

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 24(A)

From Father Anthony

Giving thanks for air conditioning I sat in the jalopy, nose to tail in a traffic jam. Outside it was sweltering. A tired mother, three fractious children and a push chair ambled slowly along the pavement and overtook us. I was going to be late! Soon, I was finding fault with 'our road systems', 'those who plan road works' and then cursing 'this and that'. No thought of, 'should have left earlier, checked and taken a different route'. The hypocrisy I railed against in others was displayed in front of me as I checked the rear-view mirror. Eventually I laughed. It was life. Forgive it, let it be; God is in this moment too.

The Gospel passage continues the reality of Forgiveness. Old Basil would constantly remind us that, 'to be truly able to forgive others one must have a real sense of having been forgiven', that, 'the creature you are is the creature God created; the creature that God loves, understands, accepts and wants to transform into the likeness of Himself... as you'. We are the clay that He, the Potter, wants to mould by the effects of His Love. God, 'gives before hand'; He sees, like a sculptor, the beautiful image contained within a lump or marble. Our knowledge and acceptance of His forgiveness for the life we are living is the chisel that cuts out the form we must become: His likeness. When we have a profound sense of being accepted, understood and loved by, 'Our Father in Heaven', we understand that it must also be true for our brother and sister. God does not have favourites. He loves all He has created; the speck of dust, the tiny bug, the beautiful cat, dog or donkey, the swift bird, the massive solar system and... you and I. We assist the love of God by seeing what He sees in another; which is only a reflection of Himself, who created it. We join His work of forgiveness. We Love; that is, we prefer what the other prefers. Which means, we have to go beyond ourselves; die to and deny the *little me* that always wants to be the centre of attention with the world revolving round us.

This is practical, rather than theoretical, Christianity. It is 'going into the kitchen to make a cup of coffee... rather than talking about it'... and confusing the talk with reality.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?
We wish you a very warm welcome.
Please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org>
click "Registration/update"

PARISH PLANNER 2023-2024

The booklet detailing the core parish programmes and activities planned for the academic year September 2023 - July 2024 is now available in printed form in all our churches and also to view and download on our website, click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#). Not all parish activities are included, of course, and whilst every effort will be made not to change the details contained herein, please be aware that the most up to date version can always be found on our website.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 17 September formerly known as Home Mission Sunday. On this day we support the work of the Catholic Church in evangelisation and liturgy, taking care of our beautiful buildings and dialogue with other denominations & faiths. There will be a retiring collection after the Sunday Masses this weekend 16 & 17 September. For more please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham Sunday 24th September is a special day for the Ordinariate on two counts - it is their Patronal Feast and it is the day when Robert Miller is being received into the Church as a member of the Ordinariate at the 12.30pm Mass (Not Fr Robert Miller). To mark the occasion there will be drinks and nibbles in the Parish Rooms after Mass.

SPUC are holding a Petition Day this weekend 16/17 September. The petition calls for the Government to end the funding of China's totalitarian state. The Chinese state imposes forced abortion, sterilisation and infanticide on its own population, notably the Uyghur minority. Please sign the petition after Mass to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Osmund is now occurring at both the 9am & 11am Masses. This is for children in Year 3 and below, please note those below school age need to be accompanied by an adult.

Requiem Mass for Pauline Learnihan is next Wednesday 20 September 12 noon at Holy Redeemer. Please note there will be no 10am Mass on that day.

SCORE There will be a retiring collection next weekend 23/24 September to support local projects.

St Gregory's Church Local Mission Planning Workshop - this coming Monday 18 September 2023 at 7pm. For more on this event please visit our blog or [click here](#). Please try to find the time to join us at St Gregory's Hall at 6.45pm for a tea or coffee and start at 7pm.

After School Club commencing **Wednesday 20 September at 3.45pm** for a trial period of four weeks there will be an After School Club at St Osmund's. Led by Father Anthony, there will be 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).

Visit to Westminster Cathedral Salisbury Catenians have arranged a coach trip to Westminster Cathedral on Friday 6 October. The cost is £25 pp. Please book via email: carrivick79@gmail.com or phone 07887 988123.

Stations of Creation Walk 24 September Join other local Christians on a walk from Salisbury Cathedral to St George's Church in Harnham. Starting from Mompesson House in the Cathedral Close at 2pm. For more information click on the image in the 'Top News' box, or [click here](#) or contact Graham on 07484 736398.

Art and Craft Group Has restarted on Monday's in St Osmund's Parish Rooms following the 10am Mass. All are welcome whether you have painted or drawn before. For information contact Oltea on 07597 453989.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall including a Bring and Buy Sale. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE - 21 SEPTEMBER

From such an unlikely situation, Jesus chose one of the foundations of the Church, a man that others, judging from his job, thought was not holy enough for the position. But Matthew was honest enough to admit that he was one of the sinners that Jesus came to call. He was open enough to recognise truth when he saw him. 'And he got up and followed him' (Mt 9:9). For the story of St Matthew, [click here](#) or click on the image in the 'Top News' box.

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 first meeting in the Autumn series will be on Wednesday 11 October at 7pm in the St Elizabeth Hall, Exeter Street.

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 17 September at 4.30pm in the Parish Rooms next to St Osmund's Church on Exeter Street.

For more information please visit 'Exploring Your Faith' on our main menu or [click here](#)

Life in The Spirit! The first seminar held last Friday was a huge success with over 60 people attending. Many thanks to our key speakers Tessa & Dee. The seminars continue this Friday 15 September after the evening Mass at St Osmund with a talk given by Mary & Dominic Meigh. Each seminar will be recorded and will be available to view along with the full programme by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

September Outreach We now have a claimed total of 19,450 cards. If you are fit enough to simply post a few cards through letterboxes, why not join in? We have already had some approaches made to us by recipients of the card which is wonderful news. Call or email the Parish Office 01722 562703 outreach@salisbury Catholics.org

Talk on the Shroud of Turin - Tuesday 3 October, 7pm St Osmund's Parish Rooms - The Tomb was not empty. The mysterious cloth known as the Shroud of Turin, held by many to be the shroud in which Christ's body was wrapped and buried, is the most scientifically studied artefact from antiquity in the world. Is it true that the latest research points most compellingly towards its being authentic? Fr Robert Stewart, parish priest of Aldershot in the Diocese of Portsmouth, is coming to St Osmund's to give a presentation on the scientific study of the Shroud, from the 1980s up to the most recent developments which hit the headlines this year. All are invited.

Congratulations and Welcome - to Caleb Cifaldi-King who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday at St Osmund. Please keep Caleb and his parents Francesca & Joshua and his godparents in your prayers.

Baptism Our current Baptism preparation course at St Osmund ends this Sunday 17 September. The next course will take place at St Gregory's on three Sundays 29 October, 5 & 12 November commencing with Mass at 9am. 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](#).

Preparation for the Sacraments - 2024

First Holy Communion The first session is this Saturday 16 September 2pm at St Gregory for both parents and children. To view all the information with the schedule click on Sacraments on our main menu then Holy Communion or [click here](#).

Confirmation - If you have a child that is now in Year 9 or above and you wish to enrol them in the next programme, please do so as soon as possible.

Please register for either programme by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our home page or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 24 and Psalter 4

Saturday 16 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Dolores & Charles Mattocks RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 17 September

09:00 St Gregory MASS George Shea RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS The Intentions of Samantha Chinedum

11:00 St Osmund MASS Yamatay, Marie & Charles RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

15:00 St Gregory Syro-Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Roberta Tibon RIP

Monday 18 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thereasa Newton RIP

Tuesday 19 September

10:00 St Osmund Memorial MASS John Joseph Byrne RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 20 September Saints Andrew, Paul and Companions

No 10:00 Mass at Holy Redeemer this week

12:00 Holy Redeemer Requiem MASS Pauline Learnihan RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 21 September SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE

10:00 St Osmund MASS Philip Stevens RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS

Friday 22 September

10:00 St Gregory MASS Alma Bradley RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Buck RIP

Saturday 23 September Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

10:00 St Osmund MASS Holy Souls

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS June Kelly RIP

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.

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for September - For people living on the margins. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray for the parishes of Sacred Heart (Chew Magna) and St Pius X (Withywood).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Philip Stevens, John Joseph Byrne, Elaine Herring, Bridget Rowland, Pauline Learnihan, June Kelly. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Advance Notice: Requiem Mass for Pauline Learnihan will be next Wednesday 20 September 12:00 at Holy Redeemer. **Please note there will be no 10:00 Mass that day. All parishioners welcome.**

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Psalms 102

**The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

Romans 14:7-9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Matthew 18:21-35

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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