

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 33 (B)

### From Father Anthony

I stood outside with my thoughts for company and a mug of tea. An early morning blackbird greeted the day: clouds drifted. The garden is almost asleep. Most of the leaves have fallen and litter the path: hollyhocks have gone, vines, like the author, are bald and what was once vibrant, colourful and alert is now resigned, dull and droopy. It may seem sad and lamentable yet the coming of winter also brings thoughts of the delights of spring which will soon follow. During the death of winter, life will germinate; nature will prepare herself for a new bloom.

*"In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken".* The Gospel passage, in context, refers to the fall of the Temple: it also refers to you and me. Most people have their ups and downs, their horrors and catastrophes, their depressions and lamentations. And it is never a nice experience. But, to the wiser mind, these are like gongs sounding; loud calls to read the signs of our personal interior times. We are created to love God and one another. Not just as an academic or ideological exercise... but for real! This is the point of creation... *to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind etc, and your neighbour as yourself.* If we are not engaged in this, for real, we *miss the mark* (sin). No wonder we suffer because, we are not doing what we were created to do. Once this is seen and understood, *in mind and heart*, winter changes to spring: the Son of Man comes on the clouds of our lives and in His face we see our reflection, our family resemblance to the Creator, Our Father, God.

If we are already experiencing the coldness of Advent; remember the warmth of the infant Jesus is to come. If we see, beyond the conspiracy theorist, a world seemingly spinning out of control we are seeing the consequences of a world that has taken its eyes of God and deified itself instead. This seeing and understanding is everything if it engenders spiritual action. No need for accusations and alarm; no need for blame. But, a great need for a *change of mind and heart.*

**Sunday 17 November is World Day of the Poor** - there are more details on our website [click here](https://salisburycatholics.org)



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### OUR CHURCHES

**St Osmund**

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**St Gregory & the English Martyrs**

St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

**Chapel of the Good Shepherd**

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### NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online at:

<https://salisburycatholics.org>

["Registration/update"](#)



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Salisbury Catholic Churches

**MASS TIME CHANGE** From TODAY Friday 15 November, the **Friday evening Mass** moves from 7pm to **6pm**. Mass-attenders may park in St Osmund's School car park but **ONLY** until 7pm. At 7pm the gates will be locked (by school staff), so ensure that you move your car before 7pm or it may be locked in for the weekend.

**The Reality of Assisted Dying: Understanding the Issues - TONIGHT at 7pm in the Parish Centre** with Professor Julian Hughes who will join us to speak and lead a discussion.

**On Sunday at all of our Masses**, a letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be read and pre-prepared postcards to send to MPs will be distributed to everyone. Please complete your details, affix a stamp and post. If this is difficult for you for whatever reason but you would like to send a card, please sign and add your details whilst at church and we will send for you.

**SCORE** - There is a retiring collection this weekend 16 & 17 November for SCORE overseas projects

**Parish Christmas Bazaar:** Please come along to the Parish Christmas Bazaar, to be held in St Gregory's Hall next Sunday 24 November 2024 from 10-1200hrs. Donations of quality pre-loved toys, games & books (no bric-a-brac), cakes, raffle prizes and sweets can be left in donations boxes at the back of our churches at any time. We'll keep children busy with crafting too! Questions? Contact Jez Mawdsley (07947700889).

**St Gregory's 'Fr Willis' Organ** Did you know that we have a Fr Willis 'gem' of organ in St Gregory's? [Click here](#) to watch a video all about it. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners committed to beautiful music in our liturgies, we have been able to commission the refurbishing of the soundboard to ensure that this organ can continue making music for years to come. Currently donated is £12,340 of an contract cost of £14,820. This means we currently have a **£2473 shortfall**. If you have any innovative ideas as to how we might raise the shortfall, please contact the office. If you would like to donate, there is now an 'Organ Restoration Fund' option on our donation machines in the church porches and on our [donate](#) page on the website. Thank you.

**Help needed for 11am Children's Liturgy** please contact the Parish Office, if you can help at all in leading or supporting children. Even if you could help once every 4-6 weeks, we'd be grateful to hear from you. Training available, for this rewarding and fruitful role.

**Congratulations to Anthony Gilder** who will be presented with a Gold Medal from the Guild of St Stephen for 50 years of continuous service on the altar. The presentation will occur at the 10am Mass on Monday 18 November at St Osmund followed by a celebration in the Parish Rooms after Mass. All welcome.

**Liturgical Diaries for 2025 (Year C) and Directories** are now on sale in the Parish Office. The price of the diaries is £6.50 and the directories is £6.00. These run from Advent 2024 to Christmas 2025 and are a very useful guide to the church year as well as a good clear, practical size desk-diary.

**Red Wednesday** The Annual Red Wednesday Mass in support of persecuted Christians and promoted by Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) will occur at the 10am Mass at St Gregory on Wednesday 20 November. Following Mass there will be prayers for Christian human rights defenders, pro-democracy activists and aid workers. If you cannot get to this Mass but would like to support in some way, why not buy some of our ACN Christmas Cards available for sale after Sunday Masses and from the Parish Office?

**SPUC** Christmas Coffee Morning in the **Parish Centre at 131 Exeter Street tomorrow** Saturday 16 November between 10:30 & 12:30, with Coffee & Cake, Raffle, Gifts & Christmas cards.

**Art and Craft Group** - Due to upcoming holidays their Monday morning meetings is now on hold until after Christmas.

## ADVENT - A TIME OF PREPARATION

**Advent Talks:** On the 'Four Last Things' (Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell) commence Friday 29 November 7pm at our Parish Centre. For more information do visit our Parish Planner button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Upcoming Advent Liturgies:** Sung Vespers Sunday 1 December 5pm and Advent Penitential Service Thursday 5 December 7pm, both at St Osmund.

**Advent Carol Service Tuesday 17 December 7pm at St Osmund's Church** Fr Joseph is once again organising an Advent Carol Service and is calling for singers to join him. He has organised three rehearsals which will take place on 26 November, 3 & 10 December 6pm-7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms and everyone is most welcome. Email [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org) or call 01722 562703.

**Preparing for our CHRISTMAS MASSES - HELP NEEDED** It takes the contributions of many, many parishioners to make our Christmas Masses welcoming, inclusive, vibrant, beautiful and worthy of all that we are celebrating. Everyone is busy at this time of year but if we all do a little then it becomes easy! Perhaps you've never joined in before, then maybe this is the year! Please go to our on-line questionnaire to give us an idea of the ways in which you (and your children) could help. [Click here](#) to complete the questionnaire.

## FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND - CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Without tourism, Bethlehem's lifeblood which supports 80% of the population, unemployment has surged. With the borders closed, there is no option to seek work in Israel. Prices have skyrocketed, residents are traumatised by the constant fear and anxiety for the future while their daily lives are restricted by checkpoints and roadblocks.

In support of this appeal we have on sale in the Parish Office a beautiful prayer resource at a price of £7.99. Published by 'Friends of the Holy Land' a charity supporting the most-needy Christians in the Holy Land. For more on the book and an animated promotional video click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

## SALISBURY FOODBANK - CHRISTMAS APPEAL

As in previous years, there is a box at the back of each of our Churches for the Salisbury Foodbank for donations of special Christmas 'treats' for those in our city who are struggling to afford any of the nice 'extras' that we all enjoy at this time of year. Mince pies, chocolate selection packs for children, nice nibbles etc will all be gratefully received. If you do not have time but would like to contribute, there is a 'Salisbury Foodbank' button on the donation machines in the Church porches and on our website. Many thanks for your generosity.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

**Family of Faith** THIS Sunday 17 November at our Parish Centre. This is open to families with children in Years 2 to 5 and will include, but not be limited to, those preparing to make their **First Holy Communion**. Sunday mornings *every other week* during term time after the 9am Masses, finishing at 12 noon. [Click here](#) or on 'Family of Faith' on our homepage which includes the opportunity to register.

**Youth Group** - We meet on Wednesdays at the **Parish Centre** at 6.30pm. **Do you want to join?** This is for anyone in Years 8-11 to meet up, relax, play games, chat about faith, ask questions, and pray. [click here](#).

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR ADULTS

**Radiant** A group for women looking to deepen their prayer life, build supportive friendships and grow in faith. Meets again on Friday 22 November. Join us for Mass at 6pm (St Osmund) followed by food, conversation and faith sharing till 9.30pm in the comfortable setting of the Parish Centre. For more information contact Xanthe on 07904 589360 or click on 'Radiant' on our homepage or [click here](#)

**Young(ish) Catholic Adults Group** for those in their 20s, 30s, 40s...?! We will gather again on Tuesday 19 November at 8pm in person in the St O's Parish Rooms (Green door), or join us online via Zoom. Contact Fr Joseph for the link. We meet on alternate weeks.

**The Bible Timeline** Wednesday 20 November 7pm St Osmund's Parish Rooms - Deacon John will be back for our penultimate session, picking up from the Return to Jerusalem. After that, we'll see the rise of the Greek Empire, and the Maccabean revolt (which is the origin of the Jewish festival of Hannukah). That will bring us to the end of the Old Testament. We then launch joyfully into the era of the MESSIAH, and the fulfilment of everything which has been promised so far. For more please click on Bible Timeline on our home page or [click here](#).

## SHARING OUR FAITH

**Journey in Faith** These sessions are for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. The next session is next Sunday 24 November at 10.30am at the Parish Centre. Do contact Dave Blake via the Parish Office [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org) if you are interested in joining. For more click on 'Journey in Faith' on our home page or [click here](#)

**Confirmation 2025** If you have a child that is in Year 9 or above and are interested in joining the programme, please click on 'Confirmation' on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Baptism Preparation Course** - Commences this Sunday 17 November at St Osmund with the 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the Presbytery. The next course is again at St Osmund starting 9 February 2025. To request a Baptism for your child, click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

## NEW LECTIONARY EXPLAINED

Do you want to know more about the New Lectionary that will be used at Mass, from the 1st Sunday in Advent Year C (1st December) and the English Standard Version of the Bible upon which it is based.

We have three videos from the Bishop's Conference

- What is the New Lectionary and why it is important.
- Introduction into the English Standard Version of the Bible
- Proclaiming the Word: a practical session for readers who will use the new Lectionary for the first time in Advent

To view click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

**Blessing of our New Lectionaries & Missals - Special Mass on Friday 29 November at 6pm** which will include the Blessing of all of our new editions of the Lectionary, Book of Gospels and all of the individual Sunday Missals that parishioners have ordered. It is our hope that everyone who has ordered a Sunday missal will come to this Mass if they can and collect their new Missal after it has been blessed.

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 33 Psalter 1

### Saturday 16 November Saint Edmund of Abingdon

10:00 St Osmund MASS Lyn Fitcher RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Michael Lynn RIP

### SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER

09:00 St Gregory MASS Fiona Ross RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Conaway in illness

11:00 St Osmund MASS Paul Davitt RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:30 Holy Redeemer Syro-Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

### Monday 18 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

### Tuesday 19 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Clotilde Meigh RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 20 November

#### Red Wednesday Mass

10:00 St Gregory MASS RIP M Harte & P B McCarthy

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

### Thursday 21 November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 St Osmund MASS For Kevin's recovery

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS In thanksgiving for the generosity of the Lectionary Donors

### Friday 22 November Saint Cecilia

10:00 St Gregory MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Holy Souls

### Saturday 23 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Yvonne Tabona RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS The Kenny Family RIP

## 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 November

#### For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit. - [Click here](#)

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** We pray for the parishes of St Peter (Cirencester), St Aldhelm (Malmesbury) and St Michael (Tetbury).

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fiona Ross, Veronica Fulton, Annette Grennell, Delphine Hughes, and Fr Michael Derrick 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:

*Daniel 12:1-3*

*Psalms 15*

**Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.**

*Hebrews 10:11-14,18*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

*Mark 13:24-32*

## 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 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 is in Year 9 or above from Sept 2024, please use our online form to apply to join our 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 Desiree for more details:  
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