

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 29(B)

From Father Anthony

I parked up, stretched and took in the view. Rolling fields, yellowed with age, chased one another into the distance and bumped against a lazy sky. I let the line of the horizon take me somewhere into myself and relaxed. Crows cawed above: a fast jet climbed hard and rent the air. Cows took no notice and carried on munching succulent grass... a lovely example of a higher formation (*cows*) dependent on a lower formation (*grass*).

The disciplines of theology, philosophy, psychology, metaphysics, etc, can be of great assistance to our spiritual development; they widen and stretch the mind, make us more pliable, and expand our soul view. The reason for expanding the soul is to give it a wider range so that it can focus reliably and correctly... on the person and reality of Jesus. If the various disciplines assist us to do this they are of service; if not, they become a hindrance. Worse still they can boost our pride and reliance on self and our studies: they can give us a sense of superiority, trapping us in the relentless motion of the mind, *seeking but never finding!*

The spiritual life has a definite end; to find and know Jesus; to hand over all we are to Him: to 'die' to self in order to live in Him. He bows down to us so that we (*humanity*) become the ground of His Being... which ground was, in fact, created by Him, the Ground of all Being! What a marvellous mystery! He creates us, lets us go in freedom, joins us and calls us to find ourselves in Him... and all because of Love.

In order to stimulate us to love and find Him, Jesus left us His Life and Passion - Washing of Feet, Scourging, Crowning with Thorns, Crucifixion, Descent into Hell, Burial, Resurrection. By meditating on and allowing these aspects to inhabit us we come to know and strengthen aspects of ourselves and the world. A first stage (*washing of feet*) is to cease idolising self and cultivate profound reverence for God and everything created by God; understanding our smallness: that the superior must always bow down to the lower... for without the lower the superior cannot stand (*e.g. superior plant life cannot stand without the inferior ground*); or as the Jesus puts it, "*whoever desires among you to become first, will be the slave of all*".



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

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 Last Wednesday, we began our journey through the Scriptures with Fr Joseph presenting Genesis 1-11 as the "overture" to the Bible, setting the stage and presenting all the key themes for what is to come. Next time, Fr Jonathan will take us through the period of the Patriarchs, focussing on God's covenant with Abraham and his descendants, down to Joseph (whose brothers fail to appreciate his flamboyant attire). Recommended preparation is to read (or at least skim!) over Genesis 12 to 50, and to watch the animated video summary from the Bible Project ([CLICK HERE](#)). See you there!

Men's Breakfast On Saturday 26 October 8am-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>

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 6 November 2024 for Hoy Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109

Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré) on Tuesdays 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 next Tuesday 30 October in the Parish Centre.

Blessing of our New Lectionaries & Missals - SAVE THE DATE!! On Friday 29 November at 7pm we will have a special Mass which will include the Blessing of all of our new editions of the Lectionary and Book of Gospels that will be used at all of our Masses. All of the individual Sunday Missals that parishioners have ordered will also be blessed at this Mass. It is our hope that everyone who has ordered a Sunday missal will come to this Mass if they can and collect their new Missal after it has been blessed Mass ready for use on the First Sunday of Advent. If you have not yet paid for the Missal that you have ordered, please do this as soon as possible via the Parish Office.

PARISH BRIEFINGS

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 This Sunday 20 October our new 'Family of Faith' community begins in our Parish Centre on Exeter Street. This is open to families with children in Years 2 to 5 and will include, but not be limited to, those preparing to make their **First Holy Communion**. Continuing on Sunday mornings *every other week* during term time after the 9am Masses. 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 including the opportunity to register.

Youth Group is now on half term break. We meet again on Wednesday 6 November 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](#).

SHARING OUR FAITH

Journey in Faith for adults who are interested in Christianity. The next session is on Sunday 27 October at 10.30am at the Parish Centre. For more click on 'Journey in Faith' on our home page or [click here](#)

Confirmation 2025 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 Arthur Paul Liew who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 12 October at St Osmund. Please keep Arthur, his parents Shauna & Alphonsus and his godparents in your prayers.

Baptism Preparation Course at St Gregory - second session on Sunday. 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](#).

Parish Rosary Group which 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. 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.

NOTICES

Thursday 24 October No Adoration or Benediction due to a funeral in the middle of the day.

ACN CHRISTMAS CARDS will be available for sale after Masses from this 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 this weekend for Missio. For more [click here](#) or click on the image in the 'Top News' box. Special gift aid envelopes are available in our churches.

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@cliftondiocese.com). Collection can be arranged.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 29 Psalter 1

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

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER

09:00 St Gregory MASS Rani Jose Vazhappilly RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Gwyneth Hawkes RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Lino Falzon RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 21 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Brother Bruce RIP

Tuesday 22 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Lisa Henry - in sickness

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 23 October

10:00 St Gregory MASS Bernadette Moloney RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 24 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Devassy Alappat RIP

No Exposition and Benediction this Thursday

11:30 St Osmund Requiem Mass Hansel Anthony Dcruz RIP

Friday 25 October

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Robson RIP

14.30 St Osmund Wedding of Maltilda Crumlish & Danny Buckley

19:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 26 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Kathleen Quinn 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 parish of St Gregory the Great / St Thomas More (Cheltenham).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Veronica Quarm, John (Sean) Coady, Ruby Spokes, and Hansel Anthony Dcruz 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:

Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalms 32

**May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

Hebrews 4:14-16

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,
says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except
through me. Alleluia!**

Mark 10:35-45

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:
office@salisburycatholics.org