

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK (31A)

From Father Anthony

I fell out of bed, found the Lord's feet, said the Divine Office and Rosary and surveyed my interior state in something resembling Meditation. Then, I crept downstairs, opened the church, lit a candle and performed another ritual... Orange Pekoe, mint leaves and a little honey! Outside, in early morning mist, fragrant tea steaming, I listened to bird song; pure unalloyed prayer; unlike mine with the head saying one thing and the heart another!

'Do as they say not as they do'. Words of life can be spoken by a soul full of death. I admit I have found this to be true. I have dressed up in those fine robes: I have been entertained and feted; I have been given titles and decorations: I have spoken fine words - which, in truth were not mine but His. Under the veneer of piety and holiness I have acted and behaved to the contrary; self-interest, self-glorification, self-gain mixed with domination or suppression of others. And yes... I am ashamed of it.

Our Rites and Practices contain what they are symbolic of: they should reflect a living substance within us; our soul gaining in understanding, insight and wisdom. Where this substance is not present or, at least, in the process of growing we remain empty and interiorly formless. This substance is cultivated and formed by prayer, devotion and practice. In prayer we allow God to see Himself through our 'eyes' as we understand ourselves through His. Devotion places us in a subordinate position; the longing heart rushing towards Him only to find Him rushing even faster towards us! Practise aids and inspires prayer and devotion. It is the use of awareness to illumine our thinking, feeling and acting against conscience; to see some good in everything and remain open. Prayer, devotion and practise form a trinity; a substance within.

The starting place for this is simple... recognition of our need for humility and honesty. Remember: the higher formation bows down to the lower because without the lower the higher cannot stand. The plant is a higher formation than the earth but without the earth the plant cannot stand, etc. - Jesus washes the feet of the disciples! The humble soul learns to get out of the way of itself so that God can be God in the humble soul; and, therefore, the humble soul knows what it is like to be God!



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OUR CHURCHES

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St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

Most Holy Redeemer
Fotherby Crescent SP1 3EG

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"

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - 9 NOVEMBER

Unlike the commemorations of other Roman churches, this anniversary is a feast. The dedication of a church is a feast for all its parishioners. In a sense, St. John Lateran is the parish church of all Catholics, because it is the pope's cathedral. This church is the spiritual home of the people who are the Church. For the story of St John Lateran click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

Holy Souls Prayer Request - During November we pray especially for the Holy Souls. There are special 'Prayer Request' envelopes in the church porch. Place the names of your departed loved ones in one of these envelopes and place it in the box or basket in front of the altar in each of our churches. If you are unable to come 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. All Friday evening Masses during November will be celebrated for those named in our three churches.

Prayer Vigil for Peace in Gaza, Israel and Palestine on Sunday 12 November at Salisbury Methodist Church from 3pm to 3.30pm. All are welcome to join. Please go along if you can.

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

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass which is normally held on the third Sunday of the month at St Gregory, will this month take place at Holy Redeemer on 12 November with Rosary at 4.30pm followed by Mass at 5pm.

Christmas Bazaar The parish 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.

Food and Friends Parish Lunch will take place next **Thursday 9 November** at St Gregory's Hall 12 noon for a 12.30pm serving. Look forward to seeing lots of you there. Please bring a friend and introduce them. Our December lunch will include Christmas Carols.

Salisbury Branch of SPUC will be holding a Coffee morning in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund's, on Saturday 25 November between 10:30 & 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.

Christmas Cards will be available again this Sunday on behalf of the Catholic charity **Aid to the Church in Need**. They are in packs of 10 at £5.50 per pack (cash or cheque only) with the true message of Christmas.

Youth Sessions for teenagers in Years 10-12. The next session is on Wednesday 8 November 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. **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: 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.

PARISH CENTRE

Next to St Elizabeth Hall (131 Exeter St).

Following on from a successful Open Day last Saturday and after-Mass tea & coffee on Sunday, **tomorrow Saturday 4 November from 11am until 3pm** in the **Parish Centre** there will be a facilitated workshop to which all parishioners are invited to 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. We do encourage as many as possible to attend. There will be a break for lunch, coffee & tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

We have some photos on our website taken during the Open Day last Saturday, click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

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 third meeting is next Wednesday 8 November 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 12 November 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](#)

SYNOD

At the conclusion of the 16th General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality a 'Synthesis Report' has been published. Looking ahead to the second session in 2024, the text offers reflections and proposals on topics such as the role of women and the laity, the ministry of bishops, priesthood and the diaconate, the importance of the poor and migrants, digital mission, ecumenism, and abuse. Additionally those taking part in the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops have approved a 'Letter to the People of God' giving thanks for their experiences and explaining their work of the past weeks. Both the report and the letter can be read by clicking on image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Life in The Spirit! The next three talks will be given by: Deacon John Proctor - Prayer **this evening Friday 3 November**, Mrs Helen Inglis - Ministry to homeless on 1 December and Rev Margaret Collins - 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 The next preparation course will take place at St Osmund on three consecutive Sundays starting 19 November, please register to attend with the Parish Office. 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 Thanks to everyone who has registered, we are now underway! All those who have registered for the 2024 programme should have received an email from Fr Joseph and should now be indicating which is your preferred date for the Residential Retreat weekend. **Please do this by Tuesday 7 November.** 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 31 and Psalter 3

Saturday 4 November Saint Charles Borromeo

10:00 St Osmund MASS Simeon Yamatay - Birthday

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 5 November

09:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving - Joseph Jose Vazhappilly

09:00 St Osmund MASS Chinedum Ukagwu RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Benny McGoldrick RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Susan, Les and son Keith Burry RIP

Monday 6 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

Tuesday 7 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Brian Shevlin

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 8 November

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Happy Birthday NJMPB

(no Ordinariate Mass this Wednesday)

Thursday 9 November THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

10:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased Brothers of Salisbury Catenians

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 10 November Saint Leo the Great

10:00 St Gregory MASS Alma Bradley RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS The Holy Souls

Saturday 11 November Saint Martin of Tours

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

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 parishes of St Stanislaus (Dulverton) and Sacred Heart (Minehead with Watchet).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Teresina Mills, June Rockett, Fr Donal Daly, Steven Fletcher, John Benbough and Zabeti Nabatanzi-Pearson 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

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

Psalms 130

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Matthew 23:1-12

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:

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!