

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 24(B)

From Father Anthony

I took a pleasant walk along by the river and sat in the park. The sky had a resigned weariness about it with wisps of cloud straggling like unruly hair; the scent of approaching Autumn hung on the air. Greens gave way to a light brown and pale yellow as trees began to show their age. I made my way along listening to ducks and came across a couple some way off. She was in tears; they were clearly not having a good day! *"You have no idea who I am"*, she shouted and walked away, determinedly. *'Go after her'*, I thought to myself. He did and after more 'words' they were in each other's arms. I turned discretely away, not wishing to invade their privacy.

It is a question directed to you and me by Jesus; a simple question, *"Who do you say I Am"*? The moment you know *who* He is, you know *that* He is. He is no longer a concept, an idea, a story; He is a living person encountered within. It is not an encounter we can demand but a free gift of grace (*unmerited favour*) from Jesus to you and me. He imparts Himself. But, do we want Him? We are all at very different stages of life and in a sense *one size does not fit all*; and, out of courtesy Jesus will not give us what we either don't really want or are not ready for. But when we are ready, when we *have* to know *who* He is: when we can't go on without knowing Him; then, through the Spirit, the circumstances of life will conspire so that we will find Him and be able to say with Peter, *"you are the Christ the Son of the living God"*.

If it is our wish, our desire to find and know Him then listen to the Gospel: *Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me*. Spiritually, taking up our cross is letting our old self die by surrendering it to Him, Jesus, whilst forming the intention not to live independently of Him. It means developing a faith and trust that everything, absolutely everything, can and must be handed over to Him; He will sort it out. Our responsibility is to make it His responsibility. This leaves us free to live and work in Him.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?
We wish you a very warm welcome.
Please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org>
["Registration/update"](#)

ST GEORGE'S, WARMINSTER - TO BE SERVED FROM SALISBURY

Fr Martin Queenan, current parish priest in Warminster has been appointed by Bishop Bosco to serve as a parish priest in the Forest of Dean. Due to declining clergy numbers, there will be no resident priest in Warminster from the beginning of October and that parish will be served by the current priests of our Pastoral Area (St Edith of Wilton). Fr Anthony is to be appointed parish priest. In due course, this will have an impact on many aspects of the life of our parishes as our priests serve larger areas.

FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW, Saturday 21 September click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Retiring Collections after Masses this weekend (14 & 15 Sept) for **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday** (formerly known as Home Mission Sunday) to support the work of our Bishops' Conference in their work of encounter, evangelisation and liturgy. See 'Top News' on our website or [click here](#)

SCORE - There will be a retiring collection next weekend 21 & 22 September for Home projects. An update on recent SCORE grants is also attached to this newsletter.

The Right to Life from Conception to Natural Death - Parishioner Andy Lyon is running a half marathon in October 2024 to raise funds for and awareness about the work of SPUC and their 'Lives Worth Living' campaign to halt the drive towards the introduction of Assisted Dying in the UK. For more and to sponsor Andy, go to: <http://bit.ly/AndySPUC>

Katherine Hampton from SPUC will be giving a talk about their work in St Gregory's Hall next Wednesday 18 September at 7pm followed by a Q&A session until 9pm. Tea & biscuits before the meeting from 6.30pm.

Adoremus - In conjunction with the National Eucharistic Congress this Saturday, there will be Exposition/Adoration in St Osmund's Church from 3pm culminating in Benediction at 5.30pm. For more click on the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Parish Quiz tomorrow Saturday 14 September. In St Gregory's Hall after the 6pm Mass. Teams of six are welcome (we will also form ad hoc teams on the night so please come along to meet new people). Tea and coffee will be available but please bring your own food and drinks either for yourselves or for sharing.

Sarum Talks - In the first of what is intended to become a series of talks on matters of cultural, historical or social interest, Dr Paul Shrimpton of Magdalen College, Oxford will be delivering a talk entitled 'Resisting Hitler: the story of the White Rose students in Munich'. The talk will take place at the Parish Centre at 7.30pm on Saturday 21 September and refreshments will be provided! All welcome - for more information please contact Andrew Tucker (tuckerandrew1893@gmail.com 07941 993561)

Celebration of Mary Fleming's Birthday - The Mass on Wednesday was offered for Mary's intentions, followed by a gathering in St. Gregory's Hall, where cake was enjoyed by all. It turns out, the secret to a vibrant community is prayer... and a lot of cake! For the photos please visit our '[Photo Gallery](#)' or [click here](#).

Rosary in the Cathedral - The Rosary is prayed by Catholics and Anglicans in Salisbury Cathedral on the third Friday of each month at 12 o'clock. The next meeting will be on Friday 20 September. If you would like to join us we meet in the cathedral Refectory 1130-1150 before going into the Cathedral.

My Generation will be meeting next Wednesday 18 September 2024 for various games at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. Contact Chris on 01722 321109.



YOUTH MINISTRY - A NEW ERA!



We as a parish are placing renewed emphasis on the young people in our parish. It is some years since we have had a thriving youth scene and the work of building up a vibrant and faithful youth community in our parish **has begun**. How can you get involved? **Pray**... please pray for the success of all our new initiatives. **Participate**... encourage your young person to join one of our groups! Young at heart but not actually young? Perhaps you could help? Regularly or occasionally - come to our training day on 21 September (see below), **Publicise**...tell your friends, your children's friends, your family all about what's going on.

NEW Youth Group - Fr Joseph extends a very warm invitation to anyone in Years 8 to 11 who'd like to meet up, relax, play games, chat about faith, ask questions, and pray. Every Wednesday night, 6.30 to 8pm (during term time) in St Osmund's Parish Rooms (hall by the church). **First session is next Wednesday 18 September**. See you there! All the dates can be found by clicking on 'Youth Group' on our homepage or [click here](#).

Confirmation 2025 If you have a child that is in Year 9 or above who may be interested in finding out more about this programme, **there is a mandatory pre-Enrolment meeting for Parents & Candidates on Tuesday 8 October at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms**. For more information and dates click on 'Confirmation' on our homepage or [click here](#). If you are registered with the parish and have a child in Year 9 you will also be receiving an email about this. Not registered? Do it now! [Click here](#).

Family of Faith Starting in October, we will be launching a new 'Family of Faith' community, which will be open to families with children in Years 2 to 5. This will include, but not be limited to, those preparing to make their **First Holy Communion**. Meeting on Sunday mornings, after the 9am Masses, at our Parish Centre on Exeter Street. There will be a time of prayer, followed by separate activities for children, and input and discussion for parents, finishing at 12 noon. Please register your interest by clicking on 'Family of Faith' on our homepage or [click here](#). More resources will be added to this web page as they become available.

Family of Faith - Volunteers' Session - Many thanks to those who have offered to help us run our new Family of Faith programme on Sunday mornings, and Youth Group on Wednesday evenings... and to those who intend to but have not yet come forward! Please make every effort to attend the training session with Georgia on Saturday 21 September, starting with 10am Mass at St Osmund's, and continuing in the Parish Centre until 4pm. All welcome.

YOUTH Pilgrim Walk to Shaftesbury Abbey - All teenagers. Fr Joseph is leading a pilgrimage walk between Wardour Castle and Shaftesbury Abbey, on Sunday 6 October. It's about 8 miles easy going along an ancient pilgrim way - those who don't perish by the wayside will get a pilgrim's stamp from the Abbey (and maybe an ice cream, and definitely God's grace!). Depending on numbers, we can arrange transport following our 9am Masses in Salisbury to the departure point. To register please visit <https://forms.office.com/e/cbEtxV1r5a>

A Man for All Seasons In January, the Theatre Royal in Bath is hosting a production of A Man for All Seasons, a wonderful play about the life and martyrdom of St Thomas More. Fr Joseph is taking a group from the parish, so we have reserved some tickets for the 2.30pm matinee performance on Saturday 18th January 2025. If possible, Fr Joseph would love to give some of our young people the chance to go and have that experience. So please consider coming yourself, but please also consider whether you could sponsor a young person's ticket. Tickets are at the discounted price of £35 (exc. travel to Bath, which we will arrange separately). Please contact the office in the usual way. Tickets will be first come, first served; secured on payment.

Journey in Faith returns this month. These sessions are for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. We will meet on a Sunday morning to learn about what it is Christians believe, why they believe it, and explore what it means for our own lives. This programme can lead to becoming a confirmed Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, should you choose to do so and when you feel ready. For more click on 'Journey in Faith' on our home page or [click here](#).

The first session in the new series is this Sunday 15 September at 10.30am at the Parish Centre. Please contact Dave Blake via the Parish Office office@salisbury Catholics.org if you would like to find out more or if you are interested in joining.

Bible Timeline Talks Save the dates! This promises to be a really fascinating series of 8 talks on Wednesday nights, beginning on 9 October, at 7pm in the Parish Centre. These talks give an overview of the whole Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, and to see how our favourite characters and stories fit together in the overall narrative. This will be a combination of talks, and discussions in small groups and will be accessible and interesting. Hopefully, they will also become a way of opening up a deeper relationship with God through His Word, especially as we prepare to adopt the new translation of the Lectionary (readings at Mass) from this Advent. For more click on the 'The Bible Timeline' button on the homepage or [click here](#).

First Friday Talks began last Friday 6 September with a talk given by Rev Rob Taylor on 'Ministry of Love'. A video of the talk is on our website. Please click on 'First Friday Talks' on our homepage or [click here](#). The next talk will be on Friday 4 October after the 7pm Mass in the Parish Centre by Rev Philip Rhoades on 'Hospital Chaplaincy'.

Radiant A new group for women looking to deepen their prayer life, build supportive friendships and grow in faith. A set of monthly get-togethers, starting tonight Friday 13 September. Join us for Mass at 7pm (St Osmund) followed by food, conversation and faith sharing till 9.30pm in the comfortable setting of the Parish Centre. For information contact Xanthe 07904 589360 or click on 'Radiant' on our homepage or [click here](#).

Men's Breakfast is aimed at all men in the Parish. We will start with a short prayer followed by a cooked breakfast. Following breakfast will be a short talk by a guest speaker and discussion or questions. Tickets will be £10. The first breakfast will be on Saturday 26 October 08:00 to 10:00 at the Parish Centre. Please do contact Deacon John Proctor to register so that we know the numbers to cater for.

Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré) has returned on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre excluding the last Tuesday in the month when you are invited to the monthly 'Evening Supper' (see below). All are welcome.

Evening Supper on the last Tuesday of each month. The Alabaré Community host a supper for parishioners. All are most welcome but please contact Deacons John Proctor or Steve Godwin to register so that we know the numbers to cater for. There is no charge. The next supper is Tuesday 24 September in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

Congratulations to Carla Rouse & Ian Jacobs who were married in St Gregory's last Saturday. We pray for Carla and Ian that their home will be filled with happiness and love.

Baptism Preparation Course The next course is at St Gregory starting on 6 October (and then 13 & 20) with 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the sacristy. If you plan to attend, please contact the Parish Office. To register for a Baptism please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#). All the course dates can be found by clicking on 'Baptism' on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 24 Psalter 4

SATURDAY 14 September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

10:00 St Osmund MASS Charles & Marie Yamatay

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 15 September

09:00 St Gregory MASS Andrew Cushing RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Barry Shrimpton RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS In thanksgiving

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

15:00 St Osmund Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund MASS Dolores & Charles Mattocks RIP

Monday 16 September Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

10:00 St Osmund MASS Ross Burns RIP

Tuesday 17 September St Edith of Wilton

10:00 St Osmund MASS Roberta Tibon RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 18 September

10:00 St Gregory MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 19 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:00 St Gregory Funeral Ruby Spokes RIP

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS Des Clifford RIP

Friday 20 September Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

10:00 St Gregory MASS Edward Mahony RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

SATURDAY 21 September SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE

10:00 St Osmund MASS For the Holy Souls

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after the 10am Mass & Saturdays
17:30 until Mass

St Osmund: On the first Saturday of the month from 9am to 12
noon, and on other Saturdays after the 10am Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for September

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live- [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for the parishes of St Patrick (Brockworth) and Lady of Perpetual Succour (Churchdown).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

John (Sean) Coady, Ruby Spokes, Hansel Antony D'Cruz, Ross Burns, Dr Graham Heeley, Kay Flood, Maire Anne D'Alton, Dennis Hardiman & Barry Shrimpton 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:

Isaiah 50:5-9

Psalms 114:1-6,8-9

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

James 2:14-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!**

Mark 8:27-35

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 is coming to Mass regularly, for whom preparation for First Communion may be appropriate, please use our online form to register your interest. [Click here](#)

CONFIRMATION If you have a child who in secondary school from Sept 2024, please use our online form to register your interest in our youth faith formation. [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 Desiree for more details:
office@salisbury Catholics.org



Resisting Hitler: the story of the White Rose students in Munich

*Dr Paul Shrimpton
Magdalen College School Oxford*

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2024

7:30pm *followed by
Q&A and
refreshments*

*St Osmund's Parish Centre
131 Exeter Street,
Salisbury, SP1 2SG*



SCORE news and feedback
**'You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. This is how prayer works'.
Pope Francis**

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Salisbury Street Pastors

A SCORE grant will be used to support volunteers by providing training and uniforms, as well as essential items such as water, space blankets, ponchos and flip-flops.

The Salisbury Street Pastors family includes volunteers from our own parish. Supporting Salisbury Street Pastors shows:

'the Catholic community are part of those who care about the safety of others on our city streets.'

New volunteers complete 50 hours of training and then patrol one shift a month for at least 2 years.

Interested in becoming volunteer? salisbury@streetpastors.org.uk



ACET (Aids Care Education and Training)

This charity works with girls and women in Zimbabwe. It offers training and education which will lead to employment opportunities, rather than the dangers associated with trafficking.

A grant from SCORE will help with this work.

Home-Start South Wiltshire

Provides support for families with children under 5 who are struggling to cope. A SCORE grant will be used to train volunteers who can then visit families weekly for up to one year.

Many referrals to Home-Start are made by health visitors. One experienced Health Visitor writes:

'I have referred families for several reasons including multiple births, emotional wellbeing, children with developmental delay leading to challenging behaviour, and parents who have experienced challenging childhoods themselves ...'

The services provided by Home-Start are in great demand and more volunteers are needed. Interested in volunteering? Contact homestartsouthwilts.org.uk



'The SCORE committee hugely appreciates the continuing generosity of you, our parishioners, enabling us to provide much needed financial support to so many excellent charitable projects both home and overseas. Your contributions are truly life changing and vital to these charities ability to fulfil their objectives. Please continue to support SCORE and we welcome new applications, whether home or overseas, especially where there is a link with one of our own parish members.' Peter Pelly, SCORE Chair.

Operation Imprezza

Supports a school of 320 pupils in Western Kenya. Many of the children are orphans, all are poor. The school provides 3 meals a day and places for some boarders.

A new trustee visiting the school earlier this year writes:

'The conditions that I saw were humbling and sobering ... barely any food and a lot of illness and disease.'

A grant from SCORE will be used to help feed the children by cultivating a piece of land which will supply the school with crops, and produce from chickens and a cow.

'I can only reiterate my thanks to you and say that the money will all be well spent and gratefully received.'

EdUKaid is a locally based educational charity with strong ties to our parish community.

A SCORE grant was made to fund its work in the Mtwara region of South Tanzania. Specifically it will fund the salaries of 3 teachers and 3 teaching assistants for one year.



More information about SCORE can be found on the Parish website salisburycatholics.org under the heading 'Parish Life'.

A grant application form can be found here as well as updates, and dates of meetings and collections.



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