

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

### From Father Anthony

A Trumper cut along the horizon, low in the water. There was a delightful breeze but it was blisteringly hot. Children squealed and splashed. The sea was calm with a gentle swell. Occasional waves rose up, crested and sloshed back into the great mass of water. For a moment the wave had form and individuality but was only ever part of its reality, the ocean.

I am the living bread having come down out of heaven. Just as ordinary bread nourishes and sustains the body there is an encounter with Jesus which constitutes spiritual food. It nourishes and fortifies the soul for the experience of Eternal Life now. What is this experience? We usually infer Jesus as the subject of 'I' in 'I am the bread of life'; but, just hear and say what He actually says, 'I Am the bread of life'. Your 'I' is the Bread of Life just as the 'I' of Jesus is. The 'I', is that which sustains you spiritually because it is what you truly are.

All too often the subject 'I' associates itself with various objects... I am happy, I am angry and so on. But, you are not your happiness, your anger or any other object you associate with. The 'I' is what you are. Jesus never confused himself with any object; He knew that 'I and the Father are one'. This 'I' is the Name or Character of God, 'I am that I am' (Dt 3:14); it is the essence of Jesus, 'before Abraham was I am' (Jn 8:58). Anything you can feel, think or conceptualise... is what you are not. Like the ocean we are unformed, living consciousness or essence out of which arises form which is temporary and external to our being.

There is nothing beyond the 'I'... you can't observe it because you are it. It is reality not image. To rest in this state is to rest where Jesus rested to be one with and 'fed' by the Father. To rest here is to recognise the 'I' in others as your own 'I' and treat them as Christ would. Not to rest here is to confuse ourselves with the objects of consciousness and feed off them; food that does not endure to eternity (Jn 6:27). Perhaps the current state of the world is a testament to what happens when we do not rest here.



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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 BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST CORPUS CHRISTI

At the Last Supper, Jesus did not give the Apostles a manual and say, "Take and read." Instead, He gave them Himself. On this Feast of Corpus Christi, we celebrate God's greatest gift: His Son. Christ gives us His very self - body, blood, soul and divinity - under the appearance of bread and wine in the Holy Eucharist. Gift, giver, and receiver become one in this Sacrament of Sacraments.

Jeff Cavins (Ascension Presents) reflects: 'The Eucharist is linked to a powerful image: in Eden, which humanity lost access to the 'Tree of Life'; in Christ, the Cross becomes the new 'Tree of Life', and the Eucharist its fruit. For more on Jeff's reflection, click the image in the ['Top News'](#) box.

## ST GERARD MAJELLA RELICS – TONIGHT AT ST OSMUND'S

As part of the nationwide tour marking the 300th anniversary of St Gerard Majella, we are delighted to host his relics **this evening at St Osmund's, Friday 5 June.**

5pm – Prayer before the Relics with Confession available before Mass

6pm – Mass celebrated by Fr Royston Price CSsR (Redemptorist priest leading the tour)

Music led by Shekinah from St George's, Warminster

After Mass: An opportunity for individual blessings with the relics with priests available for Confession

St Gerard is especially invoked as the patron of mothers, expectant mothers, couples hoping to conceive, and those seeking work.

## 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.

**Tuesday 9 June & Thursday 11 June** – There will be no Exposition or Benediction on either day on Tuesday due to a Funeral Service and on Thursday due to the Deanery Confirmation Mass at 7pm.

**SCORE** – There will be a retiring collection for SCORE Overseas Projects next weekend 13/14 June.

**SPUC Market Stall.** To be held on the morning of Saturday 20 June in the Market Square. We would be very grateful for donations in the form of Gifts, Books, CDs & DVDs. Also homemade cakes and produce. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Alison on 01722 741681 or Bernadette on 01722 711137.

**SPUC Pro Life Chain Rescheduled.** SPUC Salisbury Branch are holding their Annual Pro-Life Chain on Saturday 4th July between 11am and 2pm, opposite the college on the Southampton Road. Please contact Alison on 01722 741681 to join this witness to the unborn child, especially in the light of the recent Decriminalisation of the Abortion Law.

## CONFIRMATION 2026

There will be a Confirmation Mass Rehearsal Tuesday 9 June 7pm at St Gregory, 100% attendance at the rehearsal is essential as seating will be allocated and all final preparations agreed.

### CONFIRMATION MASS THURSDAY 11 JUNE AT ST GREGORY.

The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bosco, joined by all our priests and deacons. This is an important sacrament for the candidates as it completes the three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church. Parents, please bring donations of finger-food and drinks for the celebration afterwards to St Gregory's Hall, prior to Mass. Do please keep the candidates in your prayers. All candidates need to arrive by 6.15pm at the latest.

We are truly blessed and fortunate to have such a large number (38) of candidates this year which together with their immediate families and sponsors means that we will have a completely full church, **all seats are therefore allocated** to them. There will be an overflow area in St Gregory's Hall where the service can be watched on the livestream.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS THIS SUNDAY

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

9am Mass     St Gregory's Church     (Liliana, 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!

There will be a celebration in St Gregory's hall after their 9am Mass. Please bring along something for a shared table. Cakes, nibbles etc. Any questions contact Jane: [Jane7dench@gmail.com](mailto:Jane7dench@gmail.com) Tel:07810774855

### 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](mailto: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

**We will welcome** Percy Michael Wrobel and Michael Anthony Lawrence who will receive the sacrament of Baptism next weekend 13/14 June at St Osmund. Please keep Percy & Michael, and their parents in your prayers.

**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](mailto:salisbury.journeyinfaith@clifftondiocese.com)

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Ordinary Time Week 10 Psalter 2 & Proper of Solemnity

### Saturday 6 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Monte Little RIP

### SUNDAY 7 JUNE

#### THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

09:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

09:00 St Gregory MASS Emanuel David de Sousa RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS John O'Neill RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS In thanksgiving

### Monday 8 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Prayer Intention – Jacob Family

### Tuesday 9 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Carlotta Villamar for healing & well being

### No Adoration or Benediction on this day

14:30 St Osmund **Funeral Service Bill Allen RIP  
All Welcome**

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

### Wednesday 10 June

10:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving – Jacob Family

### Thursday 11 June Saint Barnabas

10:00 St Osmund MASS Carmen Peel – in sickness

### No Adoration or Benediction on this day

19:00 St Gregory **Deanery Confirmation Mass**

### FRIDAY 12 JUNE THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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

### Saturday 13 June Saint Antony of Padua

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Webb RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Joan Brady 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 Christ the King (Thornbury) and Holy Cross (Wotton-under-Edge).

### 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.

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