

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK (29A)

From Father Anthony

'Glory be to God for dappled things', wrote Gerard Manly Hopkins in his poem Pied Beauty, 'For skies of couple colour as a brinded cow....' I sat on high ground overlooking the Chase: a patchwork of coloured beauty tumbling away to meet the horizon with a rouged kiss from the setting sun. People ask where God is. All around is surely the answer.

We spoke about Awareness being an innate faculty by which we can illuminate our thoughts, emotions and actions and measure them against conscience. Awareness aids discernment and spiritual development. It is a function of but also leads to Christ, within: *the true light*. We often live under the compulsion or tyranny of a personal will bereft of the spiritual qualities of love, mercy and justice (*Caesar*). We spiral towards the opposite poles of spiritual dreaming and revulsion of material things on the one hand (*Luciferic*) or pure materialism without a thought or care for the spiritual on the other (*Satanic*). We become distorted. Our lives become loops rather than straight lines: we repeat the same mistakes over and over again and wonder why life treats us so badly! This can be a sign of imbalance in need of correction: only we can apply the correction. How?

Jesus offers a way. He says to the Herodians, 'whose likeness is this?' Similarly, we must use awareness to discern whose likenesses a particular thought, feeling or action resembles. Is it Lucifer, Satan or Christ? A clue is given. When the authorities ask Jesus if it is right to pay taxes (*tribute*) the word used is kensos, κῆνσοϛ. It means a poll-tax but also, 'to muzzle'. Are our thoughts, feelings or actions muzzling us? Do they constrain us to the extent that we feel something deeper is being stifled? If so, we should consider a change of mind and heart. (*repentance*). Awareness gives us a chance to, 'give back to Caesar what is Caesar's', i.e. what stifles and distorts us... *leave it outside the door*, some might say!

Even if we cannot actually *do* it the awareness *of* it and the *understanding* of what needs to change or transform is a real beginning. It creates a separation between the *seer* and the *seen*. In that separation the *true light of Christ* can increase until it illuminates (*grounds*) our spiritual being in the world for the benefit of others and the world.



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Chapel of the Good Shepherd
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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"

ISRAEL & GAZA

The Very Reverend Nicholas Papadopoulos, Dean of Salisbury, responds to the situation in Israel and Gaza, as we pray for everyone affected by the ongoing conflict. To watch the video click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

World Mission Sunday is this Sunday 22 October 2023. Coordinated by Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, this is an opportunity to support every mission diocese and faith community which need our help. For more information, a message from Pope Francis and videos please [click here](#) or click on the image in the 'Top News' box. There will be a retiring collection this weekend. Special envelopes are available in our churches for those who wish to 'Gift Aid' their donation.

Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles - 28 October - Simon and Jude were ordinary men chosen by Jesus to teach others about God's love and to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Their lives help us to understand that even average people can become saints when they decide to follow Jesus. For more on these saints click on their image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Parish of St Osmund Christmas Bazaar St Gregory's are hosting our Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 26 November between 10am and 1.30pm (see below). We are looking forward to welcoming parishioners from across Salisbury and hoping the wider community will visit too. We would welcome donations (quality new and pre-loved books, games, toys, bottles and items that may be attractive Christmas gifts). 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. Please contact Jez Mawdsley (jeremymawdsley@gmail.com) if you have queries.

CHRISTMAS CARDS will again be available after all the Masses this Sunday (Holy Redeemer from 28th) on behalf of the Catholic charity **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**. They are in packs of 10 at £5.50 per pack (cash or cheque only) and feature the true message of Christmas. They are also available from the Parish Office during the week.

Youth Sessions Trial sessions for teenagers in Years 10-12. The next session is next Wednesday 25 October at 4.30pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. These sessions, led by Fr Anthony, will be 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. An invitation has been sent to all the parents who have teenagers in Years 10-12 that are on our Parish Database. **Contact the office** if you'd like more information.

After School Club a further set of sessions have been arranged. They will be on four consecutive Wednesdays starting 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. Tinned soup and long life milk weighing over 162kg were delivered to the Foodbank. Thank you for your generosity. The next collection, for tinned fruit and long life fruit juice, will be in November.

An evening with Larry Hollingworth CBE - UN Envoy for Refugees. Sponsored by Alabaré, join for a transformative talk. Larry's exceptional leadership in emergency relief has touched the lives of countless individuals affected by war and natural disasters. Date: Tuesday 21 November at 7pm, St Francis Church, £20 per person. For more information and how to book please visit our blog or [click here](#).

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 1st November 2023 for Hoy Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

PARISH CENTRE - COME AND SEE!

Exciting news regarding our new Parish Centre! The former tenants (EHSC) have now vacated the end portion of St Elizabeth House (131 Exeter St) and we are once again in possession of that space. It has enormous potential for use as a facility for parish & social groups, youth ministry and sacramental programs and to be a place where we can build our parish community. There is some immediate work to be done to freshen the place up and get it ready for use - over the coming weeks we will be hoping to hear your views on how we might use the centre and we are very keen to hear from parishioners interested in helping us get this centre up and running. As it is many years since we were last able to use this space and we know that many parishioners will never have seen inside...so we are providing a number of opportunities for you to come and take a look:

Saturday 28 October - from 10.30am until 1.30pm - an Open Day when you can pop in, have a chat with one of the clergy who will be there to greet you and offer you a drink and biscuit.

Sunday 29 October - the 'after-Mass' coffee, that takes place between the 9am & 11am Masses will, on this day take place in the Social Centre to encourage as many people as possible to take the trip up Exeter Street to have a look!

Saturday 4 November - there will be a facilitated workshop to which all parishioners are invited from 11am until 3pm in St Elizabeth Hall. This will allow us to explore together how we can best use the centre to build the parish community, how we might go about that, who would like to be involved, how we afford it..etc. etc. **Please put the date in your diary** and attend if you can. There will be a break for lunch.

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 second meeting is next Wednesday 25 October 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. The next meeting will be on Sunday 29 October at 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](#)

Parish App now includes the Programme for 2023/24. If you have not already done so, search your app store for 'Parish of St Osmund', it also has our Mass times, ability to donate, contact details and more for those on the go.

Life in The Spirit! The sixth seminar was held last Friday and featured a talk by Deacon John Proctor on 'Mission and Growth'. The talks will continue on the first Friday of the month after the evening Mass at St Osmund. The next talk will be given by Father Anthony on 'Prayer', Friday 3 November. 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 Gregory's on three Sundays 29 October, 5 & 12 November commencing with Mass at 9am. To request a baptism please complete a 'Baptism Application' by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

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

Confirmation If you have a child in Year 9 or above who wishes to enrol in our programme of preparation, **please register now the final deadline is 31 October**. All parents of Year 9 children on our database should have received an invitation via email. Register by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our home page or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 29 and Psalter 1

Saturday 21 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased & Sick of the Burke & Smoothy Families

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 22 October

09:00 St Gregory MASS Pablo Morales & Family
09:00 St Osmund MASS John & Alessandra Grech RIP
11:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased members of the Rolleston Family
12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS Steven Fletcher RIP

Monday 23 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS

Tuesday 24 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Devassy Alappat RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 25 October

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS K.C. Philip RIP
18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Jane Barnes RIP

Thursday 26 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Kathleen Quinn RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 27 October

10:00 St Gregory MASS OF PEACE Thanksgiving - Jacob Jose Vazhappilly
19:00 St Osmund MASS OF PEACE Peace in the Holy Land

Saturday 28 October SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

10:00 St Osmund MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

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 October - For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray for the parishes of Immaculate Conception (Devizes with Lavington).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

June Rockett, Fr Donal Daly, Steven Fletcher, John Benbough, Zabeti Nabatanzi-Pearson, Pauline Learnihan, Angela Doubtfire, Philip Stevens and Elaine Herring who died recently. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Psalms 95

Give the Lord glory and power.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

Matthew 22:15-21

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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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!