

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 26 (B)

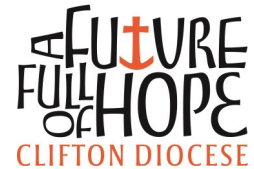
From Father Anthony...

Powder blue sky, thumbed with orange, glowed in early morning sunlight. It was refreshingly cool: Autumn has almost closed the door on summer! Henrietta danced and clucked as, tea in hand, I drank in the rusting garden. Plants cut back last year, had come back to life, flowered beautifully and now, with natural grace and elegance, bowed their limbs to be pruned back again. A brutal business; I felt sad and reluctant. Yet, miraculously, they'll come back stronger and more colourful next year.

To grow spiritually we have to cut back on all that ties us to our old, comfortable ways so as to *ascend* to higher understandings. The spur to do this is often when we feel *overgrown*; when we experience life as stale and unfulfilling. The spiritual law is that we make the first move, *i.e. intend* to leave the old behind and live differently. As we practice this along the horizontal plane of everyday life, our *intention* causes us to ascend the vertical, spiritual plane. Leaving the known and comfortable makes us vulnerable, childlike but... God *descends* to meet us (*puts spiritual arms around us*). We experience the worlds of heaven and earth meeting within us... *we hit the mark!*

This is the correct use of our creative ability (*hand*), of contacting and navigating the world (*feet*): the correct use of our understanding (*eye*). Of course, like fearful children we often run back to our safe, comfortable old ways (*miss the mark*). It is this that the gospel refers to when it tells us to cut off various limbs; *obviously, it does not want us to do that*. The hand, for example, is the tenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet (*hands create*); it represents our *creative ability* or, the *consciousness from which* thinking and ideas emerge. If we use this ability to remain trapped in old ways of being; if we don't use it to ascend then, we *miss the mark (sin)*. This deprives us of God so... *cut it off*, change it. In other words, repent it, correct it.

We are never asked to do violence to ourselves. We are asked to put ourselves in a position where God can come and love us: where He can take us from the old and dreary (*hell*) to new inner landscapes of understanding and love. From there we will flower fully into the beautiful being we truly are.



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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"

**REGISTERED PARISHIONERS
TO DATE : 2808**

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT FROM LAST WEEK

The Saturday evening 6pm Vigil Mass and the 10am Wednesday morning Mass have now resumed at Holy Redeemer Church. There are still longer term issues and costs which the Quinquennial Team are working on and Fr Anthony will report when he has more detail.

SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS 29 SEPTEMBER

Each of the archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides. Earlier belief that inexplicable events were due to the actions of spiritual beings has given way to a scientific world-view and a different sense of cause and effect. Yet believers still experience God's protection, communication and guidance in ways which defy description. For more, please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021 Sunday 26 September.

On our website we have a message from Pope Francis '*Towards an ever wider We*' and also a video of Bishop Paul McAleenan, the Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees discussing Pope Francis' message and much more. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day 2021 - Climate Crisis Appeal

Harvest Family Fast Day is this coming Friday 1 October. This year, CAFOD is raising money for its Climate Crisis Appeal. CAFOD works with local experts to help people around the world to adapt to the changing climate and protect our common home. If you wish to donate, CAFOD envelopes will be available in all our churches this weekend. For the promotion video and other ways to donate please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Tea & Coffee after the 9am Masses at St Osmund and St Gregory - have started again. We would love more help in serving tea & coffee. If you can or would like to know more please contact for St Osmund, Bridget Watson on 01722 697722 or email mbbkwatson@hotmail.com and for St Gregory, Margaret Godwin 01722 501854 or email godw5hme@virginmedia.com.

Bible Book Club is now meeting each Tuesday in the Parish Rooms 10:45 am -12:30 pm. Please join us as we read and study the Psalms. For further details contact John Lester 07899 244072.

Bridge Club The St Osmund's Bridge Club is reconvening in St Osmund's Parish Rooms from next Tuesday 28 September and each Tuesday thereafter from 1pm - 4pm. For further information, contact Gill on 01722 329341.

My Generation - for senior adults to enjoy each others company, will be starting again next Wednesday 29 September and then the first and third Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St.Gregory's Hall. Every one is welcome to attend. For more information contact Chris on 01722 321109

Time to Start School? If you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) this is available from the school admissions team of Wiltshire Council for admission during the 2022-23 school year (Go to: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-applying>). If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a place at a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of their baptism certificate. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2022.

Salisbury Food Bank During September we are collecting longlife fruit juice for the Food Bank. Please place contributions in the boxes provided in our churches. Thank you.

Baptism Preparation If you have a baby that you would like to be baptised in one of our churches, you will need to attend a parents' preparation course. For baptisms at St Osmund or Holy Redeemer please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email: john.proctor@clifftondiocese.com and at St Gregory contact Deacon Stephen Godwin by email stephen.godwin@clifftondiocese.com

Congratulations and welcome to Montgomery Stainer who joined the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism last Saturday 18 September and to Frankie Ford and Josephine Northridge who will receive the Sacrament this weekend 25 & 26 September. Please keep Montgomery, Frankie and Josephine and their parents and godparents in your prayers at this special time.

First Holy Communion 2021 All future meetings will be at St Gregory, can parents please park in St Gregory's car park where possible. The next meeting will be this Saturday 25 September at 2pm. All the details of the programme can be found by clicking on the 'First Holy Communion 2021' button on our Home page or [click here](#)

An invitation to the Nicodemus Group

There is an invitation to anyone who wishes to come together over a simple meal where we can share our prayers and friendship. Whether you are new to the Church, raised as a Catholic or are new to Christianity, you have a place at the table. An introductory session is on 13 October and will take place in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Please contact us to register and/or to attend: nicodemus@salisbury Catholics.org . Click the 'Explore Your Faith' item on our main menu or [click here](#) for more detail.

Welcome into the Catholic Church - Congratulations to Ian Mathews who was received into full communion with the Catholic Church and Confirmed at the 9am Mass at St Osmund last Sunday 19 September. We have photographs taken after Mass on our website which can be viewed in our Photo Gallery (button on the homepage) or [click here](#). Please keep Ian and Gerlinde and their family in your prayers.

Wedding of Helen-Marie Crooks and Gianni Onofri Congratulations to Helen-Marie and Gianni who were married at St Osmund last Saturday 18 September. Please keep them in your prayers.

Dare to Dream 2021 - The reflection for the week commencing 26 September is by our very own **Canon Michael Fitzpatrick**. Please click on the 'Dare To Dream' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

The God Who Speaks. Bishop Jim Golka reflects on this Sunday's readings. In his reflection he asks of us three questions, 'Are we grasping at the wrong things in our lives, are we walking paths that take us away from God and can we see God's presence in our lives?' To watch & listen [click here](#) or click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron. "Friends, let us rejoice whenever the grace of God is on display. The point of the sacraments is so that God's grace may flood the world, but the Lord can operate outside of our formal structures. He desires these gifts for us, but as the creator of them, he is never limited by them". To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy - from Catholic Kids Media we have: What's holding you back? A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B and from Redemptorist Publications there will be a reflection and a final prayer. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Week 26, Psalter 2

Saturday 25 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SUNDAY 26 September

09:00 St Gregory MASS Dr Nigel Cross & Mary Kevina RIP
09:00 St Osmund MASS Felicity Detemple RIP
11:00 St Osmund MASS Chris J Pearson & extended Family
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS Simon Thornton RIP

Monday 27 September Saint Vincent de Paul

10:00 St Osmund MASS David Kennedy RIP & Family

Tuesday 28 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Kathleen Rogan - In sickness
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 29 September SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS
19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 30 September Saint Jerome

10:00 St Osmund MASS David Kennedy RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 1 October Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

10:00 St Gregory MASS
19:00 St Osmund MASS In Thanksgiving

Saturday 2 October The Holy Guardian Angels

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Anthony & Norma Gallagher
Wedding Anniversary

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory On request Contact priests
St Osmund Saturday 10:30 - 11:00
Holy Redeemer Saturday 17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Universal: An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for St Dunstan (Somerton), St Joseph (Langport) and the Holy Ghost (Yeovil with South Petherton).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who have died recently: Simon Thornton, David Kennedy, Jacqueline Thompson (nee Mogg), Margaret (Peggy) Lever and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

The funeral for David Kennedy will be in Selsey on 30 September at 11:00.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Numbers 11:25-29

Psalms 18:8,10,12-14

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

James 5:1-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.**

Alleluia!

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

SACRAMENTS

MARRIAGES Please speak to the priest for guidance.

FUNERALS Do your family know your wishes with regards to your funeral? If you (or they) find this difficult to talk about, why not provide the details to the parish office? 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: caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com

BAPTISMS For our next parents' preparation course, please contact Deacon John Proctor by email john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com or on 07802 631968 to register for the next course.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Our current programme is full but if you have a child in Year 3 or above, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme which will begin in 2022 [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](#)