

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 28(B)

From Father Anthony

It was very early and still dark when I set off. Stars twinkled: clouds moved across the moonscape, silent as wraiths. I settled in for the long journey accompanied by some excellent tuck, two travel mugs of tea and the red glow of the dash board. Dark turned opalescent and then burst forth in an explosion of red, orange and blue as the sun woke up. The journey up had been atrocious, so I determined to follow my nose rather than the satnav. I called a friend and we decided on the least likely route and... it ran smoothly. I was back by mid-morning.

'Come follow me'. The sense in which Jesus says *follow me* is closer in meaning to, *accompany Me on My journey*, rather than *follow Me like sheep*. More importantly, it is to follow Him as a real Person rather than an ideology. Following an ideology may have its merits but it is not what Jesus is saying. As a real Person the implication is that we will have met Him for real - not what is and has been said *about* Him. It implies that He knows where He is going: that where He is going is best for us too. It is handing over to Him all that we are or *think we are* to find the truth of who we actually are in Him... because in Him we had our being: and only in Him can the light (*consciousness*) of life in us comprehend or see through the darkness that blocks us from God.

Truth be told, most of us, for various reasons, not least in an attempt to survive, are immersed in the world: in all its mechanisms and culture, including religion. The world represents the height, depth and breadth of our experience. We are rich in all it has to offer. And yet, ultimately, it gives us nothing. Not that everything about the world is bleak or troublesome; much of it can be great fun, lovely and informing. But again, truth be told, ultimately, it leaves us empty, cold and alone, not to mention depressed and stressed.

Each of us is invited by the Gospel to take a really good look at the life we are leading. Are we sad like the rich man, as he walks away? If so it might be time to take a different route and find Jesus.

St Osmund's Parish Rooms access - We have noticed that there is loose masonry above the green door, please stay away from this area and use the side (glass) door until we have had it checked.

Monday 14 October 10am St Osmund will be a Liturgy of the Word led by Deacon Steve due to priest unavailability.

For the Sick of our parish - Friday 18 October at St Osmund
Adoration at 6pm with Confessions and Anointing until Mass at 7pm



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

PARISH PLANNER 2024 - 2025

Our Parish Planner has now been updated with the final information and copies have been printed for distribution this weekend. The planner is our 'go-to' document to let you know what will be happening in the parish in the coming year. They will be available in our churches this weekend, one copy per family. It is also on website ([click here](#)) and on the 'St Osmund Parish' app.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Young(ish) Catholic Adults Group for those in their 20s, 30s, 40s...?! We're going to follow a course together called "Practising the Way". It's a primer on spiritual formation, offering all sorts of helpful advice about living a fuller Christian life in the modern world. Covering topics like discipleship, prayer, fasting, sin, suffering, community, sabbath, solitude, etc. Please join us for the input, discussion, and a chance to connect with other young Catholics. We'll start the course on the feast of St John Paul II: Tuesday 22 October, at 8pm and meet every 2 weeks thereafter. Join us in person in the St O's Parish Rooms (Green door), or join us online via Zoom. Contact Fr Joseph for the link.

The Bible Timeline Thank you for making a fantastic start to our 8-week course with over 60 of us gathered to hear Stuart Ford on 'Why is it so hard to read the Bible?' Didn't attend the first session? It's not too late to join - the first talk was recorded and is available on our website ([click here](#)). This week, our journey through the storyline of the Bible will begin in earnest, with Fr Joseph leading the session on the Early World (Creation, Fall, Flood, Babel). You are encouraged to read Genesis Chapters 1-11 and to watch this 6-minute video summary from the Bible Project ([click here](#)). Next week's session (Wed 16 Oct) will remain in the **St O's Parish Rooms** - we will set out the room differently to give us more space. See you there for refreshments from 6.45pm, to start at promptly at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

Men's Breakfast On Saturday 26 October 8am to 10am at the Parish Centre. Starting with a short prayer, a cooked breakfast and short talk by a guest speaker. Tickets will be £10. [click here](#) to visit the event and to complete the form if you plan to attend or click on this link <https://forms.gle/zzGjety9e91aQSRz8>

Justice & Peace Group Monday 14 October at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Discussion on Red Wednesday and a showing of the film 'The True Cost' which is about the clothes we wear. All welcome.

Rosary in Salisbury Cathedral - Friday 18 October. The Rosary is prayed by Catholics and Anglicans in Salisbury Cathedral on the third Friday of each month at 12 o'clock. If you would like to join us we meet in the Refectory 11.30am before going into the Cathedral.

PARISH BRIEFINGS – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Sunday 3 November at 3pm and Thursday 7 November at 7pm Fr Anthony will be leading two (duplicate) 1 hour briefing sessions to update parishioners regarding a number of important matters. Both will take place in the Parish Centre at 131 Exeter Street. Included will be an update on Holy Redeemer Church, the impact of St George's Warminster being served by Salisbury on our Clergy and Administration and an update on our parish finances and property. Most of the pastoral team will be there also key parish representatives for Property, Finance, HS, Admin etc. This will be an opportunity to parishioners to receive key information, raise any questions and give feedback. Please put one of these dates in your diary!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

Family of Faith We are really excited about the imminent launch of our new 'Family of Faith' community, which will be open to families with children in Years 2 to 5. This will include, but not be limited to, those preparing to make their **First Holy Communion**. Sunday mornings *every other week* during term time after the 9am Masses at our Parish Centre on Exeter Street from Sunday 20 October onwards. There will be a time of prayer, followed by separate activities for children, and input and discussion for parents, finishing at 12 noon. For more click [here](#) or on 'Family of Faith' on our homepage.

Youth Group Continues to go well with nearly 30 attending each week. We meet again on Wednesday 16 October at the **Parish Centre** at 6.30pm. **Do you want to join?** This is for anyone in Years 8-11 to meet up, relax, play games, chat about faith, ask questions, and pray. Know a young person that may like to come? Give them a nudge. All information on our website or [click here](#).

Shaftesbury Pilgrimage Successfully Arrived, Deo gratias! ✓ Thank you for your prayers for Fr Joseph and the ~35 intrepid young pilgrims, who made it into Shaftesbury Abbey after the 8 mile walk from Wardour, drenched and bedraggled, but full of joy! We visited the two beautiful churches in the Donheads, sang hymns, and prayed the Rosary on the Way. The youngest pilgrim was 6, the eldest 80-something, and the most devout was surely the dog. Truly blessed with proper pilgrim weather! Please continue to pray for all the young people in our parish.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Journey in Faith - For adults who are interested in Christianity. The next session is this Sunday 13 October at 10.30am at the Parish Centre. For more click on 'Journey in Faith' on our home page or [click here](#)

Confirmation 2025 Following the pre-enrolment meeting last Tuesday, If you have a child that is in Year 9 or above and are interested in joining the programme, please register on the 'Registration' button on our home page or [click here](#). For more information and dates click on 'Confirmation' on our homepage or [click here](#).

Welcome to Avery James Hammond who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 6 October at St Gregory. Please keep Avery, his parents Bethany & Jacob and his godparents in your prayers.

Baptism Preparation Course at St Gregory starts this weekend 13 October (and then 20 & 27). The next course is at St Osmund starting 17 November. To request a Baptism for your child, click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

NOTICES

ACN CHRISTMAS CARDS will be available for sale after Masses from next Sunday - payment can be made by cash or cheque. Cards carrying the true message of Christmas and in support of the persecuted Church.

World Mission Sunday 20 October. There will be a retiring collection next weekend. This is an opportunity to support every mission community which need our help. For more [click here](#) or click on the image in the 'Top News' box. Special gift aid envelopes will be available in our churches this weekend.

Adoration Tuesday 15 October after the 10am Mass until 12.30pm and then from 2.30pm, to enable a school visit to St Osmund's Church during the day. Benediction will be at the normal time of 6pm.

Our Parish Centre, is thriving with a tremendous increase in activities and involvement. We are currently developing dedicated areas within the centre, including a youth lounge, to support a variety of parish events. We would greatly appreciate any donations of items in good condition such as large rugs (circular or square), floor or large side lamps, coffee tables, comfortable small sofas, or beanbags to help create a welcoming space. If you have anything to offer, please contact Deacon Steve Godwin (07583 254488 stephen.godwin@cliffondiocese.com). Collection can be arranged.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 28 Psalter 4

Saturday 12 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS David Palmer RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving

18:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER

09:00 St Gregory MASS Amal Sajna - In thanksgiving

09:00 St Osmund MASS Mareta & Marc Pang Fat

11:00 St Osmund MASS Veronica Quarm RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:30 Holy Redeemer Syro-Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 14 October

10:00 St Osmund Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday 15 October Saint Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)

10:00 St Osmund MASS Lino Falzon RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to 12.30 and then from 14.30

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 16 October THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF PARISH CHURCHES

10:00 St Gregory MASS Susan Bennett RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 17 October Saint Ignatius of Antioch

10:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS Frank Farley RIP

Friday 18 October SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST

10:00 St Gregory MASS For Sebastian & Family

For the Sick of the Parish

18:00 St Osmund Adoration, Anointing and Confessions before Mass.

19:00 St Osmund MASS For the Sick of the Parish

Saturday 19 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Peter, Joseph & John Harty RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after the 10am Mass & Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

St Osmund: On the first Saturday of the month from 9am to 12 noon, and on other Saturdays after the 10am Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for October

For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people. - [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for the parishes of Our Lady, St Mary of Glastonbury, St Michael (Shepton Mallet), Our Lady Queen of the Apostles (Cheddar) and St Joseph & St Teresa (Wells).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Veronica Quarm, John (Sean) Coady, Ruby Spokes, and Hansel Antony D'Cruz 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:

Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalms 89

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Hebrews 4:12-13

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

Mark 10:17-30

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. [Click here](#)

CONFIRMATION If you have a child who is in Year 9 or above from Sept 2024, please use our online form to apply to join our 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 Desiree for more details:

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