

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 32 (B) REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



**A FUTURE
FULL OF HOPE**
CLIFTON DIOCESE

From Father Anthony

The sun burst over rooftops. It scattered long jagged edges of golden light, sparkled off flinty church walls and picked out stained glass colours. I zipped up my fleece. Breath rose like gun smoke, tea steamed. A huge domestic row was in progress... gangsters and a few spivs. In and out of the church eaves they flew, twisting, flapping, cawing and squawking! Two pigeons watched from the school roof, and cooed to one another. I kept a low profile!

Jesus, *“having sat down opposite the treasury, was watching how the crowd put money into the treasury”*. The word for *‘watching’* is θεωρέω, theóreo. It is the root for our word “theatre”, *‘to concentrate on the meaning of an action or performance’*. Jesus watches and is aware of the meaning of the thoughts and actions of our inner and outer life; our life ‘drama’. As with the disciples, He calls us over to watch with Him, the meaning of this life drama; what we put into it by what we *think, say and do*. This is not to shame us but just simple, prayerful observation seeking understanding, in order to bring about an interior purification. Because, like Elijah we have to enter Zarephath - צרפת means a place of refinement, a place where precious metals are extracted by heat. Only, it won't be metals we will extract but aspects of our spiritual nature. In and with His Presence they will be refined in the *heat* of self-observation and understanding.

We will come to see what we give to God *from what is left over* from our worldly affairs and state (*the rich people*) whereas what He wants is our *everything*. He wants the poverty of our poor little soul - *the poor woman*. When our worldly nature and outer pretensions are taken away, our *bare little soul* is all we are. And it is into the treasury of His heart that we must cast it. He wants and requires nothing less than all we are and have; there must be nothing left of ourselves. And, in giving all we will become all in Him. Easy to write about: not so easy to live!

As we remember our departed loved ones and all the souls in purgatory (*Zarephath*) during November, perhaps we also observe all that must die in ourselves; so that what remains is only of God, in God - Life.

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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online at:

<https://salisburycatholics.org>

[“Registration/update”](#)



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Salisbury Catholic Churches

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

"The fallen are our friends. We are the friends for whom they fell."



Bishop Paul Mason, Catholic Bishop of the Forces, gives us a thought-provoking reflection on remembrance, war memorials, prayer and what we learn from the "growing pains" of our shared history. Please click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

*'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.'*

Parish Briefings which occurred in the past week were well attended, thank you to all those who came. For those unable to attend, please see our website. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

MASS TIME CHANGE From Friday 15 November, the **Friday evening Mass** at St Osmund's moves from 7pm to **6pm**. This will remain the case at least until the end of December when we will assess if this time has worked well. Mass-attenders may park in St Osmund's School car park but **ONLY** until 7pm. At 7pm the gates will be locked (by school staff), so please ensure that you move your car before 7pm.

SCORE - There is a retiring collection next weekend 16 & 17 November for SCORE overseas projects

Holy Souls Prayer Requests During November we pray especially for the Holy Souls. There are dedicated 'Prayer Request' envelopes available into which you can place the names of your deceased loved ones and place it in the box or basket at the foot of the altar. One Mass each Friday during November (two at St Gregory's on Friday mornings and two at St Osmund's on Friday evenings) will be offered for the repose of the souls of those named. If you are unable to get to church but would like a name/s placed, please call 01722 562703 or email office@salisburycatholics.org and we can do it for you.

Blessing of our New Lectionaries & Missals - On **Friday 29 November at 6pm** we will have a special Mass which will include the Blessing of all of our new editions of the Lectionary and Book of Gospels that will be used at all of our Masses. All of the individual Sunday Missals that parishioners have ordered will also be blessed at this Mass. It is our hope that everyone who has ordered a Sunday missal will come to this Mass if they can and collect their new Missal after it has been blessed Mass ready for use on the First Sunday of Advent.

Congratulations to Anthony Gilder who will be presented with a Gold Medal from the Guild of St Stephen for 50 years of continuous service on the altar. The presentation will occur at the 10am Mass on Monday 18 November at St Osmund. There will be a celebration in the Parish Rooms after Mass. All welcome.

SCORE grants. Looking for funds for a local or overseas charitable project which you support? Please make an application for a SCORE grant by 14 November for consideration at the next committee meeting. A form and criteria guidelines are on our website on the SCORE page under Parish Life, or [click here](#).

Liturgical Diaries for 2025 (Year C) and Directories are now on sale in the Parish Office. The price of the diaries is £6.50 and the directories is £6.00. These run from Advent 2024 to Christmas 2025 and are a very useful guide to the church year as well as a good clear, practical size desk diary.

Red Wednesday - The Annual Red Wednesday Mass in support of persecuted Christians and promoted by the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need will occur at the 10am Mass at St Gregory on Wednesday 20 November. Following Mass there will be prayers for Christian Human Rights Defenders, Pro-Democracy Activists and Aid Workers.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

Family of Faith NEXT Sunday 17 November at our Parish Centre. This is open to families with children in Years 2 to 5 and will include, but not be limited to, those preparing to make their **First Holy Communion**. Sunday mornings *every other week* during term time after the 9am Masses, finishing at 12 noon. [Click here](#) or on 'Family of Faith' on our homepage which includes the opportunity to register.

Youth Group - We are very grateful to Rev Ross Mickle of Salisbury Cathedral for arranging a free ticket to every member of our Youth Group to see the Sarum Lights together last Wednesday, and taking us around the display - many thanks for a wonderful evening! Next week we will be preparing "bags of kindness" for people who will be in need this Christmas... more on this to follow soon! We meet on Wednesdays at the **Parish Centre** at 6.30pm. **Do you want to join?** This is for anyone in Years 8-11 to meet up, relax, play games, chat about faith, ask questions, and pray. [click here](#).

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Young(ish) Catholic Adults Group for those in their 20s, 30s, 40s...?! We are following a course called "Practising the Way". which offers all sorts of helpful advice about living a fuller Christian life in the modern world. Join us for the input, discussion, and a chance to connect with other young Catholics. We will gather on Tuesday 19 November at 8pm in person in the St O's Parish Rooms (Green door), or join us online via Zoom. Contact Fr Joseph for the link. We meet alternate week.

The Bible Timeline - Many thanks to Deacon John for a wonderful session on the Conquest & Kingdom period. For anybody who missed Deacon John his talk can be found by clicking [here](#).

This week, Fr Joseph will be back to talk about the period which inspires the majority of the Biblical Literature: the Divided Kingdom, the Exile, and Return. Assuming you won't quite have time to read all the books of Kings, Ezra, and Nehemiah(!), Fr Joseph has selected a few key chapters to read, and/or some YouTube videos to watch, also available via the link above.

SPUC are holding their annual Christmas Coffee Morning in the **Parish Centre at 131 Exeter Street** on Saturday 16 November between 10:30 & 12:30, with Coffee & Cake, Raffle, Gifts & Christmas cards. Please come & support the valuable work that SPUC does.

Parish Christmas Bazaar: Please come along to the Parish Christmas Bazaar, which will be held in St Gregory's Hall on Sunday 24 November 2024 from 10am to 12 noon. Donations (no bric-a-brac please) can be left in boxes at the back of our churches. Contact Jez Mawdsley (079477 00889).

THE REALITY OF ASSISTED DYING: UNDERSTANDING THE ISSUES

Friday 15 November 7pm at the Parish Centre At the end of this month, there will be a vote on Kim Leadbeater's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which would legalise human euthanasia in the UK. Whilst many people may be inclined to support the bill out of compassion for those suffering, most remain unaware of the hidden implications which would follow from this change in law.

To help us understand this complex issue, from both a Catholic and a medical perspective, we are delighted that Professor Julian Hughes will join us to speak and to lead a discussion. Julian was an NHS consultant in old age psychiatry in North Tyneside, and has recently edited *The Reality of Assisted Dying: Understanding the Issues*, with Lady Ilorra Finlay, a cross-bench Peer in the House of Lords. Please do come if you can, so as to be well-informed about one of the critical moral junctions of our generation. For more including a Call to Prayer from Cardinal Nichols, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

ST OSMUND'S VENUES

Host Your Private Event in one of our parish halls!

Looking for a space to host your next private event? St. Gregory and St. Elizabeth Halls offers two fantastic options – both equipped with wheelchair-accessible facilities, fast fibre broadband, and free car parking.

Book either venue now for just £60 for three hours! Our halls are perfect for family gatherings, parties, meetings, and celebrations, providing a welcoming atmosphere with all the amenities you need.

For more information and to book, visit: stosmundvenues.com

SHARING OUR FAITH

Journey in Faith for adults who are interested in Christianity. The next session is this Sunday 10 November at 10.30am at the Parish Centre. For more click on 'Journey in Faith' on our home page or [click here](#)

Confirmation 2025 If you have a child that is in Year 9 or above and are interested in joining the programme, please click on 'Confirmation' on our homepage or [click here](#).

Welcome to Martha & Marley Mebrautu who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday 3 November. Please keep Martha & Marley and their parents Emma - Louise & Simon and their godparents in your prayers.

Baptism Preparation Course - The next course is at St Osmund starting 17 November. To request a Baptism for your child, click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

REGULAR PARISH GATHERINGS

Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré) on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre (except for the last Tuesday in the month - see 'Evening Supper' below). All are welcome.

Evening Supper on the last Tuesday of each month, the Alabaré Community host a supper for parishioners. All are most welcome but please contact Deacons John Proctor or Steve Godwin to register so that we know the numbers to cater for. There is no charge. The next supper is next Tuesday 26 November in the Parish Centre.

First Friday Talks - The talk last Friday given by Fr Jonathan Creer on 'The Saints' was recorded, to view please click on 'First Friday Talks' on our homepage or [click here](#). The next talk will be on Friday 6 December after the 6pm Mass and will be given by Deacon John Detain an 'Advent Talk on Death'.

My Generation will be meeting next Wednesday 20 November 2024 for a Soup Lunch at 12.30pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Art and Craft Group - meets each Monday after the 10am Mass at St Osmund's in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome even if you have never painted, drawn or crafted before. For more information please contact Oltea on 07597 453989.

Coffee and Cake - follows the 10am Mass every Thursday morning. Come and enjoy friendly company in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. There is no charge but we welcome a small donation for our chosen charities.

Parish Rosary Group which meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please contact Alison on 01722 741681 for information. Everyone is welcome to join. Never prayed the Rosary before? No problem - we are happy to help and explain it to you. We are also happy to receive prayer intentions if there is something that you would particularly like the group to take to Our Lady for her intercession.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 32 Psalter 4

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

10:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Gregory MASS Esteban Tibon RIP

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

09:00 St Osmund MASS Chinedum Chimereze Ukagwu RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Rajesh

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Birthday blessings Nicki

Monday 11 November Saint Martin of Tours

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

Tuesday 12 November Saint Josaphat

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 13 November

10:00 St Gregory MASS Doris Phelan RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 14 November Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 15 November

10:00 St Gregory MASS Holy Souls

18:00 St Osmund MASS Campaign against Assisted
Suicide

Saturday 16 November Saint Edmund of Abingdon

10:00 St Osmund MASS Lyn Fitcher RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after the 10am Mass & Saturdays
17:30 until Mass

St Osmund: On the first Saturday of the month from 9am to 12
noon, and on other Saturdays after the 10am Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for November

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit. - [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for the parishes of St Catharine (Chipping Campden) and Our Lady and St Kenelm (Stow-on-the-Wold with Bourton-on-the-Water).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Annette Grennell, Delphine Hughes, Fr Michael Derrick, and Hansel Anthony Dcruz 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:

1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalms 145

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Hebrews 9:24-28

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.
Alleluia!**

Mark 12:38-44

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. [Click here](#)

CONFIRMATION If you have a child who is in Year 9 or above from Sept 2024, please use our online form to apply to join our 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 Desiree for more details:

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