

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### From Father Anthony

It had been another one of those days! Frazzled, distracted and tired I went outside to take stock. Traffic rumbled: a helicopter whumped the air. Freshly barbered, the garden reflected my desire to be shorn of unwanted, tiresome, self-preoccupied, thoughts. The sun slid westwards: a fresh breeze swirled leaves and tickled my neck. As always, nature, and the Brown Sparrows taking a bath, helped me separate from my interior darkness and find a smile.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory”, also refers to an interior quality: the Christ or Divine Mind fully alive within us. This mind is formed by living out the great commandment, “you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbour as yourself”. We are hard wired to be self-absorbed or self-interested. This is necessary for survival: yet, to remain in it creates darkness within. The way out of this darkness, through prayer and spiritual practice, is to love God: to prefer what He prefers; to see the world and others as He sees them: to find Him in others and not as a projection of our imagination. The quality of His Mind expresses itself as love and compassion for others and a great desire for their wellbeing. This is the glorious throne. Being in a state of love and compassion we become love and compassion: just as when you are angry you are the first person to experience that anger, so, when you love you are the first to experience it... you love yourself as you love your neighbour.

From this glorious throne, in the light of our love and compassion we summon the nations before us. These nations are the thoughts and emotions we can control. We discern the difference between the receptive, obedient, productive and the aggressive, disobedient, destructive: the innately good and those spoilt by selfish motives: sheep and goats. The unselfish we allow to grow, the selfish we gently discard.

At the end of the church's year perhaps we should take stock and find out if Christ is King within. If not: if our thoughts are predominantly selfish... thank God! Taking stock is not an exercise in self-recrimination: it is to gain clear sight and understanding. Knowing that we are selfish is the first positive step towards correcting it!



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### OUR CHURCHES

**St Osmund**  
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**St Gregory & the English Martyrs**  
St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

**Most Holy Redeemer**  
Fotherby Crescent SP1 3EG

**Chapel of the Good Shepherd**  
Barford Lane, Downton SP5 3QA

**NEW TO THE PARISH?**  
We wish you a very warm welcome.  
Please register online at:  
<https://salisburycatholics.org>  
click "Registration/update"

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

## FEAST OF ST OSMUND: MONDAY 4 DECEMBER

Our parish patronal feast is on Monday 4 December and Salisbury Cathedral has invited Fr Anthony to preach at Choral Evensong at 5.30pm on that day. Our hope is that lots of parishioners will attend Evensong and afterwards return to our Parish Rooms for a Cheese & Wine celebration to which we are also inviting Cathedral parishioners. Please join if you can in this joint celebration of our city's patron saint. We anticipate the event will finish around 7.30pm. If you have never been to Choral Evensong before, come along - you're in for a real musical and liturgical treat. Please aim to be seated in the Cathedral by 5.20pm.

**Holy Redeemer-** the final Mass will be celebrated this Saturday 25 November at 6pm. For those unable to attend, the Mass will be both livestreamed and recorded. Click on '[Church TV](#)' then on '[St Osmund's Live and Recordings](#)' then select the Mobile tab on the panel. The livestream will be available from 5.45pm

**Gertie's 100th Birthday Celebration last Sunday** Photos are available on our website, click on Gertie's image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Advent Carol Service: Thursday 21 December 7pm at St Osmund's Church** Fr Joseph is once again organising an Advent Carol Service (the one held last year was absolutely beautiful) and is calling for singers to join him. There are three rehearsals the first is next Tuesday 28 November, then 7 & 13 December 6pm - 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms and everyone is most welcome - the music will not be too challenging, come and make this part of your personal preparation for Christmas [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org) or call 01722 562703.

**The Christmas Bazaar** takes place in St Gregory's Hall this Sunday 26 November between 10am and 1.30pm for more information, see below or click on the image in the 'Top News' box.

**Salisbury Branch of SPUC** invite you to a Coffee morning in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund's, this Saturday 25 November between 10:30am & 12:00. Please come along after the 10am Mass to enjoy Coffee & Cake.

**Lost Property @ St Osmund** Anything not claimed by 10 December will be given to charity or disposed of. To view [click here](#). Please contact the Parish Office [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org) 01722 562703 to claim an item.

**Parish Centre Work in Progress** Work has begun to prepare the Centre ready for use; recent photos of the centre can be found in our Photo Gallery or [click here](#). Please note that our contractors need full access to the car park and so there is strictly NO PARKING there without reference to the parish office.

**St Gregory's Parish Hall will be CLOSED** for the refurbishment of the toilets immediately after Christmas. We anticipate that the work will take approximately 3 months.

**After-School Club** the next session is next Wednesday 29 November all at 3.45pm at St Osmund's. Children from Yr 2 - 4 are welcome, they **must** however be accompanied by their parents or guardians (additional siblings coming with their parents are also welcome).

**My Generation** will be meeting next on Wednesday 6th December 2023 for a Christmas Party at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

## FAMILY ADVENT RETREAT DAY - SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER.

**Mass 10am at St Osmund, 11am at St Elizabeth Hall (Adults) & Parish Rooms (Children) until 4.30pm**

Want to get Advent off to a wonderful start for you and your family? Begin to prepare your heart and mind for His coming? Then put our Advent Retreat into your diary now! The day will begin at 10am with Mass & Confessions and move to St Elizabeth Hall for Adults & Parish Rooms for Children at 11am. There will be a programme for children and adults in separate zones, focus on scripture and the beautiful 'O'Antiphons, crafts, prayer ministry, time of Adoration, testimony for adults and craft, drama and games for the children. The day will finish at 4.30pm and all we ask is that you bring a heart and mind open to God and your lunch! Refreshments will be provided.

**Please let the Parish Office know if you are bringing your children so that we can have the correct number of Adults to look after them. Unfortunately, we cannot look after children under 5yrs.**

## CHILDREN'S PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 10 December in St Gregory's Hall from 10.30 to 12.30pm. Any child under 5 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. We would also ask you to bring a plate of food that is suitable for children. Please book your child in with Sarah Varney: svarney1@me.com or Jo Kingston: joannakingston@icloud.com or talk to Sarah, Jo or Jane Dench after the 9am Mass at St Gregory, **at the very latest 1 December**. If any parishioner would like to donate by buying a chocolate selection box we would be very grateful, please give to Sarah, Jo or Jane or leave at the Parish office.

## EXPLORING YOUR FAITH

**Nicodemus meetings 2024** - The meetings of the Nicodemus group scheduled for January - February have been cancelled. Seven sets of meetings have been held since November 2021, but with the approach of the new year, it is timely to examine how best people can be supported in their understanding of scripture in the future. More information will be available in late Spring 2024. Many thanks to everyone who has supported the group over the last two and a half years. Your efforts have really made a difference to a number of people. Please contact Kate Bullen if you have any questions email: [nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org).

**Journey in Faith:** This is a programme for adults who are interested in Christianity but who are not confirmed Catholics. Next meeting: this Sunday 26 November 4.30pm in the Parish Rooms next to St Osmund's Church on Exeter Street. For more on both programmes please visit 'Exploring Your Faith' on our main menu or [click here](#)

**Peace Vigil for Israel-Palestine**, 3-3.30pm this Sunday 26 November at Salisbury Methodist Church.

**Life in The Spirit!** The next talk will be Mrs Helen Inglis on 'Ministry to the homeless' next Friday 1 December after the 7pm Mass at St Osmund and Rev Margaret Collins on 'Prophecy' on 5 January. Each seminar is recorded and can be viewed by clicking on the 'The Holy Spirit' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Baptism** Our current preparation course has now started at St Osmund, and will continue for the next two Sundays. Our next course will be at St Gregory starting with Mass at 9am, for three consecutive Sundays starting 14 January, please register with the Parish Office. To request a baptism please [click here](#).

**First Holy Communion** The next session is Saturday 9 December 2pm at St Gregory for both parents and children. All information and the schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

**Confirmation** The first session of the programme will be an introductory social on the 16 January 2024. The complete schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Ordinary Time Week 34

Proper of the Solemnity and Weekday Psalter 2

### Saturday 25 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS In Thanksgiving (Shibu Family)

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

### SUNDAY 26 November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

09:00 St Gregory MASS Peter Goodliffe in sickness

09:00 St Osmund MASS Isabelle Moniz RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Joan Jackson RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Nonie & Harry Fleming RIP

### Monday 27 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Nicholas Phelan RIP

### Tuesday 28 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Happy Birthday Charlotte DM Barton

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 29 November

10:00 St Gregory MASS Alf Bowley RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

### Thursday 30 November SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

10:00 St Osmund MASS T C Jose RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Friday 1 December Saint Alexander Briant

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mariam Chakkappan RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

### Saturday 2 December

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Janet Jose Vazhappily

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Margaret Leydon RIP

## PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

### Pope Francis Intention for November - For the Pope.

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit. [Click here.](#)

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** - We pray for the parishes of St Catharine (Frome) and St Dominic (Mells).

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sarah Niccolini, Shaun Elliott, Teresina Mills, June Rockett, Fr Donal Daly and Steven Fletcher, 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

*Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17*

*Ps 22*

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

*1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!**

*Matthew 25:31-46*

## 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 join our 2025 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:

*caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com*

## 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.*



The Parish of St Osmund's would like to  
welcome you to.....

# ST GREGORY'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On  
Sunday 26th November 2023,  
10.00 am to 1.30 pm  
in  
St Gregory's Hall, St Gregory's Avenue,  
Salisbury

**All are welcome !**

**REPOSITORY – RELIGIOUS TEXTS & ARTEFACTS. BOOKS – PRE-LOVED & NEW.  
NATIVITIES – CRIBS. LIGHTS & FIGURES. CHRISTMAS GIFTS - PRE-LOVED &  
NEW GAMES. TOYS. HOT FOOD - BURGERS & SAUSAGES IN A BAP.CHILDREN'S  
CRAFT AREA. CAKE & SWEETS. FREE TEA AND COFFEE. JEWELLERY – ORIGINAL  
HANDMADE ITEMS. MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES. RUM PUNCH & PLUM  
PUDDING. WHISKY RAFFLE. TOMBOLA – ASSORTED PRIZES. BOTTLE STALL –  
MIX OF ALCOHOLIC & NON ALCOHOLIC. GRAND PRIZE DRAW & MANY MORE.**

**P.S. May you have a full heart and tummy!**