

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE



### From Father Anthony

I woke with a sore head and a grumpy mood... prayer was the last thing on my mind! However, I sat, grumps and all, and prayed the Office and Rosary. It was dark outside and full of spectral and skeletal forms... reflecting how I felt. As I went 'round the beads' the last of the stars faded and the emerging sun revealed a beautiful clear, opalescent sky. It rose fast and majestically over rooftops, ever higher, pouring out incandescent light and warmth. Nature picturing our Lord and King', I thought... grumps gone!

The Feast of Christ the King reminds us that Christ in Jesus Rules and Reigns over the Universe regardless of what humanity puts in His place... a sobering thought! And Christ resides within us. The Kingship of Christ therefore is available to all of us through all of us. Today we not only celebrate Jesus, *'the head of the body, the church... the beginning, the firstborn from the dead'*: we celebrate this essence and character within ourselves. But how? The Gospel gives us a clue.

His Kingship and therefore our participation in it, takes place around the Mystery of the Cross. The cross, as we have said before, also represents us. We have an upright, the spine and shoulders forming a crossbeam upon which our spiritual nature *'hangs'* getting all its knowledge through the senses. It is this spiritual nature we must develop. The Cross stands on Golgotha, a representation of the mind or thought centre. Most of us will be aware of two other crosses either side of us, *so to speak*; the forces of light and the forces of darkness (*good thief and bad thief*). These two poles we must balance because there is always a tendency to travel to one extreme or the other becoming unbalanced. The balance point is often referred to as the *True Light*, represented by the true Cross at the centre, reigning over all (*remember, light on its own blinds; utter darkness also stops you from seeing. Balance the two and you have form, direction and sight*).

Coming to *know oneself* is not intended as a form of narcissism, self-glory or self-preoccupation. It is becoming aware of the light and the dark within us. This very awareness, the seer of the seen, is the space where Christ is experienced. In the space of awareness, Christ reigns through us over the world.

For more on this feast, click [here](#).

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### OUR CHURCHES

St Osmund

95 Exeter Street SP1 2SF

St Gregory & the English Martyrs

St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Barford Lane, Downton SP5 3QA

NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register [online](#)

## PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – NEXT SUNDAY!

30th November • 12 noon • St Gregory's Hall

Our fantastic Bazaar is almost here - one of the biggest and most important fundraisers of the year and an amazing afternoon is planned! Expect festive fun, lively stalls, great activities, and delicious hotdogs to keep everyone going.

**But...** we urgently need your help!

This is our last call for volunteers to make this event the best ever! We need:

- Helpers on the day - manning stalls, welcoming visitors, selling items
- Help setting up and clearing away - many hands make light work
- Fresh homemade cakes - always a huge favourite
- Good quality items for sale - especially bottles and cakes for our stalls

If you can spare a little time, or contribute items, please contact Jez urgently [jeremymawdsley@gmail.com](mailto:jeremymawdsley@gmail.com)

07947 700889. Let's pull together as a parish family and make next Sunday a joyful, successful, and truly festive celebration. Thank you for your support!

**SPUC** Annual Coffee Morning is being held tomorrow Saturday 22 Nov in St Osmund's Parish Rooms at 10:30am after Mass. There will be the usual cakes, gifts & cards for sale, as well as the popular raffle.

**Feast of St Osmund 4 December** The relics of our Patronal Saint were translated to the 'new' Cathedral in 1226 from Old Sarum. Salisbury Cathedral celebrate his feast day each year and Fr Joseph has been invited to preach at their St Osmund's Day service at 5.30pm. We hope many parishioners will attend the Cathedral and then join afterwards in our Parish Rooms for a Cheese & Wine celebration, to which Cathedral parishioners are also warmly invited. Chris & Jane have kindly agreed to manage the reception but if you're able to help them on the evening in any way – setting out or clearing away etc. please contact the Parish Office who can put you in touch with them.

**Advent Talks** commencing Tuesday 25 November and on subsequent three Tuesdays will take place at 7.30pm at our Parish Centre. The talks are entitled: 1.Watchfulness 2.Isaiah & John the Baptist - Prophets of Promise 3.Mary's radical hope' and 4. The 'O Antiphons'.

**Mary's Yes an Advent Day of Reflection:** There will be a Day of Reflection on the 6 December at Clifton Cathedral (Apostle Room) which will offer a chance to reflect and pray about the significance of Our Lady's response to the Angel when she said 'Yes' to becoming the mother of God. Please visit our ['Blog'](#) for all the details.

**Assisted Suicide and Abortion – Life Issues Statement from the Bishops' Conference** The sanctity of human life was central to our bishops' discussions at their recent meeting, particularly parliamentary moves to legalise assisted suicide and decriminalise abortion up to birth in some cases. Click here for [more](#).

**New History Blog Post: 3 Priests buried in Salisbury** - November is the month when our thoughts turn to those who have died, and a new post on our history blog commemorates the ministries of three priests who are buried in Salisbury. Click [here](#) to read more.

**Christmas Cards** are on sale in the Parish Office and after Sunday Masses in support of 'Aid to the Church in Need' who support persecuted Catholics and Christians and Stella Maris who support seafarers and their families.

**Liturgical Diaries for 2026 (Year A)** and Directories are on sale in the Parish Office. The diaries run from Advent 2025 to Christmas 2026 and are a very useful guide to the church year as well as a good clear, desk-size diary.

**Parish Catholic Book Club** – next meet on Thursday 27 November, from 1:30–2:30pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome. Further details are available from Frances on 07966 925995 or [rollestonfrances@gmail.com](mailto:rollestonfrances@gmail.com).

**Radiant** - our monthly group for women. We would love you to join us for prayer, scripture and friendship. Bring a small plate of something for a shared supper next Thursday 27 November 7pm at the Parish Centre. Please get in touch if you need a lift. For information Xanthe 07904 589360 or click [here](#).

**Christmas Bingo with My Generation** Wednesday 3 Dec at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. Contact Chris 01722 321109

## SHARING OUR FAITH

**Journey in Faith** – For adults who are not confirmed Catholics and for those who are returning to the faith of their childhood. The next session is Sunday 30 November 10.30am at the Parish Centre. If you are interested in joining do contact Dave Blake at [salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com) For more including the timetable click on the [‘Journey in Faith’](#) button on our home page.

**Congratulations and welcome** to Miles Anthony Hartgill who will receive the sacrament of Baptism next Saturday 29 November at St Osmund. Please keep Miles, his parents Christina & James and godparents in your prayers.

**Baptism Preparation** – the last session of the current course is this Sunday 23 November at St Gregory. The next course commences on 1 February 2026 after the 9am Mass at St Osmund, please contact the Parish Office if you wish to join. To request Baptism for your child, please click the [‘Registration’](#) button on our homepage.

**Marriage Preparation** - The next course is on 9/10 January 2026. Anyone planning to marry in any of our churches should attend **THIS** course. Contact the Parish Office to book.

## FAMILY OF FAITH 2025-6

Family of Faith is our way of supporting families with young children grow together in their faith. Within that, it is the place where our children are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Communion (the Eucharist) for the first time. The [Family of Faith](#) webpage includes helpful ‘signs of readiness’ documents for parents discerning their child’s readiness for the Sacraments. Online forms for both sacraments are also available as well as follow up resources from the last Session 4 (Penance to Glory). The next session is this Sunday 23 November at St Gregory’s at 9am for a 9.15am start, followed by the 11am Mass.

## CONFIRMATION 2026

The next session for those on our Confirmation programme is 10 December 6.30pm at the Parish Centre. To sign up or find out more, click on the button [‘Confirmation’](#) on our homepage. Candidates are encouraged to join with Youth Group in the intervening weeks which meets every Wednesday, 6.30 to 8pm (during term time) in the Parish Centre.

## FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

St. Osmund Parish Finances	October 2025	YTD 2025
- Total Receipts	30,431	318,478
- Total Payments	45,663	376,082
Deficit	(15,232)	(57,604)

Recent Second Collections	£
Sunday 20 September Bishops’ Conference (Home Mission Sunday)	460.25
Sunday 4 October CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (previous Friday)	669.50
Sunday 18 October Missio (World Mission Sunday)	591.33

It is our plan to install another AED (Defibrillator) unit at the Parish Centre and St Elizabeth’s Hall. If you would like to donate, please contact the parish office or contact Deacon Steve [stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com)

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Ordinary Time Week 34

Proper of the Solemnity and Weekday Psalter 2

### Saturday 22 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jane, Hannah & Sophie Tucker

### First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Celia Maidment RIP

### SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

09:00 St Osmund MASS Maurice Petty RIP  
11:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Muricken RIP  
12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS People of the Parish  
18:00 St Osmund MASS The health & wellbeing of  
Martin & Jo Atrill

### Monday 24 November Saints Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions

18:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

### Tuesday 25 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS K. C Philip RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 26 November

10:00 St Gregory Requiem MASS Robert Fitz RIP

### Thursday 27 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving – Tony & family

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Friday 28 November

10:00 St Gregory Rosary, Service of the Word,  
Adoration & Benediction

11.30 St Osmund Funeral Service John Tobin RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS The Holy Souls

### Saturday 29 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Alf Bowley RIP

10:00 St Gregory Filipino MASS

### First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Deceased members of the Kenny  
Family

### RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Saturdays 4.30pm until Mass

St Osmund: Saturdays 9.30am until 12 noon

and by appointment

## PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

### PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

#### For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** - We pray this week for the Parish of English Martyrs (Chard) with Crewkerne & Ilminster.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ruth Healy, John Tobin, Sue Halliden, Robert Fitz, Shiny Mathew, June Watson, Peter Blacklock, Jack Cox and Helen Ahern 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:

#### Psalm Response

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

**Alleluia.**

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS** Please request 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 2026** 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: [office@salisbury Catholics.org](mailto:office@salisbury Catholics.org)

# PASTORAL AREA

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	St Osmund's, Salisbury	17:00
<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	St Osmund's	22:30
<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	St Osmund's	08:00
<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	St Osmund's	10:00
<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	St Osmund's ( <i>Ordinariate</i> )	13:00
<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	St Gregory's, Salisbury	16:00
<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	St Gregory's	09:00
<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	St Gregory's	11:00
<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	Sacred Heart, Tisbury	18:00
<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	Sacred Heart	09:00
<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	All Saints, Wardour	23:30
<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	All Saints	10:30
<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	Christ the King, Amesbury	18:00
<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	Christ the King	Midnight
<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	Christ the King	11:00
Christmas Eve ( <i>Crib Service</i> )	St George's, Warminster	17:00
<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	St George's	21:00
<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	St George's	09:00