

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 30 (C)

From Father Anthony

After hours of driving through heavy rain and spray, I slept well, grateful to be back up North and by the sea. Seagulls announced a new day as sunlight cracked the sky open with streaks of red, orange and a wash of dazzling pale blue. I strolled happily along the beach. Huge waves crashed and tumbled; brisk figures walked dogs. And then to the shops. Ahead of me the sky was open and bright; behind, dark and heavy. Like two sides of my soul, I thought... but who was the one observing them?

This week we have another parable. Like last week it speaks deeply into human nature and, once again, there are several characters; God, the Temple, the Pharisee and the Publican/Tax-collector. We are asked to go within (the temple) and observe two aspects of ourselves. Firstly, where we trust in ourselves and feel 'righteous' (the Pharisee); this aspect keeps the letter of the law but not necessarily its spirit. It has listened to mummy and daddy, the teacher, the priest, the butcher, the baker, the candle stick maker and all the other characters who have formed or deformed our nature in order to make us compliant with society. Having been 'properly' formed we feel secure, smug and superior and look down on others not of our 'class' or belief. We also become aware of another aspect: not so polished, pretty or smug. Underneath the veneer of righteousness, the face we present to the world, is a more primal force (the publican). It rips people off, plays the game of life behind the self-righteous facade but leaves us feeling two faced and ashamed. We live with an awareness that something is wrong, that we are missing the mark; that we are sinful. This part hangs back in the temple of our lives yet true humility stems from it.

The good news is that we are not what we are aware of but the awareness itself. This awareness is aligned with God. We are not the light or the dark, the righteous or unrighteous, the up or the down; we are that which is aware of it all: the balance point within the flow of two extremes (whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and vice versa). We share in Divine Awareness which unites extremes in one long gaze of love which includes and heals the world and others.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

[Click Here](#)



Clocks go back at 2am (before you wake) this Sunday 26 October.

ALL SOULS' DAY - MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER

Since few people achieve perfection in this life, going to the grave still bearing traces of sinfulness, a period of purification may be necessary before a soul is fully at peace. We pray for our deceased friends and relatives that they will be purified and come to see the face of God. We also pray for those who have died who have no one to pray for them. Please [click](#) in the 'Top News' box on our website for more information.

Mass Times on This Day: 10am at St Osmund and 2pm at St Gregory

Blessing of Graves on All Souls' Day The graves of your loved ones in the London Rd, Devizes Rd and The Avenue cemeteries can be blessed on this day. Meet at 3pm at each cemetery, by the central Cross in the London Rd cemetery, inside the gate at Devizes Rd and in the car park at The Avenue.

During November we pray especially for the Holy Souls. There are special 'Prayer Request' envelopes in our church porches. Place the names of your departed loved ones in one of these envelopes and place it in the box or basket at the foot of the altar in each of our churches. The Friday evening Mass each week during November will be offered that those named will rest in peace. If you are unable to get to church but would like a name/s placed, please call 01722 562703 or email office@salisburycatholics.org and we can do it for you.

Parish of St Osmund – Mass Intentions Update

Due to an increase in requests for Mass intentions this year, combined with the recent reduction of weekday Masses in Salisbury, our Masses are now assigned until the New Year. Until then, there are two options:

1. Other Parishes in our Pastoral Area – We may be able to place your intention with another parish, depending on availability.
2. Support Mission Dioceses through Missio – You can submit your intention via <https://missio.org.uk/mass-offerings/>, which helps support dioceses in some of the poorest areas of the world.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training – Next Saturday 1 November, Parish Centre 10:45a.m. – 12:00 noon. This session is for those who have been invited to train, as well as for existing ministers who would like a refresher. If you have not been contacted but would like to be considered, please speak to Deacon Steve or email: stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com

ONE-YEAR MISSALS We are now taking orders for the CTS 2026 Cycle A Sunday Missals. Cost is £11 (which includes P+P). Deadline for orders is **Sunday 9 November**. Because of the passing nature of these missals, we ONLY order those committed to and don't hold any 'in stock'. If you would like to order a more permanent 3-year missal, this is also possible whilst we are receiving a delivery from CTS – contact the office for more information. Order by email: office@salisburycatholics.org or ring 01722 562703.

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 30 October 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.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 8 November at 8am in the Parish Centre. Tickets are £10 each. Payment can be made on the day in cash or direct to Deacon John Proctor. To book your place please complete the form or scan the QR code by visiting our [Blog here](#).

Parish Catholic Book Club – The next meeting will take place next Thursday 30 October, from 1:30–2:30pm at the Parish Centre, Exeter Street. Everyone is welcome. Further details are available from Frances on 07966 925995 or rollestonfrances@gmail.com.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 5 November 2025 for a Quiz at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

DILEXI TE – POPE LEO XIV'S FIRST PAPAL DOCUMENT

Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation on love for the poor is now available as a well-presented [Audio Book](#) on our website. You are now able to listen as well as read this 'veritable treasury of significant teachings' concerning the poor. Just click on the image in the 'Top News' box

FAMILY OF FAITH 2026

Family of Faith is our way of supporting families with young children grow together in their faith. Within that, it is the place where our children are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Communion (the Eucharist) for the first time.

The [Family of Faith](#) webpage now includes helpful 'signs of readiness' documents for parents discerning their child's readiness for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Online forms for both sacraments are also available. Parents, please visit the page for full details. The next session is this Sunday, 26 October, gathering at St Gregory's at 9am for a 9.15am start, followed by the 11am Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2026

The next core session for those preparing to receive the Sacrament is on the 12 November 6.30pm at the Parish Centre. To sign up or find out more, click on the button '[Confirmation](#)' on our homepage. Candidates are encouraged to join with Youth Group in the intervening weeks.

Youth Group – For those in Years 8 to 11 who'd like to meet up, relax, play games, chat about faith, ask questions, and pray. Every Wednesday, 6.30 to 8pm (during term time) in the Parish Centre. For more [information](#), click on 'Youth Group' button on our homepage.

Youth Trip to Quarr Abbey on Friday 31 October is now fully booked.

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 underway, the next session is Sunday 2 November 10.30am at the Parish Centre. If you are interested in joining do contact Dave Blake at Salisbury.journeyinfoith@cliftondiocese.com. For more including the timetable click on the '[Journey in Faith](#)' button on our home page.

Baptism Preparation – The next course starts next Sunday 2 November at St Gregory after the 11am 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.

Congratulations and welcome to Sofia Harrison who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this Saturday 25 October at St Osmund. Please keep Sofia, her parents and godparents in your prayers.

PARISH FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Would you like to start and run your own parish group? St Gregory's Hall and the Parish Centre on Exeter Street are available free of charge for parish activities that build our community. Both are well equipped, heated, and offer free parking.

We already host a youth group, book club, prayer and praise, men's breakfast, Radiant ladies' group, My Generation, and more — but new ideas like a knit and natter or gentle exercise group are always welcome!

Contact Deacon Steve Godwin at stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-1 Ordinary Time Week 30 & Psalter 2

Saturday 25 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Julia in Sickness

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER

09:00 St Osmund MASS Elaine Herring RIP

11:00 St Gregory MASS Kathleen Quinn RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving – Franky Qudros

Monday 27 October

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Thanksgiving - Jacob & Jovit Vazhappilly

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER SAINTS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES

10:00 St Osmund MASS Personal Intentions

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 29 October

10:00 St Gregory MASS Chris & Tracy - wellbeing

Thursday 30 October

09:30 St Osmund Rosary

10:00 St Osmund MASS Naithy Mathew RIP

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18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 31 October

10:00 St Gregory Rosary

18:00 St Osmund MASS Marion Farrell & Mick Summerhayes in sickness

Saturday 1 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS John Kerin RIP

14:00 St Osmund Wedding of Emma Higgins & Conor Davids

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Seena Shibu RIP

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Saturdays 4.30pm until Mass

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

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For collaboration between different religious traditions

[Let us pray](#) that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray this week for the Parishes of Our Lady of the Rosary (Lawrence Weston) & St Bernard (Shirehampton).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Shiny Mathew, June Watson, Peter Blacklock, Jack Cox, Sr Patricia (Paddy) O'Connell, Alfred (Roger) Palliser, Helen Ahern 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

The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS [For baptisms please register your application](#). 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.

CONFIRMATION 2026 For children who are year 9 or above please visit our [Confirmation page for information](#) and how to sign up.

MARRIAGE Please speak to a priest for guidance at least six months prior to your hoped-for wedding date.

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