

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 15(A)

From Father Anthony

Dark swirling clouds dissipated towards the East after torrential rain. The sun beamed and steam rose from the pavement. Soaked, I unpacked the shopping, made some tea and sat outside for a while. The lawn is overgrown; re-wilding they call it... to help the bugs! One corner is a mass of marvellous white tipped flowers and luscious tall green grass. Framed by white roses and an exquisite purple flower it looks enchanting. Another area was doing well but has wilted. Two areas are bare and parched: and one edge is devoid of grass and the colour of ash... fresh out of the Gospel I thought. It seemed like a picture of my own life too. Some areas have been kind and fruitful. Others tangled and confused. Some bare, barren and parched.

Few lives are linear and perfect. Most of us are a mixture of ups and downs, rough crags, tangled messes, beautiful plains, and delightful borders. Into this, our lives, God breathes His Word and scatters the seed of His Love. Some part of us will catch, understand and respond to it. Some part will respond for a day and then forget. Another part will hear or feel it but tune into the world instead. And yet His Love is constant, unwavering and eternal. Whatever our life has been and whatever has gone on in it: all of it has brought us to where we are Now. And it is Now that we experience His Love. Now is the *hundredfold* in the Gospel.

We can get stuck in one dimension or another of our lives (*thirtyfold*, *sixtyfold*) but, we are where we are Now. Now is the correct time. Now is where we experience God's love; not yesterday or tomorrow. Regardless of who we are, what we have done or what others think of us: you and I are loved totally by God... Now. On the understanding that we see, feel and hear the world as *we are* and not as *it is*; it is we who have to make an adjustment, not God. It is the constant adjustment of letting the past and the future alone and settling into the ever present Now. Now is the *hundredfold* of the Gospel. Now is where the past is understood, accepted and forgiven and the future received as a gift of grace with contentment. Together let's spend more time in *the Now*.



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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"

HOLY REDEEMER CLOSURE - FROM FR ANTHONY

Greetings,

I hope all is well and that you are in the best of form.

Just in case you were not at Mass last Sunday, this is just a quick note to say that the Diocesan Council of Priests have now met to consider the results of our consultation over the closure of Holy Redeemer Church. They agreed with our findings (82% for and 18% against) and, with sadness, voted in favour of closure. Bishop Declan has granted verbal approval to communicate this information to you so that you do not find out second-hand: he will write to me formally in due time.

It is not a decision we can easily celebrate but it is probably the correct one given the arguments already put forward during our consultation. The building may represent the community and we may retain great affection for it; but it is not the community. We are the community. My hope and prayer is that the Holy Redeemer Community with its special charism and in all its richness will reassemble in St Gregory's Church at the usual times of Wednesday 10am and Saturday 6pm. I shall write again soon with timelines for closure.

Also, I also hope to start collecting stories and histories of the church for our archives; if you have any I would be grateful for them. At a later stage we will decide where to relocate items on our inventory.

Yours affectionately,

Fr Anthony

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene 22 July - Mary Magdalene has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost 20 centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all "unofficial" witnesses of the Resurrection. For the story of Saint Mary Magdalene click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Parish of St Osmund mobile App - We are pleased to announce that we have now published an App on both the AppStore and Google PlayStore called 'Parish of St Osmund'. The purpose of the App is to provide one tap quick and easy access to key information such as: Mass Times, Contact Details, the Livestream from St Osmund, the location of our Churches and the ability to Donate. Download to your mobile or tablet and give it a try, all feedback is welcome, please email: outreach@salisbury Catholics.org. Need help to download the app onto your phone? No problem - pop into the office to see us and we'll help you. Not sure what an 'app' is but have a mobile phone? Again, no problem! Bring your phone to the office and we'll explain and demonstrate.

Glastonbury Pilgrimage 9 July - Our heartfelt thanks goes to Kalaveti and Raiiti who drove and organised the minibus that carried our contingent to the pilgrimage last Sunday. A bright but windy day that was attended by over 500 from all parts of our Diocese.

Funeral: Advance Notice: A Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Fr Saji for Jennifer (Jiffer) Potheary on Wednesday 2 August 12:00 at St Osmund followed by a reception immediately afterwards in the Parish Rooms. Jiffer's family hope that all of Jiffer's many friends in the parish will attend to celebrate her life and pray for the peaceful repose of her soul.

Congratulations to Father Joseph on the 1st anniversary of his Ordination. We have some lovely photos taken at St Gregory last Sunday. Just go to our Photo Gallery or [click here](#).

Date for your Diary - 'Day of Prayer for the Sick of the Parish' Tuesday 25 July. The day will consist of: Mass followed by Confessions & Anointing, All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and a further opportunity for Confessions & Anointing.

SCORE collection: This weekend there is a retiring collection for SCORE. Funds raised will go to local projects.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER OUTREACH

For some time at Christmas and Easter we have been posting cards through letterboxes advertising our Masses. This September our cards we will be inviting people, not to a particular Mass but a more general invitation to come and try us out! It will advertise our very successful 'Nicodemus Group' which, in conjunction with our RCIA programme, has brought numerous new members to our churches over the past year. The card will detail various 'landing places' for anyone interested in the Catholic church but perhaps too shy to join us on a Sunday without invitation or support – these 'landing places' will be a combination of people willing to respond personally to enquirers, special website pages, a dedicated email address, a telephone number and an open invitation to our Nicodemus group or for a one-to-one appointment with one of our clergy or catechists.

We have had a wonderful response from our existing volunteers but due to declining numbers **we need more help** in simply posting cards in letterboxes near where you live. **So please join in**, we will be collecting names of everyone who wants to join in after Mass at all our churches this weekend, or call the Parish Office 01722 562703 or email: outreach@salisburycatholics.org

FR ANTHONY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SUMMER BBQ/FUN DAY SUNDAY 30 JULY 12 TO 4.30 PM AT ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are all invited to this free BBQ, so please do claim a free ticket soon so that we can estimate numbers either after Sunday Mass or from the Office. Please do bring salads and side dishes to share.

If you have any food allergies, please bring (and keep separate) your own food as we cannot guarantee that the food provided will be allergen free.

There will be: A Bouncy Castle, Didicars and Hoppers and other activities including **Live Music, Face Painting**, a **Beat the Goalie** competition, **Giant Jenga** and **Giant Connect 4** games.

We are in **urgent need of bottles for the bottle stall and pledges of cake for the cake stall**. Please bring bottles to the Office at anytime and cakes preferably on Friday 28 July.

Congratulations to Keira and Jordan who were married in St Osmund's last Saturday 8 July. We pray for Keira and Jordan that their home will be filled with happiness and love.

Congratulations and Welcome to William Charleston who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday at St Osmund. Please keep William and his parents Victoria & Samuel and the godparents in your prayers

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 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

If you have a Child that is currently in **Year 2** (going into Yr 3 in September) or **Year 8** (going into Yr 9 in September) and you wish to enrol them in the next First Communion or Confirmation Programme, please register online as soon as possible: [Click here](#) to register for either First Communion or Confirmation.

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 Friday evening Mass. Why not put the dates in your diary now? If you'd like to get involved in the preparation/delivery in any way, please contact the office or Deacon John Proctor.

SPUC are holding a Market Stall in the Guildhall Square next Saturday, 22 July. If anyone can help for an hour in the morning, or can supply Books, CDs, DVDs, unwanted Gifts, Plants, Jams, Cakes, we would be most grateful. NO BRIC-A-BRAC or CLOTHES. Please contact Alison on 01722 741681 or Bernadette on 01722 711137.

Salisbury Foodbank. During July we are collecting toilet rolls and long-life fruit juice for the Foodbank. Donated items can be placed in the box at the back of each church or in the Parish Office.

Youth Work Leader We are seeking a Youth Work Leader on a 2-year fixed-term contract. The role will be under two part-time contracts, one with the Clifton Diocese working in the Salisbury Parishes and the other will be through The Bridge working within our Catholic schools. This could be one full-time position or two part-time positions. For further details of the role, please click on the 'Youth Work Leader' button on our home page or [click here](#). Applications should be made in writing with a CV attached. All correspondence and applications should be directed to john.proctor@clifftondiocese.com.

My Generation will be meeting next Wednesday 19 July 2023 for Hoy Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Bible Book Club which normally meets on Tuesdays in the Parish Rooms is paused until September. For further information please contact Dee on 07775 524118

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

The 6pm Mass on Sunday at St Osmund - are in need of more readers, this is an important ministry so please don't be shy, full training given. Contact the Parish Office office@salisburycatholics.org

Stations of Creation Walk - 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 at 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.

Homily from Bishop Robert Barron reflects on this Sunday's readings and how the 'Seed' is the Divine Word of God and when we allow it to come into our lives it will change us. Then we need to care for it or it will *wither away*. To listen and watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: The Parable of the Sower! A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A. Click on 'Children's Liturgy' on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 15 and Psalter 3

Saturday 15 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Buck RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 16 JULY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Jovit & Joseph Vazhappilly -
Thanksgiving

09:00 St Osmund MASS Michael Price RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Nick Flippance RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

15:00 St Gregory Syro-Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Cummings Family

Monday 17 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

14:00 St Osmund Funeral Anne Gillam RIP

Tuesday 18 July

SAINT BENEDICT

10:00 St Osmund MASS Delaney Family RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 19 July

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 20 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bernadette Moloney RIP

NB - NO MASS IN DOWNTON - POSTPONED UNTIL 27 JULY.

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 21 July

10:00 St Gregory MASS Jean Hunter RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Rachel Simon RIP

Saturday 22 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Family Yamatay

14:00 St Gregory Syro-Malabar First Holy Communion MASS

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

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for July - For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

[Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Gerard Majella (Knowle) and Christ the King (Knowle West).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jennifer Potheary, Ann 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.

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SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalms 64

Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

Romans 8:18-23

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Matthew 13:1-23

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:
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