

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 25 (C)

From Father Anthony

The sun had long gone; it was dark, quiet and peaceful, with an occasional rustle from the garden. I drew the curtains and sat quietly, praying the office of Compline. It had felt like an empty teacup and cracked saucer of a day; flat, soulless, empty, dull with a few jagged edges. On examination of conscience I realised there had been nothing wrong with the day at all... only with me! I'd let events become overwhelming which had clouded my view and interpretation of the world... garbage in, garbage out. I could almost hear my Guardian Angel saying, *room for improvement, could do better!*

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. There is an ancient saying that states, *as above, so below.* It suggests that the larger spiritual and lower physical realms differ in size and dimension but are subject to the same principles. They reflect one another. In terms of spiritual development, the principles or confusion of them, by which we act, behave and believe in this world will be reflected in the spiritual. It's no good thinking I'll be a saint in heaven if I'm a sinner on earth! What, how and who I am in the physical will be reflected in the spiritual - and vice versa: the principles and therefore the outcomes are the same. Of course, this has been used to frighten, cajole and put us on edge. However, if Jesus is referring to this old understanding it is less likely that He is trying to scare us rather than get us to examine our conscience, in terms of His Love, and grow in spirit and statue; to urge us to become more like Him. The extent we reflect Him on earth, living by and obeying his principles, is the extent we grow in spirit bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to earth.

Therefore, it is wise to spend some time in gentle examination of one's life... *draw up an account of it.* In His Presence look and feel into the areas that need correction; soften them in His Love, repent them (*take your bond and write fifty*). Draw His large Love into your little love and change the world. After all, what we do to each other we do to Him.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

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IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM FATHER ANTHONY

It has been a while since I last updated you, I hope you are well and flourishing.

As you may know, both Fr Jonathan and Fr Saji have now moved and, without immediate replacements, Fr Joseph and myself are currently covering the priestly aspects of our wider Pastoral Area (Salisbury, Tisbury, Amesbury & Warminster). However, I am pleased to announce that Fr Tomas Krejci will be soon be replacing Fr Jonathan as the Ordinariate priest in Salisbury. Like Fr Jonathan, he will reside in Tisbury, and we expect him to begin his ministry amongst us on Saturday 11th October. There is no information available as yet with regards to a possible replacement for Fr Saji in Amesbury. I will keep you informed as details are confirmed to me by Bishop Bosco.

With only three priests in the pastoral area, we will have to make some changes to the Mass times. These changes will affect the Saturday Vigil Masses and Weekday Masses. The new timetable will commence on 11th October, and I hope to give you details by the end of September. I do not foresee any changes to the Mass times on Sundays other than those that have occurred already in Salisbury.

As you can imagine, we are now very stretched. We have six churches and two chapels, six schools, a general hospital and many care homes, along with our normal sacramental and pastoral duties. This will have an unavoidable effect on performance and availability, and I ask you bear with us. We will do the best we can.

God bless, *Fr Anthony*

Mass Changes

There is no Ordinariate Mass at 12.30 this Sunday 21 September

Wednesday 24 September – the 10am Mass at St Gregory will be replaced by 'Service of the Word'.

The Requiem Mass for Ruth Gibson will take place at 11am on Thursday 25 September at St Gregory's. As a result, there will be no 10am Mass, Adoration or Benediction at St Osmund's on that day.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 21 September, formerly known as Home Mission Sunday, is celebrated annually on the third Sunday of September to embrace the mission of joyful evangelisation.

"I believe..." is also the theme for this Sunday. In a video interview, Bishop David Oakley, our lead for evangelisation and discipleship, talks about the creed, the Church's mission work in England and Wales, and why it's so important to share our faith with others. Please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) to watch the video and much more. There will be a retiring collection this weekend to support the development work of the Church to continue to spread the Good News proclaimed each time we say the Nicene Creed.

International Mass – This Sunday 21 September, 11.00am, St Gregory's Church - Join us for a special International Mass with contributions in different languages from our Polish, Slovakian, Nigerian, Indian, and other nationalities. After Mass, all are welcome to the hall for refreshments and a celebration of food and traditions from around the world—a wonderful chance to meet others and share in our parish community spirit. Please feel free to bring along a dish to share (including British favourites!) for the buffet table.

Justice & Peace Group - are organising a simple soup meal in support of Encircles, a local charity that distributes food to the homeless and anyone experiencing hunger in our area. It will take place next Friday 26 September at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Priced at £10 per person, Please bring your payment to the Parish Office in advance.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN SALISBURY FOR 2026

The preparation of our children to receive their first Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Communion (the Eucharist) takes place at *Family of Faith*. All the information is below.

FAMILY OF FAITH

Family of Faith is our parish's way of helping families with young children grow together in their faith. It is also where our children are prepared to receive their First Sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Communion. The children have some teaching and fun activities, and the adults have a separate input and discussion to support each other in nurturing faith-filled families. Family of Faith is open to children in Year 2 to 5, with Year 3 being the normal age for children to start preparing for their First Communion. This year, we are going to try moving to a new home at St Gregory's church. We will gather from 9.15am, and then move into the 11am Family Mass.

The first session this year will be next Sunday 28th September. There is lots more information, and all the dates, and the link to sign up, on our website—[CLICK HERE](#).

CONFIRMATION 2026

Thank you to all the parents and young people who joined us for the launch of our Confirmation 2026 programme on the 10 September. If you were unable to attend but would still like your child to be Confirmed this year, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. For more information [click here](#).

Youth Group – For 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. For more click on 'Youth Group' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

SHARING OUR FAITH

Journey in Faith – For adults who are not confirmed Catholics and for those who are returning to the faith of their childhood. The new programme is on our website with the first session **this Sunday 21 September 10.30am at the Parish Centre**. If you are interested in joining do contact Dave Blake at Salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com. For more including the timetable click on the '[Journey in Faith](#)' button on our home page or [click here](#).

Congratulations to Lucas Peter Bell who received the sacrament of Baptism last Saturday 13 September at St Osmund. Please keep Lucas, his parents Rhiannon & Peter and godparents in your prayers.

Baptism Preparation – The next course starts on Sunday 5 October at St Osmund and will run for 3 consecutive Sundays after the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to join. To request Baptism for your child, please click the 'Registration' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Radiant - our monthly group for women, we would love you to join us for Prayer, scripture and friendship. Bring a small plate of something for a shared supper next Thursday 25 September 7pm at the Parish centre. Please get in touch if you need a lift. For information Xanthe 07904 589360 or click on 'Radiant' on our homepage or [click here](#).

New Catholic Book Club – The first meeting will take place on Thursday 25 September 2025, from 1:30–2:30 pm at the Parish Centre, Exeter Street. Then on the last Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome. Further details are available from Frances on 07966 925995 or rollestonfrances@gmail.com.

Sr Patricia (Paddy) O'Connell - Please pray for the soul of Sr Patricia (Paddy) O'Connell, a La Retraite sister known to many in Salisbury, who died on September 11th 2025 at Charterhouse Care Home, Keynsham. Her funeral will be on September 29th at 11.00 am at Our Lady & English Martyrs, Burnham on Sea.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-1 Ordinary Time Week 25 & Psalter 1

Saturday 20 September **Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions**

10:00 St Osmund MASS Kathleen Coyle RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Maurice Petty RIP

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

09:00 St Osmund MASS Czeslava Maciejewska RIP

11:00 St Gregory MASS Una Oligbo RIP

12:30 Ordinariate Mass is cancelled this week.

16:30 Holy Redeemer Syro-Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Igor Fedosev

Monday 22 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS God's blessings on Victor C. Monu

Tuesday 23 September **Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**

10:00 St Osmund MASS Czeslava Maciejewska RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

10:00 St Gregory Liturgy of the Word

Thursday 25 September

11:00 St Gregory Requiem MASS Ruth Gibson RIP

No Mass, Exposition or Benediction at St Osmund

Friday 26 September

10:00 St Gregory MASS Birthday Blessings for Chris Pearson

18:00 St Osmund MASS John & Jocelyne Gilder RIP

Saturday 27 September **Saint Vincent de Paul**

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jane, Hannah & Sophie Tucker

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Gerlinde Symon's birthday – thanksgiving

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after 10am Mass & Saturdays 5.30pm until Mass

St Osmund: Saturdays after the 10am Mass until 12 noon
and by appointment

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray this week for the Parish of St Mary-on-the-Quay (Bristol with St James Priory).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sr Patricia (Paddy) O'Connell, Alfred (Roger) Palliser, Helen Ahern, Stephen Castle, Sally Bradley, Ruth Gibson, and Duncan Green 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:

Psalm Response

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Alleluia.

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 in our Family of Faith programme. [Click here](#)

CONFIRMATION 2026 For children who are year 9 or above please visit our Confirmation page for information and how to sign up. [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 Désirée for more details: office@salisbury Catholics.org