

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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From Father Anthony

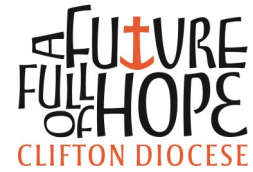
It was a day with an identity crisis... all four seasons, repeating. I walked along Catherine Street to the square. Market day was ending... chaos. The serried ranks of colourful stalls were now reduced to poles, tarpaulins, open doored vans and bodies heaving this and that. I called out teasingly to those I knew and made my way towards the bridge... umbrella unfurled. Later the square had returned to its normal peace and calm.

The Gospel passage describes the human condition and the effects of unbalanced human nature referred to last week. We are created by God in a relationship of son or daughter - *we are not accidents of biology*. We have a religious nature (*vineyard*) within which to develop this relationship: boundaries have been set to give the relationship shape (*hedges*). We are given a deep sense of who we are, our I Am (*winepress*): made of the same essence as the Father so that we can recognise and communicate with Him. Our experience is set in a body (*tower*). This is our stall. But: have we taken it down!

The husbandmen - that part of our nature created to supervise spiritual development (*season of fruits*) - have taken over and reduced everything to a function of human laws, personal gain, and subtle idolatry (*materialism*). Chaos. Any spiritual assistance sent to us (*servants and son*) is seen as an intrusion. The light cannot enter because we lean towards darkness. We have become a function of worldliness: empty human laws and religious practices devoid of the true light. Have we become unbalanced?

The True Light, of course, can never be defeated by darkness. Our task is to redress the lack of balance and let the light in (*put those wretches to a wretched end*). How?

Our natural spiritual light is *awareness*: the ability to see, (*illuminate*) what we do through observation. We can illuminate our thinking, feeling and doing, balancing what we see against our natural religious sense (*conscience*). Next, we can try to see some good in every situation because, God is in everything; we can find something of Him wherever we are and in whatever we see. Finally, we can remain open to everything; which is not the same as following everything! In this openness we might see what we have rejected... which might become the corner stone on which we shape our character in the Father's image.



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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
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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"

PRISONERS' SUNDAY - 8 OCTOBER

Prisoners' Sunday is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we serving those affected by imprisonment. For more click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary with the liturgical feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary** this Saturday 7 October. On this feast the Rosary will be prayed on three occasions during the day at St Osmund: after the 10am Mass, 12 noon and 6pm. Additionally the 'Salve Regina' will be sung after each weekday Mass during the month and a Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary from 23 to 31 October.

Family Fast Day is Friday 6 October. If you wish to donate, CAFOD envelopes are available in all our churches and can be dropped into the regular collection. For the promotional video and other ways to donate 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 this 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.

St Paul Sunday Missals 2024 Cycle B We now have only two remaining of these one-year missals (£8). If you would like to have 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).

Food and Friendship Parish lunch next Thursday 12 October. Please arrive at midday for a 12.30pm lunch in St Gregory's Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for a home-cooked lunch. We do ask for a small donation to cover the cost of food. For more information contact Jane via email: jane.waspe@btinternet.com

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. **Contact the office** if you'd like more information.

SCORE update: At the September committee meeting, the following grants were awarded: The Hope Exchange, Cape Town received £4,500 for a new project to relieve homelessness; St. Joseph's Catholic school received £1,500 towards library books; Alabaré's drop-in centre for rough sleepers received a grant of £3,120 and the Ukraine Fund, administered by SCORE, transferred £776 to Salisbury Community Hub for Ukraine. More details and feedback can be found on the website. [Click here](#).

Talk on the Shroud of Turin given by Fr Robert Stewart last Tuesday was well attended by over 60 of our parishioners. Photos, provided by Deacon Steve, can be found in our Photo Gallery or you can [click here](#).

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 18 October 2023 for a Quiz 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.

Christmas Cards have appeared in the shops...and in the Parish Office too! Please bear witness to your faith by sending cards that are Christian in nature and support worthy causes. We are once again selling cards in support of Aid to the Church in Need. These can be purchased from the parish office during the week and will be available to buy after Masses next weekend.

General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops - The synodal process is now culminating in two global assemblies at the Vatican. The first is taking place now from 4 to 28 October and the second will be in October 2024. 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](#). Here you will find a video of the first in the series, a presentation by Bishop John Arnold on 'We Are the People of God - Lumen Gentium'.

Life in The Spirit! The fourth seminar held last Friday featured talks by Xanthe Vanderputt on 'The Gifts of The Holy Spirit' and by Gerlinde Symons on 'Eucharistic Adoration'. This Friday 6 October after the evening Mass at St Osmund there will be a talk on 'Baptism 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](#).

Congratulations and Welcome - to Finley David Stimson who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Saturday at St Gregory. Please keep Finley, his parents Kimberley & David 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. To apply for 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 14 October 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 by the 31 October**. All parents of Year 9 children on our database should have received an invitation via email last week. Register by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our home page or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 27 and Psalter 3

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

SUNDAY 8 October

09:00 St Gregory MASS Kevin Hunt RIP 50th Anniversary

09:00 St Osmund MASS Private Intention

11:00 St Osmund MASS Elizabeth Kane & Patricia Knott RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS - People of the Parish

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Derek Boston RIP

Monday 9 October **SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

10:00 St Osmund MASS Joyce Sugg & Maggie Pringle RIP

Tuesday 10 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS In thanksgiving for all friends and family of John-Paul Pearson RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 11 October

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Thanksgiving - Rani Maria Jose

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 12 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS David Palmer RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 13 October

10:00 St Gregory MASS Alma Bradley RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Saturday 14 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Rani Jose Vazhappilly RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Father Philip Endean SJ 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 Immaculate Conception (Clevedon with Yatton) and St Francis of Assisi with St Joseph (Nailsea and Portishead).

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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 79

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Philippians 4:6-9

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Matthew 21:33-43

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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