

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 7(A)

From Father Anthony

I ruffled Mrs Cat's head and scratched her chin... and received a glare for such impertinence! Gloves on, heater blowing I then navigated the jalopy across to Tisbury. It was a beautiful frosty day: clear blue sky, pastel colours and early morning haze. The Great Spire waved goodbye in the rear-view mirror, the sun smiled and cars sped by. Deeper into the rolling countryside, through twists and turns it felt good to be alive: just perfect!

'Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect'. The word used for *'perfect'* is *teleios* (τέλειος): it conveys *completeness* or *reaching the end of a process*. We might say *wholeness*. The spiritual life is a movement towards wholeness: to live in such a way that we always assimilate whatever happens to us into wholeness or completeness: our life contains no gaps. Increasingly, our life mirrors the desires or wishes God has for us. Living in this manner we modify or transform ourselves and the world.

One way of arriving at wholeness is to become aware of what we are *resistant to*. Most of us aspire towards something: we wish our lives were different in some way: we day dream. In reality life is found in the moment and all that takes place in that moment... including the day dream! We push away moments of our life because they don't fit in with our wishes or dreams. Yet it is these moments where we find ourselves and God. *'Receive your demon'*, the wise ones used to say, *'keep it close, because if you push it out the door it will come in through the window; if you push it out the window it will come down the chimney; if you block up the chimney it will come up through the cellar. You will be forever tied to it! Receive it: change it by the love present in your reception of it.'*

We are not asked to be led by the world or by day to day events: we are not asked or agree with or condone them. We are asked to receive them so that by our reception of them they are changed (*transformed*)... by our love. When two forces unite they produce a force that neither possessed singly. Thus, Jesus asks us *to turn the other cheek, to go the extra mile, not to turn away...* to transform the world by our loving embrace!



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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

There is strictly NO PARKING other than our priests on site during this time as contractors need freedom to use the driveway at all times. Masses on Monday to Thursday which would normally be held in St Osmund Church continue in the Parish Rooms and will 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.

Masses on Friday evening, Saturday Morning and all Sunday will all now take place in the Church.

ASH WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY - MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Mass times: 10:00 Holy Redeemer, 10:00 St Osmund School, 12:30 St Osmund. 18:00 St Osmund (Ordinariate), and 19:00 St Gregory. **Please note: the two Masses at St Osmund will be held in the Parish Rooms which has limited capacity.**

Downton Ash Wednesday: The Downton Churches Together (Ecumenical) Service with imposition of ashes will be at 7pm in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. All welcome.

The Significance of Ash Wednesday by Father Mike Schmitz. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box to listen to Fr Mike or [click here](#).

Friday Stations of the Cross - During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 6.20pm prior to the 7pm Mass beginning next Friday 24 February in the church (not the Parish Rooms) at St Osmund.

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.

SCORE. The retiring collection this weekend is for SCORE local projects. You can also donate by clicking on the 'Donate' button on our homepage or via the contactless machines in St Osmund's or St Gregory's. Applications for grants must be submitted by the end of February. Details are on our website via 'Parish Life' then 'Score' . .

Salisbury Foodbank - Lent collection. During Lent, until Palm Sunday, we will be collecting tinned fruit and tinned potatoes for the Foodbank. Please put your donations into the box at the back of the church. Thank you for your January contributions.

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage to Lourdes 26 May to 2 June All the details can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). Our contact is Sacha Blanchard sacha@soll-lourdes.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 18 to 25 August. Our diocese are also organising a Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Details can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Parish Charity Quiz Night - Saturday 4 March 7pm at St Elizabeth Hall. £10 per head, includes a ploughman's supper but please bring drinks. Enjoy an evening out and support the work of the Sisters of Mercy Mission in South Africa. Contact: Steve at carrivick79@gmail.com or 07887 988123 to book places and pay on the night in cash.

Choir for Easter Triduum in St Osmund's - Fr Joseph is 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. Everyone is welcome. Please inform the office if you would like to join in.

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. Places are limited. If you would like to join our priests and deacons at this Mass, please contact the office office@salisburycatholics.org

TOWARDS RESURRECTION

A Parish Retreat claiming the joy of the Resurrection whilst walking the Way of the Cross 16 - 19 March 2023

We are delighted to announce that Father Joseph is leading a three-day residential retreat at the Franciscan Centre, Ladywell, Godalming exclusively for parishioners of the Salisbury Deanery. There will be daily Mass, opportunities for Spiritual Direction and Confession, time together and time apart at this wonderful retreat centre. The grounds are beautiful, offering many different spaces for tranquillity, quiet reflection and enjoyment of God's creation. Cost for three days/two nights is £160 (£80 per night, per person based on two people sharing a room) or £240 (£120 per person, per night for a single room). All meals are included from their 'Five Star' rated kitchen which has earned a good reputation for delicious cuisine freshly prepared on the premises. The centre is well set up to cater for those with mobility difficulties and families. Please contact the Parish Office to book a place (ideally by email if you can) office@salisburycatholics.org or 01722 562703. Transport can be arranged for those who need it. Spaces are limited to 24 people, 4 of which have already been taken so please do book early to avoid disappointment. If you have any questions, contact Dave Blake: nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org

Journey in Faith is a programme for adults interested in Christianity who are not confirmed Catholics. The final meeting in the current programme is this Sunday 19 February at 3pm in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund. For more information please visit 'Becoming Catholic' on our website main menu or [click here](#).

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 with them 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

Congratulations and welcome to Richard Burnett who was received into full Communion with the Catholic Church and Confirmed at the 9am Mass at St Osmund last Sunday. It was a truly inspiring moment as Richard spoke to those present after his Confirmation - it can be viewed on the 'Recordings' tab of our Church TV system. Please keep Richard in your prayers as he continues his faith journey.

Congratulations to Harshada and James who were married in St Osmund's last Saturday 11 February. We pray for Harshada and James that their home will be filled with happiness and love.

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](#).

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. Please bring your own packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Ordinary Time Week 7 and Psalter 3

***Monday to Thursday Masses will be in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund, Friday to Sunday Masses are in the Church .**

Saturday 18 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Mavis Walton RIP

SUNDAY 19 February

09:00 St Gregory MASS Holy Souls

09:00 St Osmund MASS Mitch Chinedum on his birthday

11:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:30 St Gregory Syro Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS

Monday 20 February

10:00 St Osmund* MASS Mary Robson RIP

Tuesday 21 February

10:00 St Osmund* MASS Ann Brookes RIP

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

10:00 St Osmund School MASS

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Happy Feast Day Isabel

12:30 St Osmund* MASS

18:00 St Osmund* Ordinariate MASS

19:00 St Gregory MASS

Thursday 23 February

10:00 St Osmund* MASS Francisa Alves
& Francisco dos Sanyos RIP

Friday 24 February

10:00 St Gregory MASS

18:20 St Osmund Stations of the Cross

19:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Saturday 25 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Bridget Kerr RIP

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 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 parish of St Luke and St Teresa, Wincanton (with Milbourne Port, Castle Carey and Bruton).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Michael Pyne, Pamela Finch, Michael Willis, 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

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

Psalms 102

The Lord is compassion and love.

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.**

Alleluia!

Matthew 5:38-48

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