

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 31(B)

From Father Anthony

The smell of candy floss, hot dogs, onions and charcoal mixed with a little diesel exhaust filled the air. Multicoloured lights flashed and dazzled. Machines whirled and twirled, hair trailed, voices shrieked... the fair had come to Salisbury Square! Pretty girls and tough boys loitered, parents held toddlers and watched over youngsters. Humanity at play: what a buzz! A voice rose above the cacophony; I think it said, *"listen up, listen up"*... and tempted me to shoot to win a teddy bear!

"Hear O Israel, you shall love the Lord your God"..... it is right to love God, perhaps more so than ever, when the world, in the West at least, seems to be sliding deeper into materialism. Not that materialism is bad in itself but, it has to be balanced by spirit. Without spirit there is no sense of before birth and after death; we become simple accidents of the universe; *'this is all there is, nothing more'*. Further, in order for the species to survive and evolve there is only room for the fittest. It becomes *'morally'* right to get rid of the weakest. Despatch the unnecessary, the mentally and physically sick, the incurable, the old and infirm; they are a hindrance to our survival and evolution. Finding ways to assist others to deal with interminable suffering is surely loving and compassionate. But, an Assisted Dying Bill will open a doorway to being rid of the weakest. Along with Abortion and Artificial Intelligence might we herald in Satan's culture of Death?

"Hear O Israel": are we listening? If Freedom takes us away from God, Love draws us back again. We are not talking about sentimental, emotional states but a state that seeks to *become* the *other*; a return to oneness. Between the oneness of Love and the separateness of Freedom there is a middle ground. This middle ground (*Christ*) is perfectly expressed in Jesus, God made Man, Love and Freedom. If God seems too big and abstract for our love; not so with Jesus. He is fully Human, like us. A true loving relationship can be had with Him; a relationship that will *Assist* us to draw Spirit down to matter and raise matter to Spirit, healing others and the world.

Have we forgotten the Author of Life, the fun of the fair; left Him outside? Love invites Him in again and all is balanced. Let's Love Him.

ADVANCE NOTICE: MASS TIME CHANGE From Friday 15 November, the **Friday evening Mass** at St Osmund's will be moving from 7pm to **6pm**. This will remain the case until the end of December when we will assess if this time has worked well.



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

PARISH BRIEFINGS

This Sunday 3 November at 3pm and Thursday 7 November at 7pm Fr Anthony will be leading two (duplicate) 1 hour briefing sessions to update parishioners regarding a number of important matters. Both will take place in the Parish Centre at 131 Exeter Street. Included will be an update on Holy Redeemer Church, the impact of St George's Warminster being served by Salisbury on our Clergy and Administration and an update on our parish finances and property. Most of the pastoral team will be there along with key parish representatives for Property, Finance, HS, Admin etc. This will be an opportunity to parishioners to receive key information, raise any questions and give feedback.

Friday 15 November 7pm 'Opposing the Assisted Suicide Bill' at the Parish Centre At the end of this month, there will be a vote on Kim Leadbeater's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which would legalise human euthanasia in the UK. Whilst many people may be inclined to support the bill out of compassion for those suffering, most remain unaware of the hidden implications which would follow from this change in law. To help us understand this complex issue, from both a Catholic and a medical perspective, we are delighted that Professor Julian Hughes will join us to speak and to lead a discussion. Julian was an NHS consultant in old age psychiatry in North Tyneside, and has recently edited *The Reality of Assisted Dying: Understanding the Issues*, with Lady Ilora Finlay, a cross-bench Peer in the House of Lords. Please do come if you can, so as to be well-informed about one of the critical moral junctions of our generation.

Note that the Mass at St Osmund on Fridays from Friday 15 November will be at 6pm NOT 7pm

Blessing of Graves tomorrow Saturday (All Souls' Day). The graves of your loved ones in the London Rd, Devizes Rd and The Avenue cemeteries can be blessed on this day. Meet at 3pm either by the central Cross in the London Rd cemetery, inside the gate at Devizes Rd or in the car park at The Avenue.

Holy Souls Prayer Requests During November we pray especially for the Holy Souls. There are dedicated 'Prayer Request' envelopes available into which you can place the names of your deceased loved ones and place it in the box or basket at the foot of the altar. One Mass each Friday during November (two at St Gregory's on Friday mornings and two at St Osmund's on Friday evenings) will be offered for the repose of the souls of those named. If you are unable to get to church but would like a name/s placed, please call 01722 562703 or email office@salisburycatholics.org and we can do it for you.

Blessing of our New Lectionaries & Missals - SAVE THE DATE!! On **Friday 29 November at 6pm** we will have a special Mass which will include the Blessing of all of our new editions of the Lectionary and Book of Gospels that will be used at all of our Masses. All of the individual Sunday Missals that parishioners have ordered will also be blessed at this Mass. 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 Mass ready for use on the First Sunday of Advent.

SCORE grants. Looking for funds for a local or overseas charitable project which you support? Please make an application for a SCORE grant by 14 November for consideration at the next committee meeting. A form and criteria guidelines are on our website on the SCORE page under Parish Life, or [click here](#).

CHRISTmas Cards will again be on sale this weekend at both churches. All profits from the sale of our Christmas cards will go towards our newly rekindled Youth ministry and the Catholic charity **Aid to the Church in Need**.

Parish Christmas Bazaar: Please come along to the Parish Christmas Bazaar, to be held in St Gregory's Hall on Sunday 24 November 2024 from 10am to 12 noon. Donations (no bric-a-brac please) can be left in boxes at the back of our churches. Contact Jez Mawdsley (079477 00889).

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

Family of Faith will gather again this Sunday 3 November at our Parish Centre on Exeter Street. 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**. Continuing on Sunday mornings *every other week* during term time after the 9am Masses, finishing at 12 noon. For more [click here](#) or on 'Family of Faith' on our homepage which includes the opportunity to register.

Following on from All Saints' Day this Sunday children attending the 9am Masses are invited to dress up as their favourite saint. This simple initiative encourages children to learn about a saint they admire. They can keep wearing their costumes for the Family of Faith sessions afterwards. No need to buy special costumes—get creative with what you have at home!

Youth Group - meet again next Wednesday 6 November 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. Know a young person that may like to come? Give them a nudge. All the dates are on our website, just click on Youth Group on our home page or [click here](#).

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Young(ish) Catholic Adults Group for those in their 20s, 30s, 40s...?! We are following a course called "Practising the Way". It's a primer on spiritual formation, offering all sorts of helpful advice about living a fuller Christian life in the modern world. Please join us for the input, discussion, and a chance to connect with other young Catholics. The course will meet again on Tuesday 5 November at 8pm and will meet every 2 weeks thereafter. Join us in person in the St O's Parish Rooms (Green door), or join us online via Zoom. Contact Fr Joseph for the link.

The Bible Timeline - For next week's session, Deacon John Detain has made the (somewhat radical) suggestion that we bring Bibles with us! In Session 5 (Conquest & Kingdom), the main narrative books are: Judges, Joshua, and the two books of Samuel. Other books covered by this time period include: Ruth, 1 Kings, 1-2 Chronicles, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon. For more click on 'The Bible Timeline' on our homepage or [click here](#).

SPUC are holding their annual Christmas Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre on Saturday 16 November between 10:30 & 12:30, with Coffee & Cake, Raffle, Gifts & Christmas cards. Please come & support the valuable work that SPUC does. The venue this year is the Parish centre after the 10:30 Mass.

Men's Breakfast last Saturday with a dozen attendees, a wonderful breakfast - thankyou to the cook, followed by a talk on Science & Religion by the Rev Rob Taylor. Further dates to be confirmed.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Journey in Faith for adults who are interested in Christianity. The next session is next Sunday 10 November at 10.30am at the Parish Centre. 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](#).

Welcome to Nathan Nnadi and Gonçalo Serpa Pulido who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday 27 October. Please Nathan, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Baptism Preparation Course - The next course is at St Osmund starting 17 November. To request a Baptism for your child, click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 31 Psalter 3

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER - ALL SOULS' DAY

10:00 St Osmund MASS Tony Radclyffe RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Patrick (Patsy) O'Connor RIP

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

09:00 St Gregory MASS Raenessa Thalakkottur
7th birthday

09:00 St Osmund MASS Simeon Yamatay

11:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased members of the
Sheppard & Rolleston family

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS The People of the Parish

Monday 4 November Saint Charles Borromeo

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Joseph Jose
Vazhappilly

Tuesday 5 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Susan, Les & Keith
Burry

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 6 November

10:00 St Gregory MASS Deceased Members of the
Salisbury Catenians

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 7 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Lily McCann - operation today

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 8 November

10:00 St Gregory MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Holy Souls

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SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

10:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS

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 Sacred Heart (Chew Magna) and St Pius X (Withywood).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Delphine Hughes, Fr Michael Derrick, Veronica Quarm, John (Sean) Coady, Ruby Spokes, and Hansel Anthony Dcruz 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:

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalms 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.2

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Hebrews 7:23-28

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Mark 12:28-34

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:

office@salisburycatholics.org