PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

From Father Anthony

Another dark, cold day. A child cried, gulls moaned. I looked out at the vast ocean: deep menacing swells, boats bobbing up and down, wind spinning waves' tops into candy floss. I watched the ebb and flow of the tide, crashing and splashing then drawing back with long soothing sighs. I thought of the constant pulse of the universe, the world, life; up and down, in and out, back and forth. So much seen… but has anything ever really happened? From where do we judge or make sense of it all?

As the Church year ends, we might consider an internal review: a clarifying, purifying, examination of conscience before Christ our King. Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in 1925 in his encyclical Quas primas. Coming at the end of WW1, it mainly countered the rapid growth of Secularism, Atheism, Communism, Fascism, Nazism and Soviet Totalitarianism. It reminded us that our highest allegiance is to God, through Christ; not the world, men, any form of government or 'ism'. It offered the world a measure against which to review itself. Yet, where are we now? Did anyone read and hear?

Of course, good and bad are found in the soul: it is within that we must first turn. The thought of recalling and seeing our sinfulness may be daunting. But there is a positive side. Good and bad are seen from the perspective of the other; dark is seen and known from the perspective of light and vice versa. We can only know sin from the perspective of Grace; therefore, awareness of sin can be an encounter with Grace… the life of God within us. The awareness of light and darkness from the perspective of the other is the same awareness; it is the space from and in which we encounter ourselves in God; almost… we see through God's eyes. We see and separate out Good from Bad, (Sheep and Goats). Yet the main thing is not the good and bad but the awareness from which they are seen; this is Holy Ground, the fulcrum of the seesaw of life. Actions and thoughts emanating from here cease to be either good or bad; they are simply transcendent expressions of the servant expressing the Will of the King.

This is not to be feared but longed for: and, no earthly, human system or otherwise can offer or do it.

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE
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salisburycatholics.org

NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.
Please register online **Click Here**

A NEW HEADTEACHER FOR ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

We warmly congratulate long-standing parishioner, Richard Rooney, on his appointment as Headteacher of St Joseph's Catholic School from January 2027. Since joining in 2014, Richard has become a much-loved and highly respected member of our Catholic community, faithfully serving as a reader at Mass and ensuring that a faith connection is maintained between the parish and school. As Richard begins this exciting new chapter, we invite everyone to keep him especially in their hearts and prayers, asking God to bless him abundantly with wisdom, strength, courage and joy as he takes on this important responsibility. **Richard will receive a special blessing at the 9am Mass this Sunday at St Osmund's** in the presence of our community and several school governors who plan to attend. Everyone is invited to join for coffee/tea afterwards in the Parish Rooms to meet Richard and the school governors. St Joseph – pray for us!

Host Families Needed - St Joseph's School are seeking host families to accommodate visiting pupils aged 13–14 travelling to Salisbury from Spain. The students will arrive on Tuesday 26 January 2027 at approximately 6pm and depart on Monday 1 February at 8.30am, staying for six nights. They will attend school on weekdays and each host family will receive a payment of £360 for accommodating two pupils over the six nights. For further information or to express interest, please contact Mrs Sam Barrat, Head of Foreign Studies, by email at sbr@sjcs.org.uk.

RADIANT

Our monthly parish group for women of all ages next meets on Friday 27th November at 7pm Parish Centre. We meet for prayer, discussion, and scripture. This month we are studying Sisera's mother and looking at how we can better accompany suffering. We would love to have you join us. We all bring something small and simple for a shared supper and just turn up. Please get in touch if you might need a lift. Contact Xanthe 07904589360

Plan ahead! Our fun and easy Christmas wreath-making is on Friday 11th December 7pm. There is a limit on numbers for this so please book a space if you'd like to join this popular activity this year. There is a small cost of £12 towards the materials - more information to follow.

'Proper' Christmas Cards As Catholics, it is our duty to play our part in keeping Christ at the centre of Christmas celebrations but with every passing year, finding cards in the shops that carry any Christian details at all gets harder and harder. Our cards this year are being sold in support of Catholic charities 'Aid to the Church in Need' and the 'Catholic Children's Society' and are on sale in the Parish Office and will be on sale after some of the Masses this weekend. Payment by card, cheque or cash.

SPUC – the Salisbury Branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children are holding a Coffee Morning in St Osmund's Parish Rooms on Saturday 28 November after the 10am Mass. Do come and support us & enjoy a Coffee & Cake. Gifts, Cakes & Christmas cards will be on sale and there will be a raffle. We look forward to seeing you.

Altar Servers Needed – male or female, young or adult, for the 11am Mass at St Osmund's, especially. Please contact the parish office if you/your child would like to be trained as an altar server.

Magnifica Humanitas – A Parish Journey - The next session, 'Truth, Education and Democracy' will take place next Tuesday 17 Nov from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Parish Centre and will include a shared plate of finger food. Everyone is warmly welcome. For the full programme see website.

The Parish Rosary Group also meets via Zoom every Wednesday at 2.30pm to pray together. For more information, please contact Alison on 01722 741681. All are warmly welcome to join.

HANDING ON OUR FAITH TO THE YOUNG

Baptism Preparation – the final session takes place this Sunday after the 9am Mass at St Gregory's. To request a baptism for your child please click on the Registration button on our website and select 'Infant Baptism Application'

Family of Faith - First Holy Communion Preparation The next session is on Sunday 29 November at the Parish Centre after the 9am Masses. More details are on our website: https://salisburycatholics.org/familyoffaith

Confirmation Preparation The next session for those preparing to receive the Sacrament is next Wednesday 25 November at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre. The theme will be 'Where am I going? More information online here

Youth Group meets on Wednesdays in term time at the Parish Centre at 6.30pm. This group is for those in Years 8-11 to meet up, relax, play games, chat about faith, ask questions, and pray. All welcome.

JOURNEY IN FAITH FOR ADULTS

Not Catholic but interested in learning more?

Our Journey in Faith group will begin meeting fortnightly from the 29 November, all the dates are now on our website via the Journey in Faith button on the homepage. In the meantime, if you feel drawn to the Catholic faith - or are thinking about returning to it - we would be delighted to speak with you. Please feel free to talk to a member of the clergy, contact the parish office, or speak to Dave Blake.

Parish Retreat 2027: Join us for our annual Parish Retreat at the Franciscan Centre, Ladywell Abbey, from 15 - 18 February 2027 during Lent. Our theme is "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God." Open to everyone in our Deanery, whether you have attended before or not. To express interest, contact the parish office or Dave Blake at salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com.

CELEBRATIONS AT ST GREGORY'S!

We are delighted that Marilyn and Caroline Evans will be received into full communion of the Catholic Church and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 9am Mass at St Gregory's on Sunday 29 November, the First Sunday of Advent. There will be a small celebration in the hall afterwards. Everyone is warmly invited to join us in welcoming Marilyn and Caroline into our Catholic parish family.

Also…A small group of parents are hoping to run a **FREE Children's Christmas Party** this year on Sunday 13 December in St Gregory's church hall. There will be an initial short planning meeting to arrange this on Sunday in St Gregory's Hall after the 9am Masses. If you are a young parent, please come along with your ideas, so that we can make this a reality.

YOUTH THEATRE TRIP

Thanks to parishioners who contributed towards the theatre ticket price for our young people to see the much-acclaimed production of T S Eliot's epic study of St Thomas Becket, English statesman and priest who was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170. The martyrdom of St Thomas has shone and inspired through almost one thousand years of history. We are delighted to report that every ticket is now spoken for and a minibus full of young people will be joining Fr Joseph for Mass in Bath followed a picnic and the performance at the Theatre Royal. As a result of your generosity, no young person that wanted to join has been unable to go. Many thanks also to South Hills Nursery for the loan of their minibus and to Catherine Vaux for negotiating a reduced ticket-price and her tireless efforts to ensure that the trip could go ahead.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Ordinary Time Week 34 & Psalter 2

Saturday 21 November **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

10:00 St Osmund MASS Private Intentions

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Celia Maidment RIP

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

09:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Muricken RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS St Joseph's School

11:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Nonie & Harry Fleming RIP

Monday 23 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Suzane Roshan (Birthday)

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Tuesday 24 November **SS Andrew Dung Lac & Companions**

10:00 St Osmund MASS Clotilde Meigh RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Osmund's Church

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 25 November

10:00 St Gregory MASS Adheena Joseph & V J Joseph RIP

Thursday 26 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased Brothers of Salisbury Catenians RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Osmund's Church

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 27 November

18:00 St Osmund MASS Holy Souls

Saturday 28 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS June Jackson RIP

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Saturdays 4.30pm until Mass

St Osmund: Saturdays 9.30am until 12 noon

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

PAPAL PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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We pray for the parishes of St Gerard Majella, Knowle.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kathleen Finnegan, Bernadette Jones, Lisa Piago, Tom Gardner and Mark Wilson who died recently and all those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

We also pray for all those in our parish currently facing ill-health that they will be granted comfort, healing and strength.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS Please register using this online form. 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 register your interest in our Family of Faith programme.

CONFIRMATION 2027 For children who are year 9 or above please visit the Confirmation page our website.

MARRIAGE Please speak to a priest for guidance at least six months in advance of your hoped-for wedding date.

FUNERALS Do your family know your wishes with regards to your funeral? Registered parishioners can provide these details which are stored confidentially with your parishioner record and can be given to families at the appropriate time.

Contact Désirée: *salisbury.catholic@cliftondiocese.com*

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