

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 6(A)

From Father Anthony

With boisterous shouts and clatter the scaffolding came down. St Osmund's roof smiled up at the sky again ready to reflect the sun and repel the rain. I felt relief and gratitude... only the ceilings to go! Cathedral bells announced the hour as if in applause. Gangsters reoccupied their perches but... Henrietta scolded me with a shriek for gross violation of Garden Etiquette - scaffolding indeed! I pondered on all the work! It was not only to protect the building but, more importantly to keep us safe within... the inner gives meaning to the outer.

Spiritually, we might not pay enough attention to the relationship between meditation and action (*inner and outer*). Meditation has to do with *pondering* or '*exercising calm thought upon a subject from which to take appropriate measures.*' It is an *internal* process. Action has to do with *putting something in motion – doing something*. Action, *the outer*, is inspired and directed by *the inner*. This is why we must pay attention to, protect and develop the inner.

Most of the time we simply accept local or national *mores - wisdom of the world* - and reflect it back. The process by which we do this is obviously an inner process: it involves thought, energy and a reaction: but, it is not meditation. It is reactive, surface living: joining the crowd: hiding behind and taking comfort in *the will of the tribe*. There is enough historical evidence to caution us against simply following the will of the herd! It also causes a dichotomy in our being: our hearts tell us one thing yet we feel coerced do another; we condemn something on the outside while revelling in what we condemn on the inside. Jesus makes the point forcefully in the Gospel reading.

St Paul tells us that '*the spirit scrutinises everything, even the depth of God.*' Meditation belongs to this '*scrutiny*'. It acknowledges the world and our thoughts but then ponders upon what it has acknowledged... in the light of spirit. We ponder (meditate) our thoughts and on the urgings of the world in order to subject them to the light of Spirit: and, therefore, act according to the prompting of spirit and not the world or our own biased thought. Instead of reflecting the world or repelling it we bring the spirit into it and thus transform it... '*I have come not to abolish but to fulfil.*'



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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"

BUILDING WORKS IN ST OSMUND CHURCH

Work has now started on the north aisle (above the internal scaffolding) and will move to the south aisle in due course. There will be strictly NO PARKING other than our priests on site during this time as contractors will need freedom to use the driveway at all times. ALL Weekday Masses which would normally be held in St Osmund Church are now taking place in the Parish Rooms. Masses in the Parish Rooms will continue to be livestreamed via a mobile camera but you must select the **MOBILE** tab on the Church TV - immediately above and to the left of the viewing panel.

SATURDAY MORNING AND ALL SUNDAY MASSES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CHURCH AS USUAL

Parking at St Elizabeth Hall is *always* by **permission only**. However next Monday 13 & Tuesday 14 February and again on Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 February all permissions are revoked as we have a hirer that has **fully booked** the car park on those days. This is an important source of income for the parish - please do not jeopardise these bookings by parking without permission.

Parish Coronation Tea & Talk - Sunday 7 May 23 at 3pm at The White Hart Hotel. This is a pre-bookable event only. Book via the Parish Office on 01722 562703 or office@salisburycatholics.org. £16.50 per head which includes tea and a buffet of small sandwiches, cakes and scones. For more details please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

White Flower Appeal 2023. We have received a letter of thanks from SPUC with regard to their recent White Flower Appeal. We raised an amazing total of £851.28 from our three churches. Thank you.

Parish (Lenten Soup) Lunch Change of Venue for March. The lunch on the 9 March will now be held at St Gregory's Hall at 12.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 - All the details can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). Our local contact is Sacha Blanchard sacha@soll-lourdes.com

Parish Charity Quiz Night - Saturday 4 March 7pm for 7.30pm at St Elizabeth Hall. £10 per head, includes a ploughman's supper but please bring any drinks. Enjoy an evening out and support the work of the Sisters of Mercy Mission in South Africa and their school project in a very deprived area. Contact: carrivick79@gmail.com or 07887 988123 to book places and pay on the night in cash at the door. Arranged by the *Salisbury Catenians*

DBS To all our parishioners who volunteer in ministry with children or who take the Blessed Sacrament to homes, care homes or the hospital, please contact the parish office so that we can check if you have the required DBS (safeguarding) status. Thanks to all those currently completing and returning their forms.

Choir for Easter Triduum in St Osmund's - Following the wonderful success of our Advent Carol Service, Fr Joseph is, once again, organising a group of singers - this time to support and enhance the music at our Triduum liturgies in St Osmund's Church. There will be rehearsals on the Wednesday evenings leading up to Easter and music will be issued in advance. Everyone is welcome. Please inform the office if you would like to join in - more information to follow but please mark those Wednesday evenings in your diaries now!

ADVANCE NOTICE - Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 5 April. We have booked a small coach to travel to the Chrism Mass which will be picking up in Salisbury and Amesbury. If you would like to join our priests and deacons at this Mass, please contact the office office@salisburycatholics.org

Tuesdays in Lent - Bewildering Books, Challenging Chapters, Villains in Verses

There's a lot of strange stuff in the Bible! How a good Catholic grasp of Old and New Testaments will bring joy to your Lent, your life and your longings, and give glory to God. 7.30 - 8.45pm at Riverside House (way down the end of Watt Road) starting 28 February. Need a lift? Ask a deacon.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Nicodemus Group is a group of people who share their faith (or lack of it!) with others in a very simple way; by sharing a meal together and reading the Gospels. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15 February. The venue is St Elizabeth Hall, 131 Exeter Street 7– 8.30pm.

Journey in Faith is a programme for adults interested in Christianity who are not confirmed Catholics. The next and last meeting for the current programme is Sunday 19 February at 3pm in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund.

For more information including the full programme for the Nicodemus Group please visit 'Becoming Catholic' on our website main menu or [click here](#). Please contact Dave Blake by email nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org or phone the parish office on 01722 562703 if you are interested or wish to ask questions about any of the above.

Rite of Election - Saturday 25 February. This year, we are delighted to be 'sending' 5 adults to Clifton Cathedral from our parish and all parishioners are welcome to travel for this liturgy. If you would like to attend, contact the parish office 01722 562703 office@salisburycatholics.org Please keep all of our candidates in your prayers as they begin this important stage in their faith journey.

The Diocese are holding a reflection evening next Wednesday 15 February, about this special ceremony. If you wish to attend this online session please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) for all the details.

Congratulations and welcome to Richard Burnett who is being received into full Communion with the Catholic Church and Confirmed at our 9am Mass this Sunday. Please keep Richard in your prayers.

Downton Churches Together Ash Wednesday Service with imposition of ashes will be held in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd on 22 February at 7pm. All welcome.

Healing Prayer Ministry is now being held at St Gregory on Sundays after the 9am Mass at the front of the church. Healing prayer is a targeted prayer session that facilitates an encounter with God. The prayers offered are for anyone suffering from a difficulty such as financial, physical, psychological, or spiritual.

Confirmation 2023 Confirmation in the Salisbury Deanery will be on 27 June this year and our programme will begin on 7 March. The deadline for applications to join the programme is **28 February** after which all applications will be deferred until 2024. Anyone in school Year 9 or above who hopes to be Confirmed this year, must apply online **NOW**. Click on the 'Registration/Update' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Congratulations to Reuben Thomas Jaeggi who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend at St Osmund's. Please keep Reuben and his parents Morgan & Leon and the godparents in your prayers at this special time.

Baptism Preparation To arrange for a baptism please complete an application by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#). John Proctor on 07802 631968 or Steve Godwin on 07583 254488.

First Holy Communion Programme 2022/2023 Details are on our website, please click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then on 'Holy Communion' or [click here](#). The next session will Saturday 4 March at 2pm in St Gregory's Church for the children. It is very important that all sessions are attended.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Fr Joseph is currently organising a day for all EMHCs on **11 March** - those who were previously distributing Holy Communion at Mass AND those who were, or still are, taking Holy Communion to the housebound, care homes or to the hospital. The day is from 10am-3pm beginning at 10am with Mass at St Gregory and continuing in the hall there. Please bring your own packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Ordinary Time Week 6 and Psalter 2

***Weekday Masses will be in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund.
No Adoration or Benediction on Tuesday or Thursday until
further notice.**

Saturday 11 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

NB - no confessions after Mass at St Osmund this Saturday

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 12 February

09:00 St Gregory MASS Chakkappan RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Eugene Duffin - Special Intention

11:00 St Osmund MASS Alice Joseph RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

Monday 13 February

10:00 St Osmund* MASS Arthur & Mary Buck RIP

Tuesday 14 February **SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS**

10:00 St Osmund* MASS Geoffrey Richard James
Turner RIP

Wednesday 15 February

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

18:00 St Osmund* Ordinariate MASS Happy Birthday Christian
& Caroline

Thursday 16 February

10:00 St Osmund* MASS Stephen Murphy - get well

Friday 17 February

10:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Saturday 18 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Mavis Walton RIP

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass

NB - There will be no confessions on Saturday 11 February

St Osmund 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 FEBRUARY

For Parishes:

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Joseph (Weston-super-Mare).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pamella Finch, Michael Villis, Alma Bradley and Breeda Falconer who died recently and Alfred de Pas and Anita Sullivan who died some time ago. We also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Psalm 118

They are happy who follow God's law!

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.**

Alleluia!

Matthew 5:17-37

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 2024, please use our online form to apply 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:
caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com

CAFOD - SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

BISHOP LANG URGES SUPPORT FOR THE THOUSANDS AFFECTED BY THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE IN SYRIA AND TURKEY

Bishop Declan Lang, who chairs the International Affairs department of the Bishops' Conference, has offered prayers for victims and survivors of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck south-eastern Turkey and north-western Syria on 6 February.

"Our prayers are with the people of Syria and Turkey; all those who have died, those who are mourning their family and friends, and those who have lost their homes," said Bishop Declan. "We pray too for the brave local rescue workers and volunteers from across the world".

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, has launched an emergency appeal to help meet the needs of those affected. The death toll has already exceeded 20,000.

Bishop Lang has urged Catholics to pray for survivors, victims and their families and, if possible, to support CAFOD's appeal.

"I encourage Catholics throughout England and Wales to continue supporting our sisters and brothers who have been affected by this tragedy, through your prayers, and if possible through CAFOD's emergency appeal which is providing urgent food, water, and shelter to survivors".

For more including a further appeal from Pope Francis and how to donate directly to CAFOD please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). There will also be envelopes in all our churches this weekend for those who wish to donate that way.

SPUC Youth Conference 24-26 February at Stone, Wolverhampton. The Salisbury Branch of SPUC are prepared to fund one person or two partially for this event if needed. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron in this episode he reflects further on the 'Sermon on the Mount', where Jesus himself lays out his basic teaching. What we find today is Jesus as the new Moses. Like Moses, he goes up on a mountain, and he receives and then gives a new, intensified Law. Jesus wants the corrective power of the Law to go beyond merely the behavioural level and to get down to the level of the heart. We are not called to spiritual mediocrity; we are called to be saints!. To watch and listen just click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or just [click here](#). Video is available late on Saturday.

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: 'God's Law and Free Will?!' for this the 6th Sunday in Year A . Click on the 'Children's Liturgy' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 15 February 2023 for a Beetle Drive at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.