

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 26(A)

From Father Anthony

Re-wilding is one thing – and it has attracted bugs, butterflies and other beasties; and provided a better playground for the cats and birds. But weeds in between the pathways and around the church... that's another thing! It was a really hot day just before the rains. Sparrows barrelled around; Gangsters cawed and circled: the Gunslinger eyed me provocatively! I convinced myself that it was too hot, and *'no, I was not going to make a start on the weeds*. Half an hour later, the mythical sergeant major barking in my ear, I was on my knees, dripping sweat, attacking weeds, clipping hedges and generally tidying the place up. Think one thing... do another!

Very often what we say does not reflect what we do; this also extends to the sub vocal, internal voice... the conversations we have 'in our heads'. Jesus speaks to this. He speaks to the Chief Priests and Elders who, spiritually, represent our conditioned, domesticated, formularised thinking, especially in matters of Religion, Politics and Nationality. He asks, *'what do you think'*. The word used is *dokeó: δοκέω*. It means to have an opinion; it reflects our personal perspective, our values, how we make subjective judgment calls. Throughout the Gospel we are asked to examine and challenge these opinions, changing our mind and heart, when necessary (*repentance*). Very often the Pharisaic aspect of our mind speaks about God and the Spirit; upholds church teaching, morality and religion; yet, inside we condemn others by race or social status, pass the homeless by, repudiate the politician for lying while lying ourselves... and so on. We are superficially religious yet spiritually blind!

The hypocritical, two faced, *'say one thing do another'*, side of our nature is normal and natural for human nature sundered apart from God, alone and frightened, taking refuge among the crowd: protecting itself. Yet this attracts Jesus to us! To *'hear'* or feel His presence is the point. When He says, *'what is your opinion'*, He may be asking, *'what is your opinion of yourself'*.... *which of the two sons in the parable represent you; are you a mixture of them both?* An examination of oneself is not aimed at self-recrimination or self-loathing but hearing the very *voice* addressing us; Christ working within. It is awareness of Christ's Presence that harmonises what we say with what we do. Then, the lives we lead reflect Spirit to the world.



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Chapel of the Holy Family
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NEW TO THE PARISH?
We wish you a very warm welcome.
Please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org>
click "Registration/update"

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY 2023 - 6 OCTOBER

Family Fast Day is on Friday 6 October. By eating a simple meal and giving what you save, you'll be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by disease and poverty, displaced from their homes and communities by the climate crisis. If you wish to donate, CAFOD envelopes are available in all our churches to take away this weekend and can be dropped into the regular collection in the following weekends. For the promotional video and other ways to donate please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

In addition, we are asking everyone to bring food item/s (tinned and packaged) to Mass next weekend 7 & 8 October to be shared with The Pantry and The Salisbury Food Bank to help those in our city who may struggle to feed themselves/their families this coming winter.

Love the Stranger - Following on from the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees which took place last Sunday, the Bishops' Conference have published 24 guiding principles in video form (endorsed by the Holy See, COMECE, CAFOD, CSAN and Caritas Social Action). These can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

St Paul Sunday Missal's 2024 Cycle B We are ordering these one-year missals (approx. £8 depending on P&P costs) for the forthcoming liturgical year. If you would like to order one, please inform the parish office ideally by email office@salisburycatholics.org or ring 01722 562703.

After School Club continues on Wednesdays 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).

Youth Sessions - Trial sessions for teenagers in Years 10-12 have been arranged. The first session is on the 18 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.

Stations of Creation Walk held last Sunday was very well attended with 27 people (and a dog!). A big thank you goes to all who those who contributed to the success of the walk.

My Generation Sale on the 20 September raised £288 which will go towards club activities. Names of the prize winners are on St Gregory's Church notice board. The next meeting is on Wednesday 4 October 2023 for Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Serving Plates - We *still* have a few serving plates that were brought by parishioners for the BBQ in July. Do please claim them from the Parish Office. Unclaimed items will be given to charity if not claimed by 31 October.

Visit to Westminster Cathedral being organised by Salisbury Catenians on Wednesday 15 November. Places still available, please contact Steve via email: carrivick79@gmail.com or phone 07887 988123.

16TH ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS

The synodal process which has undergone Diocesan, National, and Continental stages, will culminate in two global assemblies at the Vatican. The first will take place this month, 4 to 28 October and the second in October 2024 to advise the Pope on the topic 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'.

For a preview of this month's Synod and also the opportunity to join a series of webinars organised by Clifton Diocese (Adult Education) click on 'Synod' on our main menu or [click here](#).

PARISH CENTRE

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. Keen to be involved? Speak to one of the priests, deacons or contact the Parish Office. 01722 562703.

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 first meeting will now be on 18 October at 7pm in the St Osmund's Parish Rooms.

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 1 October at 4.30pm in the Parish Rooms next to St Osmund's Church on Exeter Street.

For more information and the schedules for both programmes please visit 'Exploring Your Faith' on our main menu or [click here](#)

Life in The Spirit! The third seminar held last Friday featured a talk by Deacon John Detain on 'The Power of The Holy Spirit'. This Friday 29 September after the evening Mass at St Osmund there will be a talk on 'The Gifts of The Holy Spirit'. 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](#).

Talk on the Shroud of Turin next Tuesday 3 October, 7pm St Osmund's Parish Rooms Fr Robert Stewart, parish priest of Aldershot in the Diocese of Portsmouth, is coming to St Osmund's to give a presentation on the scientific study of the Shroud, from the 1980s up to the most recent developments which hit the headlines this year. For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). All are invited.

Congratulations and Welcome - to Jace Jeremiah Alexander who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Saturday at St Osmund. Please keep Jace, his mother Lavinda and his godparents in your prayers

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. Please register with the Parish Office on 01722 562703. To apply for a baptism please complete a 'Baptism Application' by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

Preparation for the Sacraments - 2024

First Holy Communion The next session is on Saturday 14 October 2pm at St Gregory for both parents and children. . To view all the information with the schedule click on Sacraments on our main menu then Holy Communion or [click here](#).

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

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 26 and Psalter 2

Saturday 30 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Angela Doubtfire RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Patricia Jane Kimber RIP

SUNDAY 1 October

09:00 St Gregory MASS Deceased members of the Brook & Kenny families

09:00 St Osmund MASS Recovery of Alice Peter & Jebin John

11:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

Monday 2 October Holy Guardian Angels

10:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

Tuesday 3 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Hugh McLean RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 4 October Saint Francis of Assisi

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Pauline Learnihan RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 5 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS John-Paul Pearson RIP

14:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Elaine Herring RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 6 October CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

10:00 St Gregory MASS Frank Farley RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Webb RIP

Saturday 7 October Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00 St Osmund MASS Clive Bogie RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Jack & Frances O'Malley RIP

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 St Peter (Cirencester), St Aldhelm (Malmesbury) with St Michael (Tetbury).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalms 24

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Philippians 2:1-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Matthew 21:28-32

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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