

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK (30A)

### From Father Anthony

Antagonistic piles of cloud glared at each other and puffed out majestically. Torrential rain bounced like ping pong balls off the church roof; gutters filled and spilled, tap dancing water down the pathway. The Brown Sparrows took refuge in the hedge: the Gunslinger fled. Wrestling the clouds apart the sun broke through kissing the darkness with a beautiful rainbow.

We have spoken about spiritual principles and practices and the intention and desire to transform. This often comes about when life deals us a heavy blow or, we get tired of the world, our self and others, wondering who we are and what it is all about. We experience the suffering of feeling stranded in life and within. It can last a long time. Escape from this dark turbulent land comes with *'loving God with all our heart, soul and mind'*.

*'We are never so full of ourselves as when depressed, fed up or listless'*. Self-absorption creates darkness and turmoil within. Loving God is the way out. The quality of this love means preferring what God prefers. We leave the land of self for the land of another; the land of God! We use our *heart*, *'the affective centre of our being; the place where desires are produced'*. How we do it is unique to us; *soul (breath)* refers to our distinct identity or individual personality - the distinct breath God blew into us to make us who we are. And, we must use our *mind*. We must exercise critical thinking, reasoning from all sides so that it makes sense to us and we feel free, confident and trusting to make a move; sometimes called *'full breadth reasoning'*... this is critical for the exercise of love which demands freedom not coercion.

Preferring what God wants takes us away from our self: it creates a space from where we can see our self from God's point of view and understand what we need and what is good for us. This *'seeing'* creates love of self, i.e. we now know what we really prefer and prefer it for ourselves. So far this is a spiritual realisation. It has to be grounded in reality. Hence, we must love our neighbour in the same way we love God. We must prefer what they prefer; see the world and ourselves from their perspective, act in their favour and thus gain knowledge of ourselves from their perspective.



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**OUR CHURCHES**  
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**St Gregory & the English Martyrs**  
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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"

**Please remember the clocks go back at 2am (before you wake) this Sunday 29 October.**

## SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

**(Holy Day of Obligation) Masses: Vigil (Tuesday) 7pm St Osmund,  
10am Holy Redeemer, 12 Midday St Osmund, 6pm St Osmund (Ordinariate) & 7pm St Gregory.**

This feast first honoured martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. Please click the image in the 'Top News' box for the story of 'All Saints' or [click here](#).

## ALL SOULS' DAY - 2 NOVEMBER

**Masses: 10am St Osmund, 12 Midday Holy Redeemer and 7pm St Gregory.**

Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification.

**Blessing of Graves on All Souls' Day.** The graves of your loved ones in the London Rd, Devizes Rd and The Avenue cemeteries can be blessed on this day. Meet at 3pm at each cemetery, by the central Cross in the London Rd cemetery, inside the gate at Devizes Rd and in the car park at The Avenue.

During November we pray especially for the Holy Souls. There are special 'Prayer Request' envelopes in the church porch. Place the names of your departed loved ones in one of these envelopes and place it in the box or basket in front of the altar in each of our churches. If you are unable to come to church but would like a name/s placed, please call 01722 562703 or email [office@salisbury Catholics.org](mailto:office@salisbury Catholics.org) and we can do it for you. All Friday evening Masses during November will be celebrated for those named in our three churches.

**Parish of St Osmund Christmas Bazaar** St Gregory's are hosting our Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 26 November between 10am and 1.30pm (see below). Donations can be brought to any of our churches after Mass each Sunday leading up to the day itself or brought into the Parish Office during the week. Please contact Jez Mawdsley by email: [jeremymawdsley@gmail.com](mailto:jeremymawdsley@gmail.com) if you have queries or would like help making a donation.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** will again be available after all the Masses this Sunday on behalf of the Catholic charity **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**. They are in packs of 10 at £5.50 per pack (cash or cheque only) and feature the true message of Christmas. This Sunday they will be sold at the Parish Centre after the 9am Mass at St Osmund. They are also available from the Parish Office during the week.

**St. Gregory's** have also a selection of religious Christmas items for sale starting this Sunday after Mass: Christmas cards, advent calendars, candles and calendars for 2024 and lots of gift ideas, all faith related.

**Youth Sessions** Trial sessions for teenagers in Years 10-12. The next session is on Wednesday 8 November 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. An invitation has been sent to all the parents who have teenagers in Years 10-12 that are on our Parish Database. **Contact the office** if you'd like more information.

**After School Club** a further set of sessions have been arranged. They will be on four consecutive Wednesdays starting on 22 November all 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).

**My Generation** will be meeting next Wednesday 1st November 2023 for Hoy Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

## PARISH CENTRE - COME AND SEE!

Next to St Elizabeth Hall (131 Exeter St).

**This Saturday 28 October** - from 10.30am until 1.30pm - an Open Day when you can pop in, have a chat with one of the clergy who will be there to greet you and offer you a drink and biscuit.

**This Sunday 29 October** - the 'after-Mass' coffee, that takes place between the 9am & 11am Masses will, on this day only take place in the Social Centre to encourage as many people as possible to take the trip up Exeter Street to have a look!

The space has enormous potential, there is some immediate work to be done to freshen the place up and get it ready for use. We are very keen to hear from parishioners who would like to help us get this centre up and running.

**Saturday 4 November** - a facilitated workshop to which all parishioners are invited from 11am until 3pm in St Elizabeth Hall to allow us to explore together how we can best use the centre to build the parish community, how we might go about that, who would like to be involved, how we afford it..etc. etc. **Please put the date in your diary** and attend if you can. Please inform the office if you plan to attend. There will be a break for lunch.

## 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 third meeting is next Wednesday 1 November at 7pm in St Elizabeth Hall.

**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 this Sunday 29 October at 4.30pm in the Parish Rooms next to St Osmund's Church on Exeter Street.

**Pastoral Areas** - Saturday 7 October, over 200 delegates from the parishes of Clifton Diocese gathered in Bristol for a day of formation and to explore how our 9 new Pastoral Areas can collaborate and support one another. The two talks given by David Wells and the conclusion by Canon Colin Mason can be viewed by clicking on the ['Pastoral Areas'](#) button on our homepage.

**Parish App** now includes the Parish Programme for 2023/24. If you have not already done so, search your app store for **'Parish of St Osmund'**, it also has our Mass times, ability to donate, contact details and more.

**Life in The Spirit!** The talks will continue on the first Friday of the month after the evening Mass at St Osmund. The next three talks will be given by: Fr Anthony Paris - Prayer on 3 November, Mrs Helen Inglis - Ministry to homeless on 1 December and Rev Margaret Collins - Prophecy on 5 January. 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](#).

**Baptism** The next preparation course is taking place at St Gregory's this Sunday 29 October and then 5 & 12 November commencing with Mass at 9am. To request a baptism please complete a 'Baptism Application' by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

**First Holy Communion** The next session is on Saturday 11 November 2pm at St Gregory for both parents and children. All information and the schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

**Confirmation** If you have a child in Year 9 or above who wishes to enrol in our programme of preparation, **please register now the final deadline is 31 October**. All parents of Year 9 children on our database should have received an invitation via email. Register by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our home page or [click here](#).

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 30 and Psalter 2

### Saturday 28 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Paddy Hartigan RIP

### SUNDAY 29 October

09:00 St Gregory MASS In thanksgiving to God & Our Lady for help in finding a place to live.

09:00 St Osmund MASS Mike Lennard in sickness

11:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased members of the Sheppard Family

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

### Monday 30 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS

### Tuesday 31 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Vigil Mass for All Saints

19:00 St Osmund MASS

### Wednesday 1 November SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS John Kerin RIP

12:00 St Osmund MASS

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

(no Ordinariate Mass next Wednesday 8 November)

19:00 St Gregory MASS

### Thursday 2 November ALL SOUL'S DAY

10:00 St Osmund MASS John-Paul Pearson RIP, family & friends, priests & people with thanks.

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

19:00 St Gregory MASS

### Friday 3 November

10:00 St Gregory MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

12:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS John Benbough RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS The Holy Souls

### Saturday 4 November Saint Charles Borromeo

10:00 St Osmund MASS Simeon Yamatay - Birthday

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

## 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 The Abbey Church (Downside) with St Benedict (Stratton-on-the-Fosse).

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Teresina Mills, June Rockett, Fr Donal Daly, Steven Fletcher, John Benbough, Zabeti Nabatanzi-Pearson, Pauline Learnihan, and Angela Doubtfire who died recently. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Exodus 22:20-26*

*Psalms 17*

**I love you, Lord, my strength.**

*1 Thessalonians 1:5-10*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.

**Alleluia!**

*Matthew 22:34-40*

## 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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## 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!**