

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 14(A)

From Father Anthony

Having managed to slice open my wrist 'gardening', I taped it up and then went into the kitchen... and sliced the tip of my little finger. Not a good day! Later, I sat outside looking like a bandage and wondered at my own stupidity and very distracted mind. Tall pink roses looked down at me shaking their heads at my ineptitude; the gunslinger flitted over sensing an easy target. The sky was pasty. Beneath it, high on the church roof cross, perched a solitary bird. He looked away into the distance. He seemed calm, detached and focused. I had much to learn! His stance reminded me of a line from Plotinus, *'the way to truth is the journey of a lonely person to that which is eternally alone'*.

We carry and can become tied to a great deal of baggage during our lives; no wonder we get distracted. Our minds can resemble a mass of wires scattered in all directions. We are conditioned by social laws, weighted down by belief systems, attracted to that which we desire but which comes to dominate us. We fall prey to the expectations of others and attempt to mimic their dance rather than finding our own. There is a sense in which like two oxen, yoked together in a field, we are yoked to all that makes us tired, weary and overburdened. And into lives such as these Jesus enters saying, *"Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest"*.

His yoke is light and easy precisely because it entails giving up on or letting go of all the things that tie us down. He does not replace like for like. Eternally alone, because He is enough and sufficient in and for Himself, He is eternally present. He is found by giving up on or letting go of all that ties us down; when the distractions are gone He is what remains. It is the journey of the lonely because only you and I can make it; no one can make it for us... no law, no creed, no expectation. In that aloneness we find Him who is always present. By living in the world but not of it we ascend more and more into the active silence of God where we find rest so as to become like Him; ever alone yet ever present for all.



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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"

SEA SUNDAY 9 - JULY

Support Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea). Stella Maris is a Catholic charity who improve the lives of seafarers and fishers both in the UK and around the world through their network of local chaplains and seafarer centres. They provide expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support to all those who provide us with the food we eat and the goods we need. **There will be a retiring collection at all the Sunday Masses this weekend 8/9 July.** We have both a short video and this year's booklet on our website, just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SAINT BENEDICT - 11 JULY

The Church has been blessed through Benedictine devotion to the liturgy, not only in its actual celebration with rich and proper ceremony in the great abbeys, but also through the scholarly studies of many of its members. Benedict's response to the fall of the Roman Empire was to create small communities rooted in piety, learning and civility. Thus, was born western monasticism. For the story of St Benedict please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Altar Linen at St Osmund's Church. Since the return of Communion under both kinds, we are once again using more altar linen at Mass and would like to re-form our group of parishioners who would be willing once per month to launder and iron a small number of purificators, corporals and cloths on a rota basis. We already have three volunteers and so only need one more so that this task is a 'once-a-month' role. Full instructions as to the correct way to handle the linen will be given. Please contact the parish office if you would like to help office@salisburycatholics.org 01722 562703

Salisbury Foodbank. During July we are collecting toilet rolls and long-life fruit juice for the Foodbank. Donated items can be placed in the box at the back of each church or in the Parish Office.

SPUC are holding a Market Stall in the Guildhall Square on Saturday, 22 July. If anyone can help for an hour in the morning, or can supply Books, CDs, DVDs, unwanted Gifts, Plants, Jams, Cakes, we would be most grateful. NO BRIC-A-BRAC or CLOTHES. Please contact Alison on 01722 741681 or Bernadette on 01722 711137.

Youth Work Leader We are seeking a Youth Work Leader on a 2-year fixed-term contract. The role will be under two part-time contracts, one with the Clifton Diocese working in the Salisbury Parishes and the other will be through The Bridge working within our Catholic schools. This could be one full-time position or two part-time positions. For further details of the role, please click on the 'Youth Work Leader' button on our home page or [click here](#). Applications should be made in writing with a CV attached. All correspondence and applications should be directed to john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 19th July 2023 for Hoy Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Art Group meets on Mondays between 10.30am-12.30pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. All are welcome, whether you have painted or drawn before or never. Contact John and Elizabeth on 01725 510310

Bible Book Club meets on Tuesdays in the Parish Rooms 10:45am-12:30pm. For further details contact John on 01725 510310.

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

OUTREACH DELIVERIES - EXCITING NEW PLANS!

For some years now we have been delivering postcards to households in Salisbury inviting them to join us at Christmas and Easter. This has been a runaway success that has brought us packed churches at the key moments in the church year and has contributed significantly to the upbuilding of our community. These deliveries also continually reinforce our profile in the local community and ensure that literally thousands of householders know there is a Catholic church nearby that is ready and keen to welcome them.

This year, with your help, we're hoping to try something new and exciting. Instead of (not in addition to!) delivering at Christmastime, we are making an Outreach delivery in September instead - inviting people, not to a particular Mass but a more general invitation to come and try us out! It will advertise our very successful 'Nicodemus Group' which, in conjunction with our RCIA programme, has brought numerous new members to our churches over the past year. The card will detail various 'landing places' for anyone interested in the Catholic church but perhaps too shy to join us on a Sunday without invitation or support – these 'landing places' will be a combination of people willing to respond personally to enquirers, special website pages, a dedicated email address, a telephone number and an open invitation to our Nicodemus group or for a one-to-one appointment with one of our clergy or catechists.

We have emailed the volunteers a reminder of the streets where they posted the last time. Thank you to all those who have responded so far, we do need to hear from you so that we only order only the cards that are needed and minimise waste and costs.

Due to declining numbers of volunteers **we need more help** in simply posting cards in letterboxes in a street near where you live. **So please join in**, you can leave your contact details on a list at all our churches, call the Parish Office 01722 562703 or email: outreach@salisburycatholics.org

If you have never joined in but would like to help out, we would love to hear from you.

Baptism Our next course will take place on three Sundays at St Osmund: 3, 10, and 17 September consisting of attendance at the 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the Presbytery. 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](#).

Sacramental Preparation for 2024

If you have a Child that is currently in **Year 2** (going into Yr 3 in September) or **Year 8** (going into Yr 9 in September) and you wish to enrol them in the next First Communion or Confirmation Programme, please register online as soon as possible: [Click here](#) to register for either First Communion or Confirmation.

The 6pm Mass on Sunday at St Osmund - are in need of more readers, this is an important ministry so please don't be shy, full training given. Contact the Parish Office office@salisburycatholics.org

Date for your Diary - 'Day of Prayer for the Sick of the Parish' Tuesday 25 July. The day will consist of: Mass followed by Confessions & Anointing, All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and a further opportunity for Confessions & Anointing.

Stations of Creation Walk - 24 September - Following the Creation narrative from the Book of Genesis, you are invited to join local Christians on a walk from Salisbury Cathedral to St George's Church at Harnham, calling at seven 'Stations' - each Station marking one of the seven days of Creation. The walk takes place on 24 September and starts from Mompesson House in the Cathedral Close at 2pm. Please [click here](#) for more information or contact Graham on 07484 736398.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 14 and Psalter 2

Saturday 8 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Mrs Clare McGarrity RIP

SUNDAY 9 JULY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Jennifer (Jiffer) Potheary RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS John-Paul Pearson RIP & Family

11:00 St Osmund MASS Janet O'Callaghan RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS People of the Parish

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Robert for good health

Monday 10 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

Tuesday 11 July

SAINT BENEDICT

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 12 July

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Special Intention

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 13 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josie Moran RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 14 July

10:00 St Gregory MASS Intentions of Kevin Kelly

19:00 St Osmund MASS Arthur Buck RIP

Saturday 15 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Buck RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass

St Osmund 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 July

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

[Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Teresa of the Child Jesus (Filton) and St Vincent de Paul (Southmead, Bristol).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jennifer Potheary, Ann Gillam, Patricia Thomas, Janet O'Callaghan, Peggy (Margaret) Fletcher, Carlo Campari and Ken McNally. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalms 144

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Romans 8:9,11-13

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

Matthew 11:25-30

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 apply 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: