

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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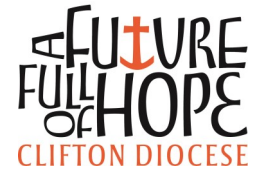
From Father Anthony

The SatNav predicted road closures; so I left early. Two hours later, after bright sunshine, heavy rain and flooded roads, I arrived at St Ambrose, Bristol, for a meeting of Rural Deans. As always it was good to see Bishop Declan and be with brother priests. We had an excellent meeting and after fond farewells I wound up the jalopy and drove up North. It was one of those journeys!! The traffic pulsed; now at a standstill, now crawling, now moving swiftly: up and down, on and off, movement and stillness! I arrived later than planned, tired but pleased to be there; to feel and breathe in the freshness, smell the sea air and hear the gulls.

It had been and day of contrasts. I thought of the Gospel passage about the wheat and the weeds. In a world of duality you cannot have up without down, left without right, good without bad, bright without dark, etc. It is tempting to get rid of what we don't like and keep what we do like; to clear out one side and keep the other and... become unbalanced!

In the parable they are told to let the wheat and the weeds grow together until harvest time. The word used for weeds is zizanion, ζιζάνιον; a plant that resembles wheat (darnel, weedy ryegrass). It looks like the real thing but is worthless; all show and no substance; the side of us that lives with no faith from God and is, therefore, false. We all have a false side, a side that misses the mark (sin); you find it opposite the side that resembles the image of God that we truly are. We need both sides to exercise choice and freedom.

Years ago, old Basil got us to study a tapestry. 'Observe gentlemen', he said, 'the silken beauty of the picture on one side; and the knots on the other; it is tempting to clean up the knots and pull them out. But, if you do, the picture vanishes! You need both sides of your being to remain balanced'. The spiritual secret is to lovingly give both sides to God and let Him transform them, our opposites, into the oneness of His Being; the oneness in Him that you and I are. Every opposite is only a different degree of the same thing. He is that 'same thing'; the Yeast that makes us rise.



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Most Holy Redeemer
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Chapel of the Good Shepherd
Barford Lane, Downton SP5 3QA

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"

FR ANTHONY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

BBQ/FUN DAY SUNDAY 30 JULY 12 NOON TO 4.30 PM AT ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please do bring salads, side dishes and puddings to share.

If you have any food allergies, please bring (and keep separate) your own food as we cannot guarantee that the food provided will be allergen free.

There will be: A Bouncy Castle, Didicars and Hoppers and other activities including **Live Music, Face Painting, a Beat the Goalie** competition, **Giant Jenga** and **Giant Connect 4** games.

We are in **urgent need of bottles for the bottle stall and pledges of cake for the cake stall.** Please bring bottles to the Office at anytime and cakes preferably on Friday 28 July.

Sorry - no dogs please as it is a children's play area.

Feast of St James the Apostle 25 July - Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fishermen, who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again, they then found their nets full. For the story of St James please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Happy 100th Birthday to Roger Palliser on Sunday 23 July. We wish Roger a truly wonderful day and may God's blessings be with him always.

Parish of St Osmund mobile App - we have now published an App on both the AppStore and Google PlayStore called 'Parish of St Osmund'. The App provides one tap quick and easy access to key information. So download it to your mobile or tablet and give it a try, all feedback is welcome, please email: outreach@salisbury Catholics.org. Need help, bring your phone to the office and we'll explain and demonstrate.

Funeral: Advance Notice: A Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Fr Saji for Jennifer (Jiffer) Pothecary on Wednesday 2 August 12:00 at St Osmund followed by a reception immediately afterwards in the Parish Rooms. Jiffer's family hope that all of Jiffer's many friends in the parish will attend to celebrate her life and pray for the peaceful repose of her soul.

SPUC Market Stall this Saturday 22nd July in Salisbury Market Place from 8am until 2pm. Please come and support us, we will be located near Blue Boar Row. Any last minute donations can be made at the Stall.

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

Rosary Group 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.

Homily from Bishop Robert Barron reflects on this Sunday's Gospel and how Jesus' story shows us how evil, by its very nature, is a corruption of the good. It is a parasite and we need requisite care and patience in dealing with it. To listen and watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: The Wheat and the Weeds! A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A. Click on 'Children's Liturgy' on our homepage or [click here](#).

Date for your Diary - Stations of Creation Walk - 24 September - Following the Creation narrative from the Book of Genesis, you are invited to join local Christians on a walk from Salisbury Cathedral to St George's Church at Harnham, calling at seven 'Stations' - each Station marking one of the seven days of Creation. The walk takes place on 24 September and starts from Mompesson House in the Cathedral Close at 2pm. Please [click here](#) for more information or contact Graham on 07484 736398.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH'

TUESDAY 25 JULY AT ST OSMUND.

The day will consist of: Mass at 10am followed by Confessions & Anointing, All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction at 6pm and a further opportunity for Confessions & Anointing.

Please do come and pray in person or via the livestream for all who are sick, mentally or physically, those in hospital and facing operations, those suffering long-term illnesses and those who are dying.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER OUTREACH FOR POSTING CARDS IN LETTERBOXES NEAR WHERE YOU LIVE

This September our cards will be inviting people, not to a particular Mass but a more general invitation to come and try us out! The card will detail various 'landing places' for anyone interested in the Catholic church but perhaps too shy to join us on a Sunday without invitation or support – these 'landing places' will be a combination of people willing to respond personally to enquirers, special website pages, a dedicated email address, a telephone number and an open invitation to our Nicodemus group or for a one-to-one appointment with one of our clergy or catechists.

We have had a wonderful response from our existing volunteers but due to declining numbers **we need more help** in simply posting cards in letterboxes near where you live. **So please join in**, we will be collecting names of everyone who wants to join in after Mass at all our churches, or call the Parish Office 01722 562703 or email: outreach@salisburycatholics.org

Areas of our Parish where we really need help: Alderbury, Bishopdown, Fugglestone Red, Wilton and off Wilton Road, off Castle Road, off Devizes Road and in Town

'Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations' Matthew 28

DON'T FORGET THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Come and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Friday 1 September 7-9pm at St Osmund. Starting with Mass of the Holy Spirit at 7pm (with Fr Matt Anscombe) followed by testimony, teaching, discussion and prayer. This will be the 'launch' event for a series of Life in the Spirit seminars which will then take place on the following 6 Friday evenings following the Friday evening Mass. Why not put the dates in your diary now? If you'd like to get involved in the preparation/delivery in any way, please contact the office or Deacon John Proctor.

Congratulations and Welcome to Tadhg Dempsey who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday at St Osmund. Please keep Tadhg and his parents Kimberley & Sean and the godparents in your prayers

Baptism Our next course will take place on three Sundays at St Osmund: 3, 10, and 17 September consisting 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](#).

Sacramental Preparation for 2024

If you have a Child that is currently in **Year 2** (going into Yr 3 in September) or **Year 8** (going into Yr 9 in September) and you wish to enrol them in the next First Communion or Confirmation Programme, please register online as soon as possible: [Click here](#) to register for either First Communion or Confirmation.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 16 and Psalter 4

Saturday 22 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Family Yamatay
15:00 St Gregory Syro-Malabar First Holy Communion MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 23 JULY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Intentions of Kevin Kelly
09:00 St Osmund MASS Mary-Anne Clarke RIP
11:00 St Osmund MASS Roger Palliser 100th Birthday
12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions for Keith & Bee Fleming

Monday 24 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Tuesday 25 July

SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

Day of Prayer for the Sick of the Parish at St Osmund

10:00 MASS Intentions of Lily McCann
Followed by Confessions & Anointing

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 Benediction Followed by Confessions & Anointing

Wednesday 26 July

Saints Joachim & Anne

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Delaney Family RIP
13:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Patricia Thomas RIP
18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 27 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bernadette Moloney RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS

Friday 28 July

10:00 St Gregory MASS
19:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Saturday 29 July

Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Jonathan Jose

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

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 July - For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

[Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray this week for the parishes of Our Lady of the Rosary (Lawrence Weston) and St Bernard (Shirehampton).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jennifer Potheary, Anne Gillam, Patricia Thomas, Janet O'Callaghan and Peggy (Margaret) Fletcher. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Psalms 85

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Romans 8:26-27

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

Matthew 13:24-43

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:

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