

# PARISH PLANNER

2024/2025



## Dates for your diary, including:

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- ▶ Parish Life & Groups
- ▶ Talks & Faith Formation
- ▶ Sacramental Preparation



## Catholic Parish of St Osmund, Salisbury

St Osmund's Church,  
Exeter Street



St Gregory & the English  
Martyrs, Bemerton



# CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST OSMUND, SALISBURY

ST OSMUND'S, EXETER STREET + ST GREGORY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, BEMERTON



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**St Gregory & the English Martyrs**  
**Chapel of the Good Shepherd**

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# REGULAR LITURGY TIMES

## SUNDAY

**Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass** St Gregory's (Confessions from 5.30pm)

**9am Mass** St Gregory's (followed by refreshments)

**9am Mass** St Osmund's (followed by refreshments)

**11am Mass** St Osmund's

**12.30pm Ordinariate Mass** St Osmund's

**6pm Mass** St Osmund's

## MONDAY

**10am Mass** St Osmund's

## TUESDAY

**10am Mass** St Osmund's (followed by Adoration &

**6pm** Benediction

## WEDNESDAY

**10am Mass** St Gregory's (followed by refreshments)

**6pm Ordinariate Mass** St Osmund's

## THURSDAY

**10am Mass** St Osmund's (followed by Adoration in the church,  
and refreshments in the hall)

**6pm** Benediction

## FRIDAY

**10am Mass** St Gregory's (followed by Confessions & refreshments)

**7pm Mass** St Osmund's

## SATURDAY

**10am Mass** St Osmund's (with Confessions until Midday)

## MONTHLY MASSES

**Polish Mass** 2nd Saturday of each month, at 6pm *St Osmund's*

**Syro-Malabar Rite Mass** 3rd Sunday of each month, at 4.30pm *Check newsletter/website for details.*

**Downton Mass** 3rd Thursday at 6.30pm *Chapel of the Good Shepherd*

# IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS & HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Feast	Date	Vigil Mass <i>(Evening prior)</i>	Liturgy of the Day
<b>*All Saints</b>	<b>Friday 1 November</b>		10am - St Gregory Midday - St Osmund 7pm - St Osmund
All Souls	Saturday 2 November		10am - St Osmund 3pm - Grave Blessing <i>at The Avenue, Devizes Rd &amp; London Rd cemeteries.</i>
Feast of St Osmund	Wednesday 4 December		10am - St Osmund <i>with St O's School</i> 7pm St Osmund <i>Followed by reception</i>
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 5 March		10am - St Gregory Midday - St Osmund 6pm - St Osmund 7pm - Ecumenical Service <i>Chapel of Good Shepherd, Downton)</i>
<b>*Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>Thursday 29 May</b>	6pm - St Osmund <i>(Ordinariate Mass)</i>	10am - St Osmund Midday - St Osmund 7pm - St Gregory
<b>*The Assumption</b>	<b>Friday 15 August</b>	7pm - St Gregory	10am - St Gregory Midday - St Osmund 7pm - St Osmund

**\* Holy Day of Obligation**

1st Sunday of Advent	Sunday 1 December 2024
Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday 5 January 2025
Easter Sunday	Sunday 20 April 2025
Pentecost Sunday	Sunday 8 June 2025
Corpus Christi	Sunday 22 June 2025
SS Peter & Paul	Sunday 29 June 2025

## ADVENT TALKS

*In Christian tradition, the Four Last Things (quattuor novissima) are Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell. They are commended as a topic for pious meditation; Saint Philip Neri wrote, "Beginners in religion ought to exercise themselves principally in meditation on the Four Last Things". Traditionally, these are the topics for the homilies preached on the four Sundays of Advent, and this year our clergy have planned a series of talks on these topics to help us to engage more deeply in the beautiful season of Advent and prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas and beyond.*

Date	Start Time	Location	Title/Topic
29.11.2024	19:00	Parish Centre	The Four Last Things
06.12.2024	19:00	Parish Centre	Death
13.12.2024	19:00	Parish Centre	Judgement
20.12.2024	19:00	Parish Centre	Heaven & Hell

## ADVENT LITURGIES

Event	Date	Start Time	Location
Sung Vespers for 1st Sunday of Advent	01.12.2024	17:00	St Osmund's Church
*Advent Penitential Service	05.12.2024	19:00	St Osmund's Church
*Advent Penitential Service	12.12.2024	19:00	Sacred Heart, Tisbury
Advent Carols**	17.12.2024	19:00	St Osmund's Church
**Christmas Readings & Carols	23.12.2024	19:00	Parish Centre

\* There will be a number of priests available to hear Confessions.

\*\* Rehearsals for Advent Carol Choir Group to take place on 26th November, 3 & 10th of December. All welcome.

\*\*\* with mince pies and mulled wine.

# CHRISTMAS MASSES

*Christmas Day falls on a Wednesday this year.*

*On Monday 23 December we will have an ecumenical evening of Christmas Carols and Readings with Mince pies and festivity. Come along with your family, neighbours and friends to our Parish Centre.*

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Church	Carols Start Time	Mass Start Time
St Gregory & the English Martyrs	16:00	16:30
St Osmund	17:30	18:00
St Osmund	—	22:30

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Church	Mass Start Time
St Gregory & the English Martyrs	09:00
St Osmund	09:00
St Osmund	11:00
St Osmund (Ordinariate Mass)	12:30

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

Church	Mass Start Time
St Osmund	23:30



## LITURGY DURING LENT

Liturgy	Date	Start Time	Location
Ash Wednesday	05.03.2025	10am Midday 6pm	St Gregory St Osmund St Osmund
**Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service	05.03.2025	19:00	Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Downton
*Lent Penitential Service	18.03.2025	19:00	St Gregory
*Lent Penitential Service	01.04.2025	19:00	Sacred Heart, Tisbury

\* There will be a number of priests available to hear Confessions.

\*\* Downton Churches Together

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Every Friday during Lent in St Osmund's at 6.20pm.**

*The Stations of the Cross are a 14-stage Catholic devotion which remembers Jesus Christ's last day on earth as a man, beginning with his condemnation. Stations can be led by lay members of the parish or clergy.*

# HOLY WEEK

*The Chrism Mass will take place at 11am in Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 16 April 2025. A coach will be arranged if there is sufficient interest. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend.*

Day/Date	Paschal Triduum Liturgies	Start Time
17.04.2025 Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	TBC
18.04.2025 Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	TBC
	The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ	15:00
19.04.2025 Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	TBC

As of September 2024, St George's, Warminster no longer has a resident parish priest but will be served by the clergy of our Pastoral Area. This has had a knock-on effect to our arrangements for Holy Week 2025.

As soon as arrangements are confirmed, we will update this planner with details and will communicate times and locations via our website and weekly newsletter.

**Ecumenical Walk of Witness** - Good Friday 11am - West door of Salisbury Cathedral .

\*Morning Prayer & Office of Readings for Holy Week with a selection of Holy Week music.

## EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

*Masses on Easter Sunday will be held at our normal Sunday Mass times and locations.*

*There will be an Easter Egg hunt following both of our 9am Masses.*

# THE BIBLE TIMELINE

*Do you ever feel like you don't fully understand the readings at Mass?  
Do you know where they come from, or how they fit together?  
If somebody asked you what happens in each book of the Bible,  
could you tell them? If not, you're not alone!  
That's why we are inviting you to join us for The Bible Timeline.*

*Over 8 weeks, we will tell the story of the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, so that when you hear sections read out in church, you'll be able to see how they fit into the overall picture. This will be a wonderful way to open up a deeper relationship with God through His Word, especially as we prepare to adopt the new translation of the Lectionary from Advent 2024.*

**Time: 7pm**

**Venue: St Osmund's Parish Rooms (Green Door)**

Session	Date & Time	Content/Topic
1	Wed 9th Oct 7pm	<i>Introduction: Why is it so hard to read the Bible?</i> (Stuart Ford, from the Bishops' Conference)
2	16th Oct 7pm	<i>Genesis: Creation, Eden, Flood, Babel</i> (Fr Joseph Columba)
3	23rd Oct 7pm	<i>Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph</i> (Fr Jonathan Creer)
4	30th Oct 7pm	<i>Exodus: Out of Egypt, into the Desert</i> (Fr Jonathan Creer)
5	6th Nov 7pm	<i>Promised Land: Conquest, Judges, Kings</i> (Dcn John Detain)
6	13th Nov 7pm	<i>Exile: Division, Defeat, Return</i> (Fr Joseph Columba)
7	20th Nov 7pm	<i>Messiah: Maccabees, Rome, and the coming of Christ</i> (Dcn John Detain)
8	27th Nov 7pm	<i>Church: The Paschal Mystery and the Mission of the Church</i> (Stuart Ford)

## FIRST FRIDAY TALKS

The 1st Friday talks start after the 7.00pm Mass in the Parish Centre. They are usually on an aspect of ministry or a spiritual topic. We start with prayer and praise concluding around 9pm.

**All talks are in the Parish Centre**

Session	Date	Time	Content/Topic
1	06.09.2024	19:30	Rev Rob Taylor- Ministry of Love
2	04.10.2024	19:30	Rev Philip Rhoades- Hospital Chaplaincy
3	01.11.2024	19:30	Fr Jonathan Creer - The Saints
4	06.12.2024	19:30	Rev John Detain- Advent Talk on Death
5	07.02.2025	19.30	Eric Williams - Christian Poetry
6	07.03.2025	19:30	TBC
7	04.04.2025	19:30	TBC
8	02.05.2025	19.30	TBC
9	06.06.2025	19.30	Life in the Spirit Seminar 5

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

*Come and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church and in your life at our launch event on 9th May 2025 This will begin with Mass in St Osmund's Church and be followed by teaching, discussion, testimony and prayer.*

*Following on from this will be a programme of 'Life in the Spirit' seminars on Friday evenings immediately after the regular Friday evening Mass.*

*Come to one or all of the sessions.*

Session	Date	Time	Location	Content
Launch	09.05.2025	19:30	Parish Centre	God's Love
2	16.05.2025	19:30	Parish Centre	Salvation
3	23.05.2025	19:30	Parish Centre	New Life
4	30.05.2025	19:30	Parish Centre	Receiving God's Gifts
5	06.06.2025	19:30	Parish Centre	Praying for outpouring of Holy Spirit
6	13.06.2025	19:30	Parish Centre	Growth
7	20.06.2025	19:30	Parish Centre	Transformation

*Contact Deacon John Proctor if you would like more information or simply turn up on the night. Come, Holy Spirit!*

*[John.proctor@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:John.proctor@cliftondiocese.com)*

# YOUTH GROUP

*Fr Joseph extends a very warm invitation to 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 on Exeter Street - access from the car park at the rear of the building.*

Session	Date (Wednesdays)	Time	Location
1	18.09.2024	18:30	Parish Rooms
2	25.09.2024	18:30	Parish Centre
3	02.10.2024	18:30	Parish Centre
4	09.10.2024	18:30	Parish Centre
5	16.10.2024	18:30	Parish Centre
6	06.11.2024	18.30	Parish Centre
7	13.112024	18.30	Parish Centre
8	20.11.2024	18.30	Parish Centre
9	27.11.2024	18.30	Parish Centre
10	04.12.2024	18.30	Parish Centre
11	11.12.2024	18.30	Parish Centre
12	18.12.2024	18.30	Parish Centre

# RADIANT

## (CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP)

*"Look to him and be radiant" Psalm 34:5*

*Prayer life feeling a little dry and fruitless?*

*Struggling to keep your faith alive in the day to day?*

*Wondering why Mass doesn't seem to touch the rest of your week?*

*Or perhaps everything is going great*

*and you want somewhere to share your joy....*

*Join us as we build an intentional community of women looking to deepen their prayer life, build supportive friendships, and grow in faith.*

*Bring who you are and where you are, you are very welcome.*

*Monthly meetings, bring a small plate of something for a shared supper*

*(sweet or savoury or grabbed from the shop on your way is FINE)*

Session	Day	Date	Time	Location
1	Friday	13.09.2024	19:00	Parish Centre
2	Friday	22.11.2024	19:00	Parish Centre
3	Friday	31.01.2025	19:00	Parish Centre
4	Friday	28.02.2025	19:00	Parish Centre
5	Friday	28.03.2025	19:00	Parish Centre
6	Thursday	08.05.2025	19:00	Parish Centre
7	Friday	27.06.2025	19:00	Parish Centre

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

*Men's Breakfast is aimed at all fathers, married and single men in the Parish. We will start with a short prayer followed by a cooked breakfast and time of fellowship. Following breakfast will be a short talk by a guest speaker and discussion or questions. It will be an opportunity to get to know others better and share experiences. Tickets will be £10*

*The first breakfast will be on **Saturday 26 October 08:00 to 10:00** at the Parish Centre. Please contact Deacon John Proctor to register so that we know the numbers for catering purposes. Many thanks.*

*More dates to follow.*

## FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

*On the following dates there will be  
Adoration, Anointing and Confessions before Mass.*

*Confessions & Anointing will continue after Mass for as long as necessary.*

*Need help with transport? Contact the Parish Office, we will do our very  
best to help you be present if you would like to be.*

Date	Adoration from	Mass	Location
Frid 18.10.2024	16:00	19:00	St Osmund
Sat 15.02.2025	09:00	10:00	St Osmund
Sat 03.05.2025	09:00	10:00	St Osmund
Sat 18.10.2025	09:00	10:00	St Osmund

## TUESDAY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

*Each Tuesday following the 10:00 Mass at St Osmund, prayers are said for  
all the sick of the Parish. Specific names are read out, to allow everyone  
present to raise this person up before the Lord. To add a sick person to this  
prayer list, permission must be sought from the individual concerned.*

## HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

*Fr Joseph is the Catholic Chaplain to Salisbury District Hospital. If you or a  
relative or friend are admitted to SDH, please ensure that you inform the  
hospital, on admission, that you are a Catholic, and ask for the chaplaincy  
to be made aware (otherwise we won't know). You can also phone the  
Hospital Chaplaincy office on: 01722 429271. Please keep us informed by  
calling the Parish Office or email: [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org)*

## HOPE & FRIENDSHIP GROUP (BEREAVEMENT)

*The group is for anyone experiencing grief or loss, even from a while ago. A  
friendly hour or so among people who will listen to one another with care  
and encouragement. Monday mornings 10.45 - Midday in the Parish  
Centre. Any questions? Call Deacon John Detain 01722 415888.*

*For more information see the newsletter/website.*



## REGULAR PARISH GATHERINGS

**Art and Craft Group** meet each Monday after the 10am Mass at St Osmund's in the Parish Rooms.

**Hope & Friendship Group** is for anyone experiencing grief or loss; a friendly hour on Monday mornings 10.45 - Midday in the Parish Centre.

**Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré)** on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre (except for the last Tuesday in the month)

**Evening Supper** on the last Tuesday of each month, the Alabaré Community host a supper for parishioners in the Parish Centre.

**My Generation** for senior adults meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in the month at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall.

Refreshments after these Masses each week.

All very welcome including visitors - bring your friends & neighbours!

Sunday 9am Mass St Gregory's

Sunday 9am Mass St Osmund's

Wednesday 10am Mass St Gregory's

Thursday 10am Mass St Osmund's

Friday 10am Mass St Gregory's

# POPULAR DEVOTIONS

## Rosary Group

Pray the rosary together online via Zoom every Wednesday at 2.30pm.

## Rosary in Salisbury Cathedral

The Rosary is prayed by Catholics and Anglicans in Salisbury Cathedral on the third Friday of each month at 12 o'clock

## Lent

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent, St Osmund's Church from 6.20pm

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Stations of Creation Walk	Sunday 1 September. 2pm - meet at Mompesson House
Parish Quiz Night	Saturday 14 September 7pm St Gregory's hall
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	Friday 4 October 2024
Parish International Party	Sunday 13 October (with buffet) St Gregory's 10.30am
Parish Christmas Bazaar	Sunday 24 November, St Gregory's after 9am Mass
Patronal Feast Celebration	Wednesday 4 December St Osmund <i>(followed by a reception)</i>
Advent Carols by Candlelight	Tuesday 17 December 2024, 7pm, St Osmund's Church
Christmas Carol Singing	Monday 23 December 2024 7pm, Parish Centre
World Day of Prayer	Friday 7th March 2025
CAFOD Lent Fast Day	Friday 14 March 2025
Parish Lenten Retreat	Thursday - Sunday, 3 - 6 April 2025 The Franciscan Centre, Ladywell
Chrism Mass	Wednesday 16 April 2025
Glastonbury Pilgrimage	Sunday 13 July 2025
Diocesan Day	Saturday 19 July 2025

# INFANT BAPTISM

*For parents who would like to have a baby or young child baptised in our churches. Parents may join a group either before their baby has arrived or after the birth but always prior to their proposed baptism date. Each course comprises attendance at the 9am Sunday Mass followed by a one-hour session alongside other parents for three consecutive Sundays. The courses are relaxed and interactive and aim to help parents understand the commitment that they are undertaking when choosing the Sacrament of Baptism for their child.*

*Contact the Parish Office, Deacon John Proctor or Deacon Steve Godwin if you would like to know more details before enrolling.*

To enrol, go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org> and click the

Course	Session	Start Time	Location
Autumn Baptism Course 1	1. 13.10.2024 2. 20.10.2024 3. 27.10.2024	09:00 MASS	St Gregory's Church
Winter Baptism Course 1	1. 17.11.2024 2. 24.11.2024 3. 08.12.2024	09:00 MASS	St Osmund's Church
Winter Baptism Course 2	1. 09.02.2025 2. 16.02.2025 3. 23.02.2025	09:00 MASS	St Osmund's Church
Spring Baptism Course	1. 04.05.2025 2. 11.05.2025 3. 18.05.2025	09:00 MASS	St Gregory's Church
Summer Baptism Course	1. 15.06.2025 2. 22.06.2025 3. 29.06.2024	09:00 MASS	St Osmund's Church

We also prepare parents on an ad hoc basis when necessary.

# FAMILY OF FAITH

(INCLUDING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION)

This is a space for families with children in Years 2 - 5 to gather together on Sunday morning for community, prayer, support, activities for children, and catechesis and discussion for the parents. This also encompasses the formation for children who wish to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Communion.

**Where?** The Parish Centre, 131 Exeter Street SP1 2SG

**When?** Following the 9am Masses at St Gregory's & St Osmund's

*How to register? Please contact the Parish Office.*

Term	Dates	Start Time	Location
1	1. 20.10.2024 2. 03.11.2024 3. 17.11.2024 4. 01.12.2024 5. 15.12.2024	10:30	Parish Centre
2	1. 12.01.2025 2. 26.01.2025 3. 09.02.2025 4. 09.03.2025 5. 23.03.2025	10:30	Parish Centre
3	1. 27.04.2025 2. 11.05.2025 3. 01.06.2025 4. 15.06.2025 5. 29.06.2025 6. 13.07.2025	10:30	Parish Centre

# CONFIRMATION

*For young people in school Years 9-12. This programme is for teenagers looking to explore their faith in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

*There is a **mandatory** pre-Enrolment meeting for Parents & Candidates on **Tuesday 8 October at 7pm.***

*All Tuesday sessions will take place in St Osmund's Parish Rooms.*

	Session	Date	Time	Purpose
<b>TERM 1</b>	Session 1	Tue 14.1.2025	19:00	Session
	Session 2	Tue 28.1.2025	19:00	Session
	RESIDENTIAL RETREAT	Friday 31.1.2025 Sunday 2.1.2025	Full weekend	Buckfast Abbey
	Session 3	Tue 11.02.2025	19:00	Session
	Session 4	Tue 18.02.2025	19:00	Session
	Session 5	Shrove Tuesday 04.03.2025	19:00	Joint Session with Youth
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>				
	Palm Sunday 13.04.2025 after the 11.00 Mass	Holy Thursday 17.04. 2025 TBC	Good Friday 18.04.2025 TBC	Easter Vigil 19.04.2025 TBC
<b>TERM 2</b>	Session 6	Tue 06.05.2025	19:00	Session
	Session 7	Tue 20.05.2025	19:00	Session
	Pentecost	Sat 07.06.2025	18:00	Pentecost Vigil Mass
	RETREAT	Sat 14.06.2025	Afternoon/ Eve	RETREAT DAY
	Rehearsal	Tue 17.06.2025	19.00	
<b>*CONFIRMATION MASS</b>		<b>Thurs 19.06.2024</b>	<b>19:00</b>	<b>SACRAMENT</b>

\* The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Bosco at Mass on **19th June 2025** in the evening. This will be followed by a by a bring-and-share reception to celebrate.

# JOURNEY IN FAITH

*This is an ongoing programme for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics.*

*We meet on a Sunday morning to learn about what it is Christians believe, why they believe it, and explore what it means for our own lives.*

*This programme can lead to becoming a confirmed Catholic through the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**, should you choose to do so and when you feel ready.*

*The Venue for Sessions 1-15 is St Osmund's Parish Centre*

Session	Date	Time	Theme
1	15.09.2024	10:30	Christian life - what's the difference?
2	29.09.2024	10:30	Scripture
3	13.10.2024	10:30	The Trinity
4	27.10.2024	10:30	The Church
5	10.11.2024	10:30	Sin, suffering, and salvation
6	24.11.2024	10:30	Jesus Christ
7	08.12.2024	10:30	Sacraments 1
8	22.12.2024	10:30	Sacraments 2
9	05.01.2025	10:30	Catholic Life
10	19.01.2025	10:30	The Wedding at Cana
11	02.02.2025	10:30	Spiritual life
12	16.02.2025	10:30	The Beatitudes
13	02.03.2025	10:30	What Happens at Easter?
<b>Rite of Election</b>	<b>08.03.2025</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Clifton Cathedral</b>
14	16.03.2025	10.30	The New Covenant and the Transfiguration
15	30.03.2025	10:30	The Man Born Blind
<b>Residential Retreat</b>	<b>03.04.2025 - 06.04.25</b>		<b>Franciscan Centre, Ladywell</b>

*Contact Dave Blake: [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org)  
if you would like to find out more or are interested in joining  
Or contact the Parish Office or speak to one of our  
Priests or Deacons.*