

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 19(A)

From Father Anthony

The garden is gently 're-wilding'. The hedge resembles an unruly head of hair and the borders a comfortable but rumpled jacket. The grass is tall, dense and suffused with yellow and white flowers... I never knew they were there! Gangsters don't approve of the untidiness, of course! Mrs Cat is in her element and the Gunslinger uses the undergrowth to stalk and ambush me! I breathed in crisp, early morning air: tea steamed. Perched, amid the crimson splashes of a rose bush, a mother sparrow fed her baby then flew off. Alarmed, the baby chirped and pecked away at a branch but found no nourishment. Back came mum to feed the baby again. Soon the baby would grow and have to fend for itself!

Prior to the events related the Gospel passage, Jesus had fed the five thousand... fed them spiritually; taught them how to use the five senses (*five loaves*), the upper and lower soul (*two fish*) so as to develop their spiritual faculties (*twelve baskets*). This week the disciples must put His spiritual teaching into practice.

Jesus *compels* (*anagkazó, ἀναγκάζω, a pressing necessity*) them to get into the boat (*symbol of the physical world*) rather than joining Him on the mountain (*symbol of the spiritual world*). They must cross from the comfort of spiritual teaching to *the other side*. i.e. to practice it in the reality of the world. They have to encounter spirit for real (*wind*) and integrate it into the world; so as to transform the world. With the best intentions they set out: and, like the baby sparrow, they can't quite do it. They are overwhelmed; all their mental learning and intellectual understanding counts for little when pitched against the power of spirit. We can speak about spiritual things; putting them into practice is another thing altogether. It might leave us feeling as if we are lost in a raging sea and out of our depth. It can be very alarming.

The disciples needed help and Jesus came to them. Their distress and lack of faith *is* what attracted Him. Perhaps, if we feel tossed about by life, in a rut or *all at sea*; if our faith is collapsing and we are just about holding on; perhaps, this is when Jesus comes to us. Our failure and lack of faith brings Him to us. But, we must learn to recognise Him spiritually.... through Love.



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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TUESDAY 15 AUGUST
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses: 10am St Osmund, Midday Holy Redeemer & 7pm St Gregory

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church. For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

EXPLORING YOUR FAITH:

The 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 new series is on Wednesday 11 October at 7pm in the St Elizabeth Hall, Exeter Street.

Journey in Faith: This is an programme for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. The next meeting is on Sunday 3 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.

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Benediction at St Osmund on Thursday 17 August due to a Requiem Mass at 12.30pm.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe 14 August - Maximilian became a Franciscan in 1907 and devoted his life to fostering a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During World War II, Fr Kolbe hid as many as 2,000 Jewish and Polish people in his Polish monastery. In 1941, Maximilian was arrested by the Nazis who sent him to Auschwitz concentration camp. Here he gave his life for another man who had a family. He is remembered for his prophetic words "Hatred is not a creative force. Only love is a creative power." For more on St Maximilian, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SPUC - The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) campaigns to make a world where abortion is unthinkable, and the sanctity of life is respected from conception to natural death. If you would like to help society's most vulnerable, then please join with us and add your voice to ours as we fight for life. Cards are available at the back of church offering discounted membership of SPUC for the rest of the year for just £5. You will shortly be hearing about a new petition to the government regarding funds being sent to China.

Salisbury Foodbank: Thank you for your contributions to the July Foodbank collection. Over 81 kilos of goods were delivered to the Foodbank, mostly toilet rolls. The next collection will be in September.

SCORE - There will be a retiring collection next weekend for SCORE Overseas Projects.

My Generation will be meeting next Wednesday 16 August 2023 for a Beetle Drive at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

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.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER OUTREACH
FOR POSTING CARDS IN LETTERBOXES NEAR WHERE YOU LIVE

We have received delivery of nearly 21,000 cards. These cards have been designed for those who may be interested in the Catholic church or for those who may wish to re-engage but just do not know where to begin. It will give them details of how to get the support and accompaniment we can offer them on their faith journey. Our wonderful volunteers have pledged to post 17,000 cards. If you are fit enough to simply post cards why not help as well?

Please call the Parish Office 01722 562703 or email: outreach@salisburycatholics.org

'Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations' Matthew 28

DON'T FORGET THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Come and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Friday 1 September 7-9pm at St Osmund. Starting with Mass of the Holy Spirit at 7pm (with Fr Matt Anscombe) followed by testimony, teaching, discussion and prayer. This will be the 'launch' event for a series of Life in the Spirit seminars which will then take place on the following 6 Friday evenings following the evening Mass. The full programme can be viewed 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.

Baptism Our next course will take place on three Sundays at St Osmund: 3, 10, and 17 September consisting 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](#).

Sacramental Preparation for 2024

First Holy Communion - If you have a Child that has just completed Year 2 (going into **Yr 3 or above** in September) and you wish to enrol them in the next programme, **the deadline is 9 September 2023**

Confirmation - If you have a child that has just completed Year 8 (going into **Yr 9 or above** in September) and you wish to enrol them in the next programme, the deadline is 3 February 2024.

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

Homily from Bishop Robert Barron reflects on this Sunday's Gospel and the symbolism thereof. Where the disciples in the boat symbolise the Church which has set sail in sometimes calm but very often troubled waters. Jesus ascending the mountain to pray, symbolising the Risen Lord interceding and at times intervening to keep the Church afloat. To listen and watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: Whispers and Walking on Water! A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A. Click on 'Children's Liturgy' on our homepage or [click here](#).

Date for your Diary: Stations of Creation Walk on 24 September Following the Creation narrative from the Book of Genesis, you are invited to join local Christians on a walk from Salisbury Cathedral to St George's Church in Harnham, calling at seven 'Stations' - each Station marking one of the seven days of Creation. The walk takes place on 24 September and starts from Mompesson House in the Cathedral Close at 2pm. Please [click here](#) for more information or contact Graham on 07484 736398

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 19 Proper of Feast and Psalter 3

Saturday 12 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Lily Mulcahy RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Damian Fleming RIP

SUNDAY 13 August

09:00 St Gregory MASS John Brook RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Colette Duffin

11:00 St Osmund MASS Elizabeth Kane RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 14 August **Saint Maximilian Kolbe**

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bishop Mervyn Alexander RIP

Tuesday 15 August **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mr & Mrs Eamon & Bridie Faloon

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 Holy Redeemer MASS John Maguire RIP

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

19:00 St Gregory MASS Fr Philip Edean SJ

Wednesday 16 August

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Intentions of Steven & Jan Fleming

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 17 August

No Exposition or Benediction today due to the Requiem Mass

10:00 St Osmund MASS Christopher Brown RIP

12:30 St Osmund Requiem MASS David Maycock RIP

18:30 Downton MASS

Friday 18 August

10:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving - Fr Cyril John Edamana SDB

19:00 St Osmund MASS Terry, Martin & Wayne McGarry

Saturday 19 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Eillish Duffin

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 After the 10:00 Mass.

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

And by appointment with our priests.

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for August

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

[Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray this week for the parishes of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Chippenham) and St Patrick (Corsham).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

David Maycock, Jennifer Pothecary, Anne Gillam, Patricia Thomas, Janet O'Callaghan and Peggy (Margaret) Fletcher. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Psalms 84

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Romans 9:1-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven

and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

Matthew 14:22-33

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 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