope, in time, to have a set in each liturgical colour (green, purple, white and red). Each item will have a label sewn into it, reminding the wearer to pray for the intentions of the donor when it is worn. The vestments are handmade and of high quality, so should last for many, many years to come. The current prices are: £1,200 for a full colour set, or: £300 for a chasuble/dalmatic, £60 for a stole, £120 for the chalice veil and burse. Contact the parish office if you would like more information.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

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Saturday 5 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Ruta Vaykute & Anatoly Parandin

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Private Intention

SUNDAY 6 JULY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Maurice Petty RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Robin Turvey RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Vladislav Gorai RIP

Monday 7 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Buck RIP

Tuesday 8 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS For the grace of faith & health for Aleksandra Quinn

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 9 July

10:00 St Gregory MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 10 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Kevin Brennan RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

FRIDAY 11 JULY SAINT BENEDICT

10:00 St Gregory MASS Frank Farley RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Henricus Lambert RIP

Saturday 12 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Kevin Kelly

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

18:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

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 JULY

For formation in discernment -Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.. [Click here](#).

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Eyre, Fr Keith Robinson, Alan Donegan, Emanuel Sousa and Maurice Petty 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

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly
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 2026 For children who will be year 9 there is an information evening on Wednesday 10 September for potential candidates and their families.

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@salisbury Catholics.org