

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 32 (A) REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

From Fr Anthony...

Early evening, cold and dark! I stood outside breathing in damp, pungent air. Kaleidoscopic colour poured through the stained glass. Trees stood skeletal in the gloaming. A disgruntled blackbird clucked. Nature is preparing to lockdown! She does it every year with grace and ease fully expecting to come back radiant and beautiful. Death and sleep are the outward appearances; reordering and rejuvenation are the inward reality. Nature embraces death in life and life in death, knowing that, 'all will be well'.

Spiritually, expectancy is a state of soul. It expects to find God in everything. Expecting to find Him in everything changes our relationship to everything. It modifies the way we act in relation to and how we think of and about everything; as an active cause, how we are, affects how the world is. Doubting this breeds uncertainty; like an inner voice saying, 'if God is not in everything and everything exists, there is something outside God: something that can possibly attack Him and... me too!' Expectancy, as part of faith, senses that God is All in All: therefore... all will be well.

The ten virgins represent the expectant soul using its sensory faculties, i.e. the five senses used wisely or unwisely to inform insight and understanding. The natural state of the soul is to expect and wait patiently for the Good (the bridegroom). Wisely, we use our senses to go beyond the surface and discern the bridegroom (God) in everything. When events let us down (lamps go out) we have something to fall back on... our spiritual understanding of the design God has for all things and events. Unwisely, we use our senses to deal only with the surface, transient meaning of things and events. When events let us down we are left bereft, confused and feeling abandoned. We go off in search of something to fill the gap; but, search in the very places that created the problem in the first place, the material realm (the towns).

Once again, 'lockdown' is deflecting us from our normal everyday rhythms; jumbling up the flow of events. Perhaps, there is fear, annoyance, uncertainty and anxiety. It might also be a time for exercising Faith, for sensing where God is in it all. With our focus on God, through the everyday events where we discern Him, we might, like the wise virgins, enter the Kingdom of Heaven (wedding hall) on earth.



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OUR CHURCHES

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Most Holy Redeemer
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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. Pop into the Newman Room and say hello! Please register online at: <https://salisburycatholics.org> click "Registration/update"

**REGISTERED PARISHIONERS
TO DATE : 2685**

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

This Sunday, 8 November is Remembrance Sunday, we have the story of 'The Unknown Warrior' on our website, authored by our own Joseph Falzon with an accompanying video. To read and view this beautiful but sad story click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go direct to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/we-will-remember-them>

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - 9 NOVEMBER

The Basilica of St John Lateran, cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, was dedicated to Christ the Saviour in the fourth century. The anniversary has been celebrated as a feast of the Latin Church on this date since the twelfth century. This feast honours the local church of Rome as a link with earliest Christian traditions and as a sign of our communion in Christ. For more information go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/lateran-basilica> or click the image in the 'Top News' box on our website.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Click the images in the 'Top News' box or use the links below.

Saint Leo the Great - 10 November <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/saint-leo>

Saint Martin of Tours - 11 November <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/saint-martin-tours>

Saint Josaphat - 12 November <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/saint-josaphat>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to 17 children who made their First Holy Communion Mass in St Osmund's and Holy Redeemer churches over the last two weeks. The photographs and Mass recordings can be found on our 'Church TV' page. It is with very real regret that, in accordance with government policy and direction from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, we now have to postpone our remaining two First Communion Masses. As soon as we are able to open once again for public worship, we will begin making arrangements for these to go ahead. Please keep our First Communion children in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will now NOT be going ahead as planned in November. This is a real disappointment to candidates, families and our parish community. We will have to wait a little longer but this WILL go ahead in time. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptism preparation courses are currently being run via Zoom. You are invited to participate in a preparation course prior to the baptism of your child. To join a course or for more information, please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email john@alabare.org

GARDENING AT ST OSMUND'S

Thanks to all those who volunteered for our planned gardening session - sadly, we will now have to wait until the current lockdown restrictions are lifted again. When they are, we will plan another date to get together in the garden.

GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Gift Aid Envelopes: If you would like to receive your numbered Gift Aid envelopes, please call 01722 562703 or email office@salisburycatholics.org However, due to the risks involved in handling cash, we would prefer parishioners to make their offerings via bank transfer/standing order quoting Offertory followed by their envelope number e.g. OFFERTORY ENV 10. Call or email the parish office if you need to be reminded of your number or our bank details or need any help to achieve this. If you are a taxpayer and do not currently Gift Aid your donation, please contact us to set this up. Many thanks.

NEW GOVERNMENT LOCKDOWN EFFECTIVE FROM THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER - 2 DECEMBER

Due to the most recent government restrictions, we cannot celebrate public Masses. We will continue to livestream Masses on our Church TV system throughout the lockdown, keeping us together in prayer whilst we are separated physically from one another. We are reverting to the same Mass schedule that we had in place during the first national lockdown (March-July). We are, however, permitted to open churches for private, individual prayer. Please see the back page for full details of the Mass schedule and church opening times.

Masses will take place in St Osmund and are livestreamed and recorded and can be viewed on our website at: <https://salisburycatholics.org/st-osmunds>

CALL TO PRAYER On Wednesday 4 November a statement was issued by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP on the new government lockdown “that despite profound misgivings it is important that we, as responsible citizens, observe these regulations”. We are also called to pray for a moment each day at 18:00 for the end of the pandemic. To read the full statement click the image in the ‘Top News’ box or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/four-week-national-lockdown-england-and-call-prayer>

NOVEMBER: PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD During November we pray especially for the Holy Souls. If you would like to have the names of your departed loved ones placed before the altar, please call 01722 562703 or email office@salisburycatholics.org The names already placed before the altars at St Gregory and Holy Redeemer have now been brought to St Osmund. Our Friday evening Masses (**19:00, livestream ONLY**) during November will be celebrated for all those named.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS We have a video reflection on last weekend’s Gospel (All Saints). The reflection is just over 3 minutes long and well worth listening to. To access, please click on the ‘The God Who Speaks’ button on our Homepage or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/god-who-speaks>

PAUSE FOR FAITH We have a timely presentation by Fr Stephen Wang recorded during the first lockdown, on how we can make a good spiritual communion and the graces we receive from it. Please click on the ‘Pause for Faith’ button on our Homepage or go directly to <https://salisburycatholics.org/pause-faith>

CREDO Fr Andrew Eburne continues his journey through the articles of the Creed. We have the fifth podcast in the series ‘the only begotten Son of God’. For this, and the previous four, (more to follow) just click on the image in the ‘Top News’ box or go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/credo>

SUNDAY HOMILY We have the latest podcast from Bishop Robert Barron on this Sunday 8 November. The Bible is not the story of the human quest for God, instead, the Bible is the story of God’s quest for us. Click on the ‘Sunday Homily’ button on our Homepage or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/sunday-homily>

SCRIPTURE IN SONG This feature associates an element of scripture with song each month. For November we have ‘Kingdom on Earth’ (Mt 5:1-12). Previous months are also available: October (‘I am with you always’ Mt 28:19-20), September (Ps 103), August (‘Love one another’ Mt 22:36-40), and July (‘Do not worry’ Mt 6:25-34). Just click on the button ‘Scripture in Song’ or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/scripture-song>

PARENTING FOR FAITH. We have the last of 8 video sessions called ‘Helping Children Connect with Church’. You can find this and the previous sessions by clicking on the ‘Adult & Child Faith Formation’ button on our Homepage and then on ‘Parenting for Faith’ or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/parenting-faith>

CHILDREN’S LITURGY We have a short video on last weekend’s Feast of All Saints. To access click on ‘Church TV’ then select ‘Children’s Liturgy or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/childrens-liturgy>

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Ordinary Time Week 32 and Psalter 4

ALL LITURGIES WILL OCCUR WITHOUT A PUBLIC
CONGREGATION PRESENT
MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED
AND RECORDED FROM ST OSMUND

<https://salisbury Catholics.org/church-tv>

Saturday 7 November

10:00 MASS Alan Hall RIP

SUNDAY 8 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10:00 MASS For the Fallen of War

12:00 Ordinariate MASS

18:00 MASS Yvonne Fox RIP



'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.'

Please note - there will be no Polish Mass this weekend.

Monday 9 November DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

10:00 MASS Jim Russell RIP

19:00 MASS Birthday Remembrance for Alan Dobson and
Albert Wilkson RIP

Tuesday 10 November Saint Leo the Great

10:00 MASS Lt Col Selby Bennett (RWxY) RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 Benediction

19:00 MASS

Wednesday 11 November Saint Martin of Tours

10:00 MASS Mrs Joan Webster RIP

11:00 Act of Remembrance (livestream only)

19:00 Ordinariate MASS



Please note that due to the Act of Remembrance, St Osmund's will not
open for Private Prayer on this day until 11.30

Thursday 12 November Saint Josephat

10:00 MASS Mary Robson RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 Benediction

19:00 MASS

Friday 13 November

10:00 MASS

19:00 MASS For the Holy Souls

Saturday 14 November Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese

10:00 MASS

Spiritual Communion is the heartfelt desire to receive Our Lord, even
when we are unable to be present. The desire to receive him through
spiritual Communion is an act of love which prolongs our thanksgiving
even when we are not in the Eucharistic presence of Our Lord.

*My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy
Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into
my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come
spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite
myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen*

COMMUNION



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POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Universal: Artificial Intelligence

That the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence
may always serve humankind.

<https://salisbury Catholics.org/pope-francis>

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for all the religious communities in
our diocese.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember all those who have died: Yvonne Fox,
Janet Brown, Sheila Miles, Teresa Vanderputt, Felicity
Detemple, and all those whose anniversaries occur at
this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER

St Osmund

10:30 - 14:00 - the church will be open.

Outside of these hours, please ring on the presbytery
door to be given access to the church.

St Gregory

If you would like access to the church for private prayer,
please ring the doorbell at the presbytery on St
Gregory's Avenue between 12:00 - 14:00 and Fr
Jonathan, if at home, will unlock the church for you.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Wisdom 6:12-16

Ps 62

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!**

Matthew 25:1-13

MARRIAGES

Under the current guidelines, these must be deferred.
Please speak to the priest for further guidance.

FUNERALS

Please speak to the priest for guidance - **current
Government guidance imposes a maximum of 30
attendees.**

BAPTISMS

In accordance with government guidelines, all baptisms
booked prior 2 December have been postponed.
Baptism preparation courses are taking place on Zoom.
Contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or
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