

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 32 (A) REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



From Father Anthony

The garden has been barbered! Gone the long-haired hippy of carefree summer: now the parade square, short back and sides of prospective winter. Shadows lengthened in the gloaming. I spilt tea: uttered words! The Gunslinger flitted past and perched on rotting vines with a burst of accusatory song. My outer senses were dismayed: I missed the 'hippy'. However, my inner senses knew he would be back, next year... and my spirits brightened. Mrs Cat came over, purred and gave me permission to fuss her.

We live in a physical world in material bodies guided by our senses: sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell. The soul, our life and activating force, utilises these senses in order to negotiate the world. If this is all it does it becomes trapped in and by the world. The senses, used solely to negotiate the world, are represented as the *five foolish virgins*. As incarnated spiritual beings (*spiritual beings in a body*) we bloom as we 'remember' how to use our senses with Divine Intelligence. When we do they become the *five sensible virgins*: they lead us from the material to the spiritual realm: they awaken us to the Christ consciousness within, *the wedding feast*. It is this consciousness that uses the senses to blend the spiritual with the material... often referred to as enlightenment or illumination. The soul experiences itself as a bride with Christ the Groom; the mystical wedding of heaven with earth. When we need more than the world can offer; when we feel dry and arid: when we long to return to a home we cannot quite remember; when our soul wants to breathe with a new rhythm; when *our lamps* have grown dim; it is time for action!

By becoming aware of our thoughts, feeling and actions against conscience; by remaining open and pliable: by seeing something good in everything; our senses begin to enlighten or illumine. Instead of just *seeing* physical things we understand their spiritual meaning (as when we *slap head* and say 'oh, I see!!'). We not only *hear* words but comprehend their creative sound: the life they contain. *Touch* becomes the inner faculty of resonating in sympathy (*feeling*) with everything. *Taste* becomes the ability to discern between opposites for the middle way: and *smell* becomes the intuitive way by which we assemble values. Our senses lead us back to the home we forgot for a while!

**A FUTURE
FULL OF
HOPE**
CLIFTON DIOCESE

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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"

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.'*

Holy Souls Prayer Requests During November we pray especially for the Holy Souls. There are special 'Prayer Request' envelopes in which to place the names of your departed loved ones and then place in the box or basket in front of the altar in each of our churches. If you are unable to come in person but would like a name/s placed, please call 01722 562703 or email office@salisburycatholics.org and we can do it for you. All Friday evening Masses during November will be celebrated for those named in our three churches.

Chapel of the Holy Family, Whaddon With the impending closure of the chapel, the final Mass there will be celebrated on Friday 24 November at 11.30am.

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass which is normally held on the third Sunday of the month at St Gregory, will this month take place at Holy Redeemer this Sunday 12 November with Rosary at 4.30pm followed by Mass at 5pm.

Liturgical Diaries for 2024 (Year B) and Directories are now on sale in the Parish Office between 9am to 4pm on a weekday. The price of the diaries is £6.50 and the directories is £6.00. These run from Advent 2023 to Christmas 2024 and are a very useful guide to the church year as well as a good clear, practical size diary.

Advent Carol Service Thursday 21 December 7pm at St Osmund's Church Fr Joseph is once again organising an Advent Carol Service (the one held last year was absolutely beautiful) and is calling for singers to join him. He has organised three rehearsals beforehand: 28 November, 7 & 13 December 6pm-7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms and everyone is most welcome - the music will not be too challenging, come and make this part of your personal preparation for Christmas office@salisburycatholics.org or call 01722 562703.

The Christmas Bazaar takes place in St Gregory's Hall 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. There are also raffle tickets being sold after all our Sunday Masses and from the Parish Office, great prizes on offer. Please contact Jez Mawdsley by email: jeremymawdsley@gmail.com if you have queries or would like help making a donation.

Salisbury Branch of SPUC will be holding a Coffee morning in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund's, on Saturday 25 November between 10:30am & 12:00. Please come along to enjoy a Coffee & Cake. There will be cakes for sale as well as a raffle, and some small gifts and cards to buy. Enquiries to Alison Verrian on 01722 741681.

SCORE collection - The retiring collection next weekend 18/19 November is for SCORE overseas projects.

Youth Sessions for teenagers in Years 10-12. The next session is on Wednesday 15 November at 4.30pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. These sessions are 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.

After School Club a further set of sessions have been arranged. They will be on four consecutive Wednesdays from 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).

Salisbury Foodbank: During November we are collecting long life fruit juice and tinned fruit for the Foodbank. Please leave contributions in the box at the back of each church. Thank you.

PARISH CENTRE

Last Saturday we had a successful workshop aimed at exploring the potential of our newly reclaimed Parish Centre, with over 50 participants from across all our churches. Led by Jez Mawdsley, the attendees who were split into tables, presented their thoughts and ideas on how the Parish Centre could be used and how their ideas might be achieved. A summary report will be produced in the near future. Huge thanks to Jez for all of his preparation and time and to everyone who attended or helped in any way. We have some photos of the workshop in our Photo Gallery, click on the button on our homepage or [click here](#) to view them.

CHILDRENS PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 10 December in St Gregory's Hall from 10.30 to 12.30pm Any child under 5 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. We would also ask you to bring a plate of food that is suitable for children.

If you would like your child to come please contact Sarah Varney: svarney1@me.com or Jo Kingston: joannaskingston@icloud.com or talk to Sarah, Jo or Jane Dench after the 9am Mass at St Gregory.

Numbers are limited, due to regulations so please put names forward as soon as possible. If any parishioner would like to donate by buying a chocolate selection box we would be very grateful, please give to Sarah, Jo or Jane or leave at Parish office.

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 last meeting in the Autumn series is next Wednesday 15 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. Next meeting: Sunday 12 November 4.30pm in the Parish Rooms next to St Osmund's Church on Exeter Street. For more on both programmes please visit 'Exploring Your Faith' on our main menu or [click here](#)

Advent & Christmas Voices From the Holy Land published by the charity 'Friends of the Holy Land', this book is on sale in the Parish Office, a beautiful prayer resource for Advent at £7.99. 'Friends of the Holy Land' is a non-political Christian Charity whose mission is to secure a resilient and enduring Christian community in the Holy Land and given current events your support is urgently needed. This book follows the route of the Holy Family through Advent and Christmas. For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Peace Vigil for Israel-Palestine, originally planned for today 12 November, **has been postponed to Sunday November 26** at Salisbury Methodist Church from 3.00 to 3.30 pm. You are invited to join us to remember all in Israel/Palestine and elsewhere in the world involved in ongoing conflict.

Life in The Spirit! The next talk will be , 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 will take place at St Osmund on three consecutive Sundays starting 19 November, please register to attend with the Parish Office. To request a baptism please [click here](#).

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

Confirmation The first session of the programme will be an introductory social on the 16 January 2024. The complete schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 32 and Psalter 4

Saturday 11 November Saint Martin of Tours

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Margaret Smith RIP

SUNDAY 12 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



09:00 St Gregory MASS Nithin & Family
Thanksgiving

09:00 St Osmund MASS Denis and Anne Blake RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Lynette Fatcher RIP - 10 years

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

17:00 Holy Redeemer Syro-Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 13 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Tuesday 14 November Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 15 November

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Gertrude Harmon -
100th Birthday

11:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS (Latin) Steven Fletcher RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 16 November Saint Edmund of Abingdon

10:00 St Osmund MASS.

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS

Friday 17 November Saint Hugh of Lincoln

10:00 St Gregory MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS The Holy Souls

Saturday 18 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Peter Duffy RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

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 St Dominic (Dursley) and St Joseph (Nympsfield).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Teresina Mills, June Rockett, Fr Donal Daly, Steven Fletcher, John Benbough and Zabeti Nabatanzi-Pearson 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

Wisdom 6:12-16

Ps 62

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.**

Alleluia!

Matthew 25:1-13

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:

caroline.williams@clifftondiocese.com

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!