

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 25(A)

From Father Anthony

I marvelled at the weather for this time of year as the Jalopy purred along. Several points West the sun was napping on a pile of fluffy cloud, hot and bright. Otherwise the sky was clear blue. Over traffic lights and bypassing signs to Whiteparish we went, rolling green fields to the left, lines of trees to the right and rich farm smells in the air. The road climbed gently and then gave onto beautiful wide vistas with Salisbury, a tiny clump, in the distance; its finger pointing to the heavens. The man behind, who had been pushing to get past me, found his opportunity and roared down the duel carriageway. Later we were both caught in the bottleneck to get into town.... *'The first shall be paid the same as the last'*, I thought!

Recent Gospel passages have made much of, *'carrying one's cross'*; of *'denying oneself'*; of *'entering into a constant state of forgiveness'*. There has been a sense of *'clearing the decks'*: of *'discarding the old to make way for the new'*. Older spiritual traditions refer to this as *'the Work'* or *'the Way'*. Modern terminology refers to it as preparing for Spiritual Consciousness or the Christ Consciousness, *i.e.* becoming as Christ is. The Gospel parable, this week, subtly points to the reward for engaging in *'the Work'*.

If the vineyard represents the Kingdom of Heaven; and if the Kingdom of Heaven is found within: and if the Householder (oikodespoté: οἰκοδεσπότης, Master of the House) is our higher being: then this higher being has to continually go (*daybreak, noon, afternoon and evening*) deep within to form the Kingdom. We have to go into all areas or aspects of our lives (*the hired men*) and call them forward; making sure they work towards a common end. No one area is more important than another and which comes first or last is irrelevant; until they all come together they are nothing; together they are everything, *i.e.* all areas of our being must be conformed to the Christ state, which is the Kingdom of Heaven. Until this happens we experience separation and dysfunction; once it happens we experience oneness or unity. We experience ourselves as the infinite State of Christ whose Being is eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit: it has neither beginning nor end. We have returned to our heavenly homeland... but on earth. What a reward!



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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"

PARISH PLANNER 2023-2024

The booklet detailing the core parish programmes and activities planned for the academic year September 2023 - July 2024 is available in printed form in all our churches and also to view and download on our website, click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#). Not all parish activities are included, of course, and whilst every effort will be made not to change the details contained herein, please be aware that the most up to date version can always be found on our website. Please pick up a copy when you come to church.

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham this Sunday 24th September is a special day for the Ordinariate on two counts - it is their Patronal Feast and it is the day when Robert Miller is being received into the Church as a member of the Ordinariate at the 12.30pm Mass (Not Fr Robert Miller). To mark the occasion there will be drinks and nibbles in the Parish Rooms after Mass.

SCORE There will be a retiring collection this weekend 23/24 September to support local projects.

After School Club has now commenced and will continue on Wednesdays at 3.45pm at St Osmund's. Led by Father Anthony, there is 30 minutes of learning about the church in a fun and informal way. All children from year 2 to year 4 are welcome, they **must** however be accompanied by their parents or guardians (additional siblings coming with their parents are also welcome).

Youth Sessions - Trial sessions for teenagers in Years 10-12 have been arranged. The first session is on the 18 October at 4.30pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. These sessions, led by Fr Anthony, will be relaxed and informal and will hopefully help us to establish a core of young people whose response and engagement will shape our Youth Ministry provision for the year to come. Those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation 2019 - 2022 will receive a personal invite.

Parish of Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex, Chichester are visiting Salisbury on Friday 29 September and as part of their visit, their priest Fr David Murphy will be celebrating Mass at 10am in St Osmund. Salisbury parishioners are, of course, most welcome to join this Mass. The Mass will be livestreamed and recorded. The 10am Mass at St Gregory will occur as normal.

SPUC Salisbury Branch - If anyone is interested in joining our Branch, and helping with Pro-Life campaigns, please contact Alison Verrian on 01722 741681. 'New Blood' would be most welcome. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm in Salisbury.

Visit to Westminster Cathedral being organised by Salisbury Catenians on Friday 6 October has been cancelled, an alternative date of Wednesday 15 November has been proposed. Please contact Steve via email: carrivick79@gmail.com or phone 07887 988123.

Stations of Creation Walk this Sunday 24 September Join local Christians on a walk from Salisbury Cathedral to St George's Church in Harnham. Starting from Mompesson House in the Cathedral Close at 2pm. For information click on the image in the 'Top News' box, or [click here](#) or contact Graham on 07484 736398.

Art and Craft Group meets on Mondays in St Osmund's Parish Rooms following the 10am Mass. All are welcome whether you have painted or drawn before. For information contact Oltea on 07597 453989.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 4 October 2023 for Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Bible Book Club - meets on Tuesdays in the Parish Rooms 10:45 am -12:30 pm. Please join us as we read and study the Bible. For further details contact Dee on 07775 524118.

Rosary Group meets to pray together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for information. Everyone is welcome to join.

SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS 29 SEPTEMBER

Each of the archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides. Earlier belief that inexplicable events were due to the actions of spiritual beings has given way to a scientific world-view and a different sense of cause and effect. Yet believers still experience God's protection, communication and guidance in ways which defy description. For more, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

EXPLORING YOUR FAITH

Nicodemus Group: For people who wish to share their faith (or lack of it!) with others in a very simple way; by sharing a meal together and reading the Gospels. The meeting planned for Wednesday 11 October has had to be cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances, so the first meeting will now be on 18 October at 7pm in the St Osmund's Parish Rooms.

Journey in Faith: This is a programme for adults who are interested in Christianity but who are not confirmed Catholics. The next meeting will be on Sunday 1 October at 4.30pm in the Parish Rooms next to St Osmund's Church on Exeter Street.

For more information and the schedules for both programmes please visit 'Exploring Your Faith' on our main menu or [click here](#)

Life in The Spirit! The second seminar held last Friday was again a success. Many thanks to Mary & Dominic Meigh who gave a talk and testimony on 'Jesus is Lord'. The seminars continue this Friday 22 September after the evening Mass at St Osmund with a talk by Deacon John Detain. Each seminar is recorded and can be viewed along with the full programme by clicking on the 'The Holy Spirit' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Talk on the Shroud of Turin Tuesday 3 October, 7pm St Osmund's Parish Rooms The Tomb was not empty. The mysterious cloth known as the Shroud of Turin, held by many to be the shroud in which Christ's body was wrapped and buried, is the most scientifically studied artefact from antiquity in the world. Is it true that the latest research points most compellingly towards its being authentic? Fr Robert Stewart, parish priest of Aldershot in the Diocese of Portsmouth, is coming to St Osmund's to give a presentation on the scientific study of the Shroud, from the 1980s up to the most recent developments which hit the headlines this year. All are invited.

Baptism The next preparation course will take place at St Gregory's on three Sundays 29 October, 5 & 12 November commencing with Mass at 9am. 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](#).

Preparation for the Sacraments - 2024

First Holy Communion The next session is on Saturday 14 October 2pm at St Gregory for both parents and children. **Please let the Parish Office know if you are unable to attend.** To view all the information with the schedule click on Sacraments on our main menu then Holy Communion or [click here](#).

Confirmation If you have a child in Year 9 or above who wishes to enrol in our programme of preparation, please register your interest as soon as possible. Register by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our home page or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 25 and Psalter 1

Saturday 23 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Holy Souls

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS June Kelly RIP

SUNDAY 24 September

09:00 St Gregory MASS Edward Mahony RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Victoria Monu & Family

11:00 St Osmund MASS Pangfat Mareta & Mark RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 25 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Arthur Buck RIP

Tuesday 26 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Ita Young RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 27 September Saint Vincent de Paul

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Pauline Learnihan RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 28 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS David Maycock RIP

There will be no Adoration or Benediction next Thursday 5 October

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Friday 29 September SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

10:00 St Osmund MASS Parish of Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

10:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 30 September Saint Jerome

10:00 St Osmund MASS Angela Doubtfire RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Patricia Jane Kimber RIP

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass

St Osmund Saturdays 09:00 until 12:00 on the first Saturday of each month, all other 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 September - For people living on the margins. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray for the parishes of St Catharine (Chipping Campden) and Our Lady and St Kenelm (Stow-on-the-Wold, with Bourton-on-the-Water).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Angela Doubtfire, Philip Stevens, Elaine Herring, John Joseph Byrne, Bridget Rowland, Pauline Learnihan and June Kelly. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms 144

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Philippians 1:20-24,27

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven

and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

Matthew 20:1-16

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, please use our online form 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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