

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 23(A)

### From Father Anthony

I sat on my ancient Swedish recliner its green leather torn, battered and scuffed but very comfortable. A cool breeze snaked through the open window and curled round my ears. A candle flickered, tea steamed, rosary beads lay spent. I listened to the birds and gazed out of the window. Like the dome of an oyster shell the sky held a single twinkling star; blazing red clouds drifted over rooftops as the sun struggled to get above the horizon. Then, squawking and scraping, two Gangsters slid down the church roof, wings flapping, feet dancing, beaks pecking; a furious row!

Jesus explains how to deal with someone whom we feel has sinned against us... but not like the two jackdaws! The wider context is forgiveness and denying oneself. From a spiritual perspective, where there is a rich sense of *self* there is something that can be offended; the *little ego* feels it has been trespassed against; injury is felt, retribution sought, amendment demanded. This is a felt reality for most of humanity. But we are not called to be the rest of humanity: the flock being lectured to by unhealed healers, dictated to by leaders who cannot live the message they preach, jurist who heap burdens upon people but never lift a finger to ease the burden; in short, the whole wide self-interested plane of hypocrisy that underpins most of social life. We are not called to be the flock; we are called to be the shepherds. For that we must have internalised and made real a deeper message of Jesus. We must have reached a place in our own being where *we are not* but where God is. This is picking up one's cross; denying one's self. This is the place from where we truly see our brother or sister and the world we live in; the place where we see beyond *what presents*, to the Face of God behind: from which all emerges. *We give beforehand: we for-give.*

A consequence of this is that it frees us from *binding* in our self the effects of the sin we feel done against us and the dysfunctional stress this brings; we *loose* it, because we have gone beyond the self. We can still correct another for their sake and for the sake of the society we live in; but not because *little me* is offended... we are not there; God is.

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**Most Holy Redeemer**  
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**Chapel of the Good Shepherd**  
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**Chapel of the Holy Family**  
Southampton Rd, Whaddon SP5 3EB

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

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewellery. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority - including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods.

For the story of this feast click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Parish Calendar 2023-2024** - A booklet detailing the core parish details, programmes and activities planned for the academic year September 2023 - July 2024 will be published next week. The booklet will be available in printed form in all our churches and also on our website. Please make sure you take (and keep) a copy in your home.

**Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 17 September** formerly known as Home Mission Sunday. On this day we support the work of the Catholic Church in evangelisation and liturgy, taking care of our beautiful buildings and dialogue with other denominations & faiths. There will be a retiring collection after the Sunday Masses next weekend 17 & 18 September. For more please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Children's liturgy** at St Osmund will now occur at both the 9am & 11am Masses commencing this Sunday 10 September. The liturgy is for children in Year 3 and below, please note children younger than school age need to be accompanied by an adult.

**Requiem Mass for Pauline Learnihan** will be on Wednesday 20 September 12 noon at Holy Redeemer. Please note there will be no 10am Mass on that day.

**St Gregory's Church Local Mission Planning Workshop - Monday 18 September 2023 at 7pm.** For more on this event please visit our blog or [click here](#). Please try to find the time to join us at St Gregory's Hall at 6.45pm for a tea or coffee and start at 7pm.

**After School Club** - Commencing **Wednesday 20 September at 3.45pm** for a trial period of four weeks there will be an After School Club at St Osmund's. Led by Father Anthony, there will be 30 minutes of learning about the church in a fun and informal way. All children from year 2 to year 4 are welcome, they **must** however be accompanied by their parents or guardians (additional siblings coming with their parents are also welcome).

**Visit to Westminster Cathedral** Salisbury Catenians have arranged a coach trip to Westminster Cathedral on Friday 6 October. The cost is £25 pp. Please book via email: [carrivick79@gmail.com](mailto:carrivick79@gmail.com) or phone 07887 988123.

**Stations of Creation Walk 24 September** Join other local Christians on a walk from Salisbury Cathedral to St George's Church in Harnham. Starting from Mompesson House in the Cathedral Close at 2pm. For more information click on the image in the 'Top News' box, or [click here](#) or contact Graham on 07484 736398.

**Bible Book Club** - Has restarted on Tuesdays in the Parish Rooms 10:45 am -12:30 pm. Please join us as we read and study the Bible. For further details contact Dee on 07775 524118.

**Food and Friendship** Parish lunch next Thursday 12.30pm at St Gregory's Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for a home-cooked lunch. We ask for a small donation to cover the cost of food and any remainder goes to our charity of the month. For more information contact Jane via email: [jane.waspe@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.waspe@btinternet.com)

**Rosary Group** meets to pray together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for information. Everyone is welcome to join.

**My Generation** sale to raise funds to help towards running costs will occur on Wednesday 20 September at 2.30pm in St Gregory's Hall. You can purchase lucky squares on Sunday 17th September after the 9am Mass at St Gregory to be drawn at the sale. All are welcome to join us. Chris Francis.01722 321109

## SPUC PETITION:

SPUC (The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) will be holding a Petition Day next weekend 16/17 September. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. The petition calls for the Prime Minister to end the Government's unacceptable funding of China's totalitarian state. The Chinese state imposes forced abortion, sterilisation and infanticide on its own population, notably the Uyghur minority. According to the Chief Commissioner of the Independent Commission for Aid Impact, the UK Government sent over £60 million to China in 2020-21. Please sign the petition to help SPUC defend unborn babies, and their mothers, by highlighting this terrible human rights abuse.

## EXPLORING YOUR FAITH

**Nicodemus Group:** For people who wish to share their faith (or lack of it!) with others in a very simple way; by sharing a meal together and reading the Gospels. The first meeting in the Autumn series will be on Wednesday 11 October at 7pm in the St Elizabeth Hall, Exeter Street.

**Journey in Faith:** This is a programme for adults who are interested in Christianity but who are not confirmed Catholics. The next meeting will be on Sunday 17 September at 4.30pm in the Parish Rooms next to St Osmund's Church on Exeter Street.

For more information please visit 'Exploring Your Faith' on our main menu or [click here](#), or contact Dave Blake [rcia@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:rcia@salisburycatholics.org)

**Life in The Spirit!** Following on from the Holy Spirit evening last Friday there are now a series of Life in the Spirit seminars taking place on 6 consecutive Friday evenings starting today 8 September after the evening Mass at St Osmund. Each seminar will be recorded and will be available to view along with the full programme by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). If you'd like to get involved in the preparation/delivery in any way, please contact the office or Deacon John Proctor.

**September Outreach** We now have a claimed total of 19,300 cards. With only 1,200 to go, if you are fit enough to simply post a few cards through letterboxes, why not join in? We have already had some approaches made to us by recipients of the card which is wonderful news. Call or email the Parish Office 01722 562703 [outreach@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:outreach@salisburycatholics.org)

**Date for your diary:** 'Talk on the Shroud of Turin' with Father Robert Stewart. 3 October at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. More details to follow.

**Baptism** Our current Baptism preparation course at St Osmund has started and will run for two more Sundays 10 & 17 September. The course consists of attendance at the 9am Mass followed by a one hour meeting in the Presbytery. Please register with the Parish Office on 01722 562703. To apply for a baptism please complete a 'Baptism Application' by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

### Preparation for the Sacraments - 2024

**First Holy Communion** - If you have a child that is now in Year 3 and you wish to enrol them in the next programme, **the deadline is THIS WEEKEND 9/10 September 2023**. A letter from Father Anthony has now been sent to all the enrolling parents with both information and the schedule for the programme. To view click on Sacraments on our main menu then Holy Communion or [click here](#).

**Confirmation** - If you have a child that is now in Year 9 or above and you wish to enrol them in the next programme, please do so as soon as possible.

Please register for either programme by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our home page or [click here](#).

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 23 and Psalter 3

### Saturday 9 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Richard's intentions

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS David Kennedy RIP

### SUNDAY 10 September

09:00 St Gregory MASS George Devassy RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Jessica & Gabriel on their marriage

11:00 St Osmund MASS William (Bill) Berkley RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS People of the Parish

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS For the new School year

### Monday 11 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

### Tuesday 12 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mrs Carol Carthy RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 13 September Saint John Chrysostom

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Golden Wedding Anniversary of the parents of Anita in Slovakia

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

### Thursday 14 September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

10:00 St Osmund MASS Katherine Hanratty RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Friday 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows

10:00 St Gregory MASS Frank Detain RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

### Saturday 16 September Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

10:00 St Osmund MASS Dolores & Charles Mattocks RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

## RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass

St Osmund Saturdays 09:00 until 12:00 on the first Saturday of each month, all other Saturdays after the 10:00 Mass.

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

And by appointment with our priests.

## PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

**Pope Francis Intention for September - For people living on the margins.** We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. [Click here.](#)

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** - We pray this week for the parish of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Charlton Kings).

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

John Joseph Byrne, Elaine Herring, Bridget Rowland, Pauline Learnihan, June Kelly, David Maycock, Jennifer Potheary and Anne Gillam. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Advance Notice:** Requiem Mass for Pauline Learnihan will be on Wednesday 20 September 12:00 at Holy Redeemer. **Please note there will be no 10:00 Mass that day. All parishioners welcome.**

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Ezekiel 33:7-9*

*Psalms 94*

**O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.'**

*Romans 13:8-10*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.

**Alleluia!**

*Matthew 18:15-20*

## 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 September, please use our online form to join our next preparation programme. [Click here.](#)

**CONFIRMATION** If you have a child in Year 9 or above, 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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