

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 33 (A)

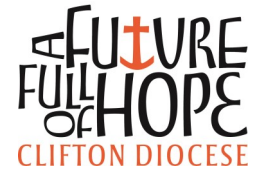
From Father Anthony

I finished my prayers and did a lap of the Close. The sun peered bleary eyed over rooftops and treetops blinking shafts of pink light through serrated cloud. I tipped my hat to the Cathedral, crossed Exeter Street and came back home. I made some tea and sat down to write this. No Gunslinger! no Mrs Cat! no Gangsters! ...and no thoughts! The few remaining 'little grey cells' still resident in *mein Kopf* would not spark. Fuss, bother and itch, I searched for inspiration. And there she was. A miniature rose on the window ledge: tiny, enticing, beautiful and double the size she was last year!

The highest end to which we can aspire and towards which we must aspire if we are to develop is to increase our spiritual capacity and 'bring forth the divine'. Just as Our Lady brought forth Jesus so we must bring forth the Divine into the world and so become fully human (*His image becoming His likeness*). We must change our mind and heart: not as an intellectual exercise but practically and truly. Our mind must expand its capacity (*double*) as it conforms itself to the mind of its Creator; some call it 'Divine Mind', 'Mind of God' or 'Christ Consciousness'. Whatever... we leave our homeland for a 'far country'.

The five talents, like the five virgins of last week, represent the five senses. It is through the senses that we travel to a *new country* as they expand from preoccupation with the material to recognition of the spiritual: they become what they truly are... spiritual senses. Their fulfilment is to 'see' behind the material into the spiritual. They are not just tools with which to navigate a material world but must increase their capacity to include the spiritual through prayer, devotion and spiritual practice. Through spiritual practice we *become conscious that the senses are spiritual*... this 'consciousness' is the initial increase from one to two; until five become ten.

Creation, it was said, *takes place between the numbers one and two*. If we bury ourselves (*one talent*) we might feel safe and comfortable but we remain fixed, immovable and unregenerate. Perhaps we fear making a mistake, getting wrong or breaking some law or being made fun of. But, if we do not grow we degenerate (*take the one talent and give it to him with ten*). Therefore, we must grow; let's grow together!



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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"

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.

Happy Birthday to Gertie Harmon who celebrated her 100th Birthday on Wednesday of this week. Gertie, a parishioner in Salisbury for many a long year, will be having a small celebration (tea/coffee & cake) in the Parish Rooms after the 11am Mass to which we are all invited.

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

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.

Retiring Collection for SCORE this weekend 18/19 November is for overseas projects.

Lost Property We have acquired a number of lost property items at St Osmund's in recent months. Most of these items have been with us for a while now and so anything not claimed by 10 December will be given away to charity or disposed of. To view click on the button on our homepage or [click here](#). Please contact the Parish Office office@salisburycatholics.org 01722 562703 to claim an item and arrange to collect it.

After-School Club further sessions have been arranged on four consecutive Wednesdays starting next Wednesday 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.

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

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

WORLD DAY OF POOR SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

'Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor' (Tobit 4:7).

In his message for this World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis reflects on the example of Tobit. He considers how the Book of Tobit teaches us to be realistic and practical in whatever we do with and for the poor, writing that 'caring for the poor is more than simply a matter of a hasty hand-out'. Please click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#) for a message from Pope Francis, a nine day novena and a prayer resource from Caritas.

FAMILY ADVENT RETREAT DAY - SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER.

Mass 10am at St Osmund, 11am at St Elizabeth Hall & Parish Centre until 4.30pm

Want to get Advent off to a wonderful start for you and your family? Begin to prepare your heart and mind for His coming? Then put our Advent Retreat into your diary now! The day will begin at 10am with Mass & Confessions and move up to St Elizabeth Hall & Parish Centre at 11am. There will be a programme for children and adults in separate zones, focus on scripture and the beautiful 'O'Antiphons, crafts, prayer ministry, time of Adoration, testimony for adults and craft, drama and games for the children. The day will finish at 4.30pm and all we ask is that you bring a heart and mind open to God and your lunch! Refreshments will be provided.

More details will be posted on our website soon but for now - save the date!

CHILDREN'S 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: joannakingston@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, **at the very latest 1 December**. 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.

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, will take place Sunday 26 November at Salisbury Methodist Church from 3pm to 3.30pm. 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 on Ministry to homeless on 1 December and Rev Margaret Collins on 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 Our preparation course starts on Sunday 19 November at St Osmund, commencing with Mass at 9am, for three consecutive Sundays, please register with the Parish Office. To request a baptism please [click here](#).

First Holy Communion The next session is Saturday 9 December 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 33 and Psalter 1

Saturday 18 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Peter Duffy RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Kathleen Shannon RIP

SUNDAY 19 November

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

09:00 St Osmund MASS Jamie Purvis RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Gertie Harmon 100th Birthday

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Shaun Elliott RIP

Monday 20 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Personal intention

Tuesday 21 November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 St Osmund MASS Annakutty John RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 22 November Saint Cecilia

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Intention of Stephen Fleming

11:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS June Rockett RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 23 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS. Clotilde Meigh RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 24 November Saints Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions

10:00 St Gregory MASS Paul Liew, Gabrielle Lok & Maria Lo RIP

11:30 The Holy Family (Whaddon) MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS The Holy Souls

Saturday 25 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS In Thanksgiving (Shibu Family)

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

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 parish of St Thomas of Canterbury (Fairford with Cricklade).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Shaun Elliott, Teresina Mills, June Rockett, Fr Donal Daly, and Steven Fletcher, 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

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Ps 127

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Matthew 25:14-30

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 join our 2025 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@cliftondiocese.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!