

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 22(B)

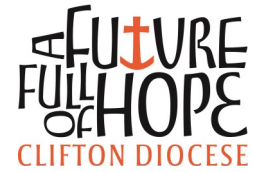
### From Father Anthony

It was overcast, grey and wet. Wearing boots, over trousers and a hooded waterproof I pounded along, enjoying the rain. Wreathed in mist the Great Spire loomed in the distance, Salisbury a green smudge beneath. I left high ground and two cows came over to inspect me, derision written all over their faces! Descending further, I came to the river: rain bounced off and rippled the surface. Dirty liquid oozed from a pipe set into the opposite bank in stark contrast to the clear sparkling rain *“nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile”*.

According to the Gospel clinging to human traditions can ‘defile’ us. Externally this refers to what, as a society, community or tribe we get *close beside...* the meaning of the word translated as *Tradition*. We get so *close beside* that we cannot see or tolerate anything that does not accord with it – hence wars, conflicts and so on. Internally, there is also our personal tradition; perhaps, more damaging; the story we tell about ourselves; the constant stream of thoughts that have accumulated over our life and form the mental construct of who we think we are; the construct we fight for and protect. But, we are not this. This construct is false and, to some extent, all that we do from it is therefore erroneous, *i.e.* it does not come from who we actually are. So, who are we?

Who we actually are is not susceptible to concept or capture. The mind ‘captures’ things to look back at, build on in the present or project into the future. Who we truly are is beyond the mind; beyond space and time. It is the reality from which space and time are *seen*; it only ever exists in the moment; who we truly are is only ever experienced *now...* that’s why it is so difficult to comprehend because, comprehension requires space and time.

When we honour (*love, worship*) God we must attempt do so from outside of *‘traditions’* or from who we think we are. We must attempt to honour *in the moment, as the moment*; which means dying to the little self, trapped in space and time, to emerge into the eternal mind of God where we are still the beautiful ever-present image He Thought of as *us*, before the foundation of the world.



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**NEW TO THE PARISH?**  
We wish you a very warm welcome.  
Please register online at:  
<https://salisburycatholics.org>  
[“Registration/update”](#)

## SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT - TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Gregory was content to be a monk but willingly served the Church in other ways when asked. He sacrificed his own preferences in many ways, especially when he was called to be Bishop of Rome. Once he was called to public service, Gregory gave his energies completely to this work. For the story of Saint Gregory please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

On Sunday you are invited to a **Stations of Creation Walk**. Join other local Christians on a walk from Salisbury Cathedral to St George's Church at Harnham. The walk starts from Mompesson House in the Cathedral Close at 2.00pm and will take about 90 minutes. During the walk we will stop at seven 'Stations'; following a reading and prayer, we will reflect on how our actions are affecting people and the natural environment. Afterwards there will be refreshments. All welcome, just come along. The booklet for the walk can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News Box' or you can [click here](#).

**Requiem Mass for Ross Burns RIP** the son of Kevin and Louise will be next Thursday 5 September 10am at St Osmund, this replaces the normal 10am Mass. Please do show your support for Kevin & Louise at this difficult time.

**Justice & Peace Group** - are meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 9 September at the Parish Centre. Topics to be discussed are Recycling and Red Wednesday (Persecuted Christians). All are welcome to attend.

**Parish Quiz Saturday 14 September.** The next Parish Quiz Night will be held in St Gregory's Hall after the 6pm Mass, aiming to start at 7pm. Teams of six are welcome (we will also form ad hoc teams on the night so please come along to meet some new people). Tea and coffee will be available but please bring your own food and drinks either for yourselves or for sharing.

**The Food Bank box at St Gregory's** has donated 413kg to Food Bank since the beginning of the year. Many thanks to all who donate and the Food Bank is always delighted as you can imagine.

**My Generation** will be meeting next Wednesday 4 September 2024 for a Quiz at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

**Art and Craft Group** - returns this Monday 2 September, they meet each Monday after the 10am Mass at St Osmund's in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome even if you have never painted, drawn or crafted before. For more information please contact Oltea on 07597 453989.

**Coffee and Cake** which normally follows the 10am Mass every Thursday morning, resumes next Thursday 5 September. Come and enjoy friendly company in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. There is no charge but we welcome a small donation for our chosen charities.

**Parish Rosary Group** which meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm, also resumes next Wednesday 4 September. Please contact Alison on 01722 741681 for information. Everyone is welcome to join. Never prayed the Rosary before? No problem - we are happy to help and explain it to you. We are also happy to receive prayer intentions if there is something that you would particularly like the group to take to Our Lady for her intercession.

## RADIANT

*"Look to him and be radiant" Psalm 34:5*

A new group for Women looking to deepen their prayer life, build supportive friendships and grow in faith.

A set of monthly meetings starting Friday 13 September

Bring an open heart , a plate to share and join us for Mass at 7pm (St Osmund) followed by food, conversation and faith sharing till 9.30pm at the Parish Centre.

For more information contact Xanthe on 07904 589360 or click on 'Parish Life' on our main menu and then on 'Radiant' or [click here](#).

**SPUC** are organising a Petition regarding the impact of the two child benefit cap on abortions. The two child benefit cap targets the poor & vulnerable. A major abortion provider has identified that the cap is a significant factor in many women's decision to abort their child. Cards will be handed out after Mass next weekend of 7 & 8 September. Can you please complete and sign the card and hand it to a member of SPUC who will send them to SPUC headquarters.

**Hope & Friendship Group** The group is for anyone experiencing grief or loss, even from a while ago. A friendly hour or so among people who will listen to one another with care and encouragement. Monday mornings 10.45 - Midday in the **Parish Centre**. Any questions? Call John Detain 01722 415588.

**Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré)** returns on Tuesdays starting 3 September at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre (except for the last Tuesday in the month - see 'Evening Supper' below). All are welcome.

**Evening Supper** on the last Tuesday of each month, the Alabaré Community host a supper for parishioners. All are most welcome but please contact Deacons John Proctor or Steve Godwin to register so that we know the numbers to cater for. There is no charge. The next supper is Tuesday 24 September in the Parish Centre

**First Friday Talks** - begins next Friday 6 September after the 7pm Mass in the Parish Centre, this first talk will be given by Rev Rob Taylor on 'Ministry of Love'. All are welcome, but if you cannot attend each talk will be recorded and available on our website over the weekend. Please click on 'Parish Life' on our main menu and then on 'First Friday Talks' or [click here](#).

**Congratulations to Harriet Allen & Declan Carroll** who were married in St Osmund's last week. We pray for Harriett and Declan that their home will be filled with happiness and love.

**Wedding of Carla Rouse & Ian Jacobs** to which we are all invited. Carla is the granddaughter of Ken & Janet Skutt. The service is at 1pm on Saturday 7 September at St Gregory.

**Please pray for** Anita-Marie McDonagh and her parents & family as she receives her first holy communion this weekend at the 10 am Mass St Osmund's on Saturday

**Welcome to Joaquim Sueth Crowley** who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday 25 August at St Osmund. Please keep Joaquim, his mother Jamilly and his godparents in your prayers. We have some lovely group photos taken after Mass, please visit our '[Photo Gallery](#)' or [click here](#).

**Baptism Preparation Course** The next course starts next Sunday 8 September at St Osmund with 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the Presbytery followed by the next two Sundays 15 & 22 September. To register for a Baptism please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#). All the course dates can be found by visiting 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then 'Baptism' or [click here](#).

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 22 Psalter 2

### Saturday 31 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS First Holy Communion  
Anita-Marie McDonagh

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving - Janet & Jacob  
Vazhappilly

### SUNDAY 1 September

09:00 St Gregory MASS Anthony K. D RIP  
09:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish  
11:00 St Osmund MASS Florence Devine RIP  
12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS  
18:00 St Osmund MASS For the Dodd family

### Monday 2 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS For the Holy Souls

### Tuesday 3 September SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

10:00 St Osmund MASS Ross Burns RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 4 September

10:00 St Gregory MASS Rose Brookes RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

### Thursday 5 September

10:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Ross Burns RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Friday 6 September

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Robson RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS

### Saturday 7 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Barry Shrimpton RIP

13:00 St Gregory Wedding of Carla Rouse & Ian Jacobs

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Ross Burns 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 September

#### For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live- [Click here](#)

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** We pray for the parishes of St Gerard Majella (Knowle) and Christ the King (Knowle West).

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ross Burns, Dr Graham Heeley, Kay Flood, Maire Anne D'Alton, Dennis Hardiman & Barry Shrimpton 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:

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8*

*Ps 14*

**The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

*James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life.**

**Alleluia!**

*Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23*

## 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 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 in secondary school from Sept 2024, please use our online form to register your interest in our youth faith formation. [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:  
[office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org)

## FAMILY OF FAITH (INCLUDING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024-5)

In the coming year, we want to make our children and young people the main pastoral focus for the parish. As part of that project, we will be changing the way we prepare our children to receive their first Sacraments of Reconciliation & Communion. Starting in October, we will be launching a 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. We will meet on Sunday mornings, after the 9am Masses, at the new Parish Centre on Exeter Street. There will be a time of prayer, followed by separate activities for children, and input and discussion for parents, finishing at 12 noon.

Much more information on this will follow, but for now... if you have children who will be in Years 2 to 5, please register your interest by visiting our new web page 'Family of Faith' on our main menu or [click here](#). More resources will be added to this web page as they become available.

## JOURNEY IN FAITH

'Journey in Faith' returns next month. These sessions are for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. We will meet on a Sunday morning to learn about what it is Christians believe, why they believe it, and explore what it means for our own lives.

This programme can lead to becoming a confirmed Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, should you choose to do so and when you feel ready. For more click on 'Exploring Your Faith' on the Main Menu of our website or [click here](#).

The first session in the new series is on Sunday 15 September 10.30am at the Parish Centre. Please do contact Dave Blake via the Parish Office [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org) if you would like to find out more or if you are interested in joining.

## A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Next January, the Theatre Royal in Bath is hosting a production of A Man for All Seasons, a wonderful play about the life and martyrdom of St Thomas More. Fr Joseph would love to take a group from the parish, so we have reserved some tickets for the 2.30pm matinée performance on Saturday 18th January 2025.

If possible, Fr Joseph would love to give some of our young people the chance to go and have that experience. So please consider coming yourself, but please also consider whether you could sponsor a young person's ticket. Tickets are at the discounted price of £35 (exc. travel to Bath, which we will arrange separately). Please contact the office in the usual way. Tickets will be first come, first served; secured on payment.