

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 26 (C)

From Father Anthony

Ashen clouds drifted across the sky, undersides smouldering like embers, dull and red. A Gangster stood lone watch cawing out a warning; Spivs answered like football rattles. Yellow crab apples and brown twisted leaves littered the path. Nature is closing for the season, dying to be born again. The Gunslinger swooped onto a gravestone and challenged me... as usual! I sipped tea wondering where the year had gone and had there been any spiritual development?

This week's gospel passage (*the rich man and Lazarus*) invites us to take stock. Basically, it depicts two aspects of mankind; the person of sense and the person of spirit. Most of mankind is caught up by the senses used in service of the material world (*the five brothers*); mankind thinking of itself only in terms of the rational and material. However, the sensory physical world does not perdure (*died and was buried*); it is a derivative of the spiritual (*Abraham's bosom*); it is effect, not cause. Our reality is not physical but spiritual. Ordinarily, we feed the physical and starve the spiritual which causes an imbalance and arrests our development. If we live according to the wants and cravings of the senses, this will persist as a feeling when we die; only, we will not have a body with which to fulfil them! And this will cause some anguish, torment, heat and discomfort until we go through the 'cold turkey' of purification or purgatory. What is true now will be true after death; we take what we are with us. Therefore, it is in our interest to balance the physical with the spiritual... now.

Hence the *examination of conscience* or *life review* which the rich man is undergoing. As we come to 'see' how we live through the senses in service of the material, we realise that we are not what is *seen*; we are that which sees. The seen is material, the seer is spiritual. The seer has been starved; it is poor and almost dead. It is now we comprehend that our spiritual reality has been lovingly kept alive by Our Lord and the Angels. This realisation is transformative. We transform from an animated body into a life-giving spirit. The parable is not given to frighten but to waken us to the ever-present Love of God. That love is found in Spirit from where it will influence others and our dysfunctional world.



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Chapel of the Good Shepherd

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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

[Click Here](#)

NEW ORDINARIATE PRIEST IN OUR PASTORAL AREA – WELCOME FR TOMAS KREJCI

This weekend (in Salisbury, at least!) we are delighted to welcome Fr Tomas, who joins us as a priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. He holds doctorates in theology, philosophy and law, having studied at the universities of Oxford and Prague. For his priestly formation, he trained at St Stephen's House, Oxford, and later at Allen Hall in the Diocese of Westminster, gaining pastoral experience in a variety of settings along the way. Having lived in London for several years, Fr Tomas is now moving to the West Country and is looking forward to getting to know the parishes, people, and landscape of this part of England. Outside of his priestly duties, Fr Tomas is a keen swimmer, an avid reader, has a deep love of classical music, and enjoys cooking. As he begins this new chapter of ministry among us, let us hold him in our prayers and extend to him our welcome.

Please note - Fr Tomas is not appointed to our area until 11 October when he will take up residence in Tisbury but has very kindly rearranged his plans for this weekend to enable us to hold a 9am, 11am & 12.30 Masses in Salisbury.

CHANGES TO THE SATURDAY VIGIL & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

As announced last weekend, with only three priests now serving our Pastoral Area, and no news regarding a priest for Christ the King in Amesbury, changes to the Weekday & Saturday Vigil Mass schedule are now unavoidable. Fr Anthony has been appointed Parish Priest of the entire Pastoral Area (Salisbury, Tisbury, Amesbury, and Warminster) and is responsible for ensuring Mass, pastoral and sacramental provision across that area with the assistance of Fr Joseph and Fr Tomas and our Deacons.

From Saturday 11 October onwards the Sunday (Saturday pm) Vigil Mass Schedule will be:

5pm	St Gregory & the English Martyrs
6pm	Christ the King, Amesbury
7pm	St George, Warminster

The weekday Mass schedule from Monday 13 October onwards will be:

Mon	10am St George (Warminster)	6pm St Osmund (Ordinariate)	
Tues	9.30am All Saints (Wardour)	10am St Osmund (Salisbury)	6pm Christ the King (Amesbury)
Wed	10am St Gregory	6pm Sacred Heart (Tisbury)	
Thurs	10am St Osmund	7pm St George (Warminster)	
Fri	10am Christ the King (Amesbury)	6pm St Osmund	
Sat	10am St Osmund		

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 3 October – Next Friday is our Harvest Family Fast Day when you are invited to eat frugally and donate any money saved to the CAFOD appeal. If you would like to take part, you can take away a Gift Aid envelope today and put into the envelope any money saved by eating frugally on 3rd. The aim of these Fast Days is to stand in solidarity with our global neighbours and share with them God's abundant gifts. Envelopes taken away this weekend can be dropped into the regular collection in the following weekends. For the promotional video and other ways to donate please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

FAMILY OF FAITH PROGRAMME 2026

Family of Faith is open to children in Year 2 to 5, with Year 3 being the normal age for children to start preparing for their First Communion. The first session of the new year is this Sunday 28 September, gathering at St Gregory's at 9.15am, and then moving into the 11am Family Mass.

There is lots more information, and all the dates, and the link to sign up, on our website—[CLICK HERE](#).

APPEAL FROM FR JOSEPH

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already helped get things ready.

We're still looking for a few more helping hands! Could you lend your time and talents in one of these areas?

 Helping with the children's groups (we need teams for both younger and older children)

 Supporting catechists during small group discussions

 Welcoming parents and helping them feel at ease in their groups

 Assisting with setup and take-down, and keeping things running smoothly

The more of us there are, the lighter the load — and it's such a rewarding way to share faith, support families, and strengthen our parish community. Please do contact the Parish Office if you can help.

CONFIRMATION 2026

Thank you to all the parents and young people who joined us for the launch of our Confirmation 2026 programme on the 10 September. If you were unable to attend but would still like your child to be Confirmed this year please sign up NOW. To sign up and for more information click on 'Confirmation' on our home page or [click here](#). Invitations are about to be sent out to all the candidates for a short 1 to 1 'get to know you' meeting on the 1 & 2 October.

Youth Group – For anyone in Years 8 to 11 who'd like to meet up, relax, play games, chat about faith, ask questions, and pray. Every Wednesday night, 6.30 to 8pm (during term time) in the Parish Centre. For more click on 'Youth Group' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

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 new programme has now started, the next session will be on Sunday 5 October 10.30am at the Parish Centre. If you are interested in joining do contact Dave Blake at Salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com. For more including the timetable click on the '[Journey in Faith](#)' button on our home page or [click here](#).

Baptism Preparation – The next course starts on Sunday 5 October at St Osmund and will run for 3 consecutive Sundays after the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to join. To request Baptism for your child, please click the 'Registration' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

The Pilgrimage of Hope was a national walking pilgrimage in the UK, with four main routes - named after Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. All routes converged at St Barnabas' Cathedral in Nottingham on 13th September 2025 for shared prayer and celebration, culminating in a Solemn Mass on the 14th.

David Blake from our Parish walked St Matthew's Way, covering 210 miles from Cardiff to Nottingham via Birmingham. He raised £330 for the Parish Centre, which his company, Landmarc Support Services generously matched. A podcast by Theresa Alessandro about the pilgrimage is available on our website; the section covering Dave's journey starts at 17:40 minutes. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-1 Ordinary Time Week 26 & Psalter 2

Saturday 27 September Saint Vincent de Paul

First Mass of Sunday

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Jane, Hannah & Sophie Tucker
18:00	St Gregory	MASS	Gerlinde Symon's birthday – thanksgiving

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

09:00	St Osmund	MASS	John & Alessandra Grech RIP
11:00	St Gregory	MASS	Czeslava Maciejewska RIP
12:30	St Osmund	Ordinariate MASS.	The Holy Souls
18:00	St Osmund	MASS	People of the Parish

MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL. ARCHANGELS

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Czeslava Maciejewska RIP
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Tuesday 30 September Saint Jerome

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Czeslava Maciejewska RIP
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All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00	St Osmund	Benediction	
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Wednesday 1 October St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

10:00	St Gregory	MASS	Prayer Intention – Jacob Family
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Thursday 2 October Holy Guardian Angels

10:00	St Osmund	Funeral Service	Alfred Palliser RIP
10:00	St Gregory	MASS	Thanksgiving – Tessy Jose

No Exposition or Benediction at St Osmund

Friday 3 October

10:00	St Gregory	MASS	Helen Ahern RIP
18:00	St Osmund	MASS	Czeslava Maciejewska RIP

Saturday 4 October Saint Francis of Assisi

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Jan Methner in sickness
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First Mass of Sunday

18:00	St Gregory	MASS	Thanksgiving – Joseph George & Family
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RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after 10am Mass & Saturdays 5.30pm until Mass

St Osmund: Saturdays after the 10am Mass until 12 noon
and by appointment

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray this week for the Parishes of St Augustine of Canterbury (Downend), Our Lady Lourdes & St Bernadette (Kingswood), St Lawrence (Chipping Sodbury with St Paul (Yate, Bristol).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jack Cox, Sr Patricia (Paddy) O'Connell, Alfred (Roger) Palliser, Helen Ahern, Stephen Castle, Sally Bradley, Ruth Gibson, and Duncan Green 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

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Alleluia.

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 is coming to Mass regularly, for whom preparation for First Communion may be appropriate, please use our online form to register your interest in our Family of Faith programme. [Click here](#)

CONFIRMATION 2026 For children who are year 9 or above please visit our Confirmation page for information and how to sign up. [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 Désirée for more details: office@salisburycatholics.org

INTERNATIONAL MASS 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

Last Sunday, our parish gathered for a wonderful International Mass, joyfully brought together by members of our Salisbury community representing many cultures. It was a beautiful opportunity for people to offer prayer and praise in their own languages, united in Christ as one family.

We offer our thanks to Jez, Daniel, Sam, and all those who helped make the Mass such a joyful occasion: to those who prepared the slides, led and practiced the music, brought and shared food for the celebration afterwards, and those who worked so hard to set up and clear the hall. Your efforts made this celebration truly special - praise the Lord!

We are also very grateful to Tony, who stepped in at the last minute to record the whole celebration when our church livestream went down. The recording is now available online along with many photos for everyone to share and revisit. Just click on the image in the 'Top News' or [click here](#) or visit our [Photo Gallery](#).

It was a day that reminded us of the beauty of our worldwide Catholic family—many cultures, one faith, one Church.

EdUKaid Visit – Meet Bintially Mfangavo

We're delighted to share that EdUKaid has a special opportunity to welcome their Programme Manager, Bintially Mfangavo, to the UK - thanks to the support of Oxford University.

During her visit, Bintially will be staying with Tim and Sarah Varney and will be attending 11am Mass at St Gregory's this Sunday, 28 September. After Mass, please join us for coffee, where there will be a chance to meet Bintially and hear more about the inspiring work EdUKaid is doing—work we proudly support through SCORE.

Parish Community Supper, Tuesday 30th September – 7:30 pm at the Parish Centre (plenty of parking available). You are warmly invited to join us for a Parish Meal hosted by the Alabare Community. This special evening is a chance to come together as a Parish family, enjoy a hot supper, share conversation, and strengthen the bonds of fellowship. To help with catering, please let Deacon Steve know if you are attending, stephen.godwin@cliftonsdiocese.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

First Friday Talks – next Friday 3 October after the 6pm Mass in the Parish Centre. The speaker will be Deacon John Detain who will reflect on the 'The Eucharist'. All are welcome, but if you cannot attend each talk will be recorded and available on our website over the weekend. Please click on 'Parish Life' on our main menu and then on 'First Friday Talks' or [click here](#).

Parish Quiz night on Saturday 18th Oct 7pm St Gregory's Hall. Please put the date in your diaries. We're looking for teams of up to 8 at £5 a table on a bring your own drinks and nibbles basis, so think about who you'd like on your teams (fellow parishioners, friends or family, everyone is welcome) and let them know early. If you're interested but will struggle to form a team then no problem, we can form ad hoc teams on the night 😊. We will craft questions to make it accessible to all, so nothing too fiendish! Names/Teams will be collected on Sunday.

SCORE: A vacancy has arisen on the SCORE committee. This committee meets 4 times a year when it considers applications for grants for charitable projects. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact John Proctor : john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com.

More information about SCORE can be found under 'Parish Life' on our main menu then on 'SCORE' or [click here](#)