

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 3(A)

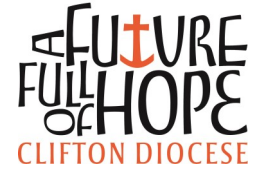
From Father Anthony

I stood on a street corner chatting to an old Army pal. Wind skittered litter down the street. Doors banged. Clouds, black and ominous, glared as they raced by. We retreated into a shop doorway and just missed a heavy blast of rain. Someone waved from across the road, wet and limping. 'It's his Achilles', said my friend, 'Bob exercises too much!' The eponym 'Achilles' referred to 'Bobs' tendon, of course.

Apart from being geographical areas *'the land of Zebulun and Naphtali'* like *'Achilles'* is eponymous. It was used to refer to the *distress* of a nation or a person, (*Zebulun and Naphtali, were the first to be taken into captivity by the Assyrians*). If you wanted to wish a person bad luck, you might say: *"May you become like Zebulun and Naphtali."* However, in Isaiah (9.1) this distress is turned into glory, *'He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and Naphtali, but in later time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.'* Jesus retiring to the region of Zebulun and Naphtali indicates He is in distress. John has been arrested; Jesus is on his own. But, it is while He is in darkness (*distress*) that the Light of God in Him shines out, *'the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.'* His *mind and heart* transformed, Jesus leaves the darkness and begins His Ministry.

Having had this transforming experience He calls others, including you and me, to the same experience (*repent and believe*). Listen in solitude; hear Him call your name. To hear Him we must come into His presence; not by day dreaming or thinking clever thoughts but by actually entering into a mood or feeling whereby a space opens within us where the Divine Word can modify our thoughts, comfort our emotions and strengthen our will... Prayer! Here the Divine Word will direct us.

Jesus *heard* that John had been arrested (*handed over*). Apart from being the name of a person, John also represents a stage of development on the way to becoming like Christ. In the presence of Christ we hand over (*arrest*) our old ways. For a while it might be distressing; but this will only lead to something more glorious, which, like Jesus, we must pass on.



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Chapel of the Good Shepherd
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Chapel of the Holy Family
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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"

BUILDING WORKS IN ST OSMUND CHURCH

ALL Weekday Masses which would normally be held in St Osmund Church are currently taking place in the Parish Rooms while work takes place on our church roof. The work is expected to last approximately 4 weeks. Masses will continue to 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.

There will be no Exposition and Benediction on Tuesday and Thursday until further notice.

SATURDAY MORNING AND ALL SUNDAY MASSES WILL BE IN THE CHURCH AS USUAL

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE 25 JANUARY

Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted. He had acquired a zealot's hatred of all that Jesus stood for, as he harassed the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal - being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Saviour. For more click the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 - 25 January 2023 - For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity the theme is how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. For more information including a series of daily prayer reflections click the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Salisbury Catholics Parishioner Lunch - Due to the building works at St Osmund and the need to use the Parish Rooms for weekday Masses, the February lunch has been cancelled. The next lunch will now be on 9 March.

Salisbury Foodbank: In January we are collecting dried milk and small bags of rice.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) Thank you to everyone who so generously supported the White Flower appeal last weekend 14/15 January. The total raised by our churches was £811.85. Thank you. .

SCORE. The retiring collection this weekend is for SCORE overseas 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 Churches.

DBS To all our parishioners who volunteer in ministry with children or who take the Blessed Sacrament to homes, care homes or the hospital, please contact the parish office and we will check that your DBS (safeguarding) certificate is up to date.

Thanks to the donations for coffee/tea raised after the 9am Sunday Mass at St Osmund, £373 was raised for SCORE/Cafod in 2022. Thank you.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 1st February 2023 for Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Alabaré - The Big Sleep 10 March in Salisbury Cathedral in aid of the homeless and vulnerable. Please support our own parishioner, the lovely Graham Herbert, who will be sleeping on the floor of the cloisters. If you would like to sponsor Graham please give him a ring on 01722 333873 or bring your sponsorship money to the parish office.

Toy Swap 13 February Do you want to swap toys? Do you want to donate unwanted toys? Do you just want to go and choose toys without donating? All options are available, for all the information click on the image in the 'Top News' box or just [click here](#).

St Gregory's Church Council are meeting on Monday 23 January at 6.30pm in St Gregory's Hall. This is an open meeting and anyone can attend. For the agenda and minutes of the 14 November 2022 [click here](#).

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 will soon be the programme is 28 February after which all applications will be deferred until 2024. If you know of anyone in school Year 9 or above who hopes to be confirmed this year, they must apply online NOW. Click on the 'Registration/Update' button on our website home page or [click here](#).

SHARING OUR FAITH

Nicodemus Group is a group of people who share their faith (or lack of it!) with others in a very simple way; by sharing a meal together and reading the Gospels. Nicodemus Group will run each Wednesday for six weeks, starting on 18th January and ending on Ash Wednesday. Our theme is Lent and the Passion of Christ. We hope that, by sharing Lenten scripture and our experiences of the Passion, that we will be as prepared as possible for Lent this year. All are welcome, from all churches and communities in and around Salisbury. The venue is St Elizabeth Hall, 131 Exeter Street 7– 8.30pm

Journey in Faith Is an ongoing programme for adults interested in Christianity who are not confirmed Catholics. The next meetings are Sunday 28 January and Sunday 19 February both at 3pm in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund.

For more information please visit 'Becoming Catholic' on our website main menu or [click here](#). If you are interested or wish to ask questions about any of the above, please contact Dave Blake by email nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org or phone the parish office on 01722 562703.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Fr Joseph is currently organising a day for all EMHCs - 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 will be on **11 March** beginning at 10am. Please keep this day free in your diary. Further details and venue will be confirmed shortly. Watch this space!

Sunday of the Word of God - The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is the 'Sunday of the Word of God' - , instituted by Pope Francis on the Feast of Saint Jerome in 2019, devoted to the celebration and study of Sacred Scripture. We have on our website resources including narrations of the Four Gospels, just click on the 'Faith Formation' button on our home page or [click here](#). You can also visit the Bishop's Conference 'God Who Speaks' section at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/scripture/>

Congratulations to Sami Williams Uddin and Frieda & Béla Harrison-Byrne who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend at St Osmund's. Please keep Sami, his parents Gabrielle & Mohammad and Frieda & Béla with their parents Tim & Sophie and all the godparents involved in your prayers at this special time.

Baptism Preparation Course Our next course will take place over three Sundays at St Osmund: this Sunday the 22nd then 29 January and 5 February. Consists 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](#). For further information please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or Deacon 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 be this Saturday 21 January at 2pm in St Gregory's Church for the children. It is very important that all sessions are attended. For further information please contact Father Anthony or Deacon John Detain.

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron is available on our website [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Ordinary Time Week 3 and Psalter 3

***Weekday Masses will be in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund.
There will be no Adoration or Benediction on Tuesday or
Thursday**

Saturday 21 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Rosalina

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Jacqueline Skelcher RIP

SUNDAY 22 January

09:00 St Gregory MASS Chiara Campari-Moss RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Joseph Neelam Kavil RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Michael, Peter &
Susan Leyden RIP

Monday 23 January

10:00 St Osmund* MASS Johnston Family

13:00 St Osmund Requiem Mass Breeda Falconer RIP

Tuesday 24 January Saint Frances de Sales

10:00 St Osmund* MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Wednesday 25 January THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Breeda Falconer RIP

18:00 St Osmund* Ordinariate Mass

Thursday 26 January Saints Timothy and Titus

10:00 St Osmund* MASS Colette Price - In Thanksgiving

Friday 27 January

10:00 St Gregory Requiem MASS Alma Bradley RIP

19:00 St Osmund* MASS Intentions of Anne & Maurice
Williams

Saturday 28 January Saint Thomas Aquinas

10:00 St Osmund MASS Michael, Peter &
Susan Leyden RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Ann Burnell RIP

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass*
(*THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS on Friday 27 January)

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 JANUARY

For Educators:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parish of: Sacred Heart (Tisbury with Wardour).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Michael Willis, Alma Bradley, Breeda Falconer, David Stockley, Jim Johnston, Yolanda Graziano, Kathleen Gibbs, and John Hosegood who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

ADVANCE NOTICE & INVITATION - UPCOMING FUNERALS

The funeral of **Alma Bradley RIP** will take place during the regular **10am Friday morning Mass at St Gregory's on Friday 27 January**. Alma has no local family and it is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will attend this Mass to pray for Alma and in support of her goddaughter who is arranging the funeral. Many thanks

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Requiem Mass for **Breeda Falconer RIP** which will take place in **St Osmund's Church on Monday 23 January at 1pm**

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Psalms 26

The Lord is my light and my help.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

Matthew 4:12-23

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](#)