

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 3(C)

From Father Anthony

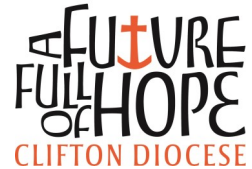
Dawn broke with clear skies. A burnished sun rose majestically and scattered its light. Frost sparkled off rooftops and covered the garden like icing sugar. My breath billowed. I watched as sparrows hopped over the frozen lawn. Gangsters arrived and chased them; Henrietta shrieked. Harry the pigeon balanced precariously on a branch and from the shed roof Mrs Cat eyed them all. Life in the garden got underway; many diverse parts but a beautiful whole.

We are asked to love one another; not to talk about it but to really love. As diverse individuals we form one being, one whole. When we confuse ourselves as the whole and not a part, feelings of separation, loneliness and isolation set in. We become preoccupied with self: we judge and criticise others. We think the world revolves around us and get upset when it seems not to!

St Paul warns us against this. Regardless of what position we hold in society none of us are better than another. To think we are is to think as the world thinks and not as God does. The basic law is that, '*the higher formation always bows down to the lower*': for without the lower the higher cannot stand. To look down on anyone because of their job or social status or identify someone with a label is an error... it misses the mark (*sin*).

There is one Lord not many... and He resides in each one of us. His residence is our anointing; His presence in each makes us one. It doesn't matter what a person does in the world or who they think they are. He resides as equally in a King as in a beggar. We demonstrate spiritual blindness and a lack of spiritual maturity when we act and think to the contrary. A person is not the *state* they find themselves in; they are the image of God in that *state*. We are asked to see beyond the *state* to *His living image*. Love looks upon Love and draws the other person out, into the *state of Love*!

Only in Love can we bring the Good News of Love to those who are without it (*the poor*): and free those trapped in themselves (*captives*): and give inner sight to those blinded by the outer world; and free those downtrodden by a relentless society. With Love we '*proclaim the Lord's year of favour*'.



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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 : 2871**



THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE 25 JANUARY

In the long history of the Church, no conversion has been more consequential than that of St Paul. Paul had not been ambivalent toward the Church before he converted; he had actively persecuted it and was present at the stoning of St Stephen. But God changed him on one particular night and on that night, Christianity changed too. When the course of Christianity changed, the world changed and it is difficult to overemphasise the impact of this event. For more on St Paul click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Saint Francis de Sales, 24 January The Feast of St. Francis de Sales, the patron saint of writers and Christian unity whose role as a priest and bishop helped bring thousands of Protestants back to the Catholic Church. For the story of St Francis de Sales please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Saints Timothy and Titus, 26 January Two of St Paul's most loyal disciples, Timothy and Titus seem to have attended the Council of Jerusalem with Paul and both died toward the end of the first century. Timothy represented Saint Paul to various communities and, according to tradition, was eventually placed by him in charge of the Church at Ephesus. Titus was asked to organise the Church in Crete. They are honoured as leaders to whom St Paul sent pastoral letters in the New Testament. For the stories of these saints, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Saint Thomas Aquinas, 28 January By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the pre-eminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church. For the story of this saint, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) Thank you to everyone who so generously supported the White Flower appeal last weekend 15/16 January. The total raised by our churches was £809.12. Thank you. This will now be sent to SPUC.

Urgent Action This April, millions of people will be at risk from fuel poverty. Please write to your MP asking the government to act now to protect low income families. The MP for Salisbury is John Glen: john.glen.mp@parliament.uk

Postponement - Due to the high Covid-19 rates, the decision has been made to postpone the Parish Get-Together which was to take place at St Gregory's Hall on this Sunday 23 January. We look forward to letting you know the new date and arrangements in due course.

SCORE collection The Score collection this weekend will be for overseas projects. Donations may be made using envelopes marked SCORE or by using the '[Donate](#)' button on our homepage.

The Nicodemus Group continues next Wednesday 26 January at 7pm in the Parish Rooms. Please contact us to register to attend: nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org. For more information click the 'Explore Your Faith' item on our website main menu bar or [click here](#).

My Generation meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month in St Gregory's Hall at 2pm. The next meeting will be on the 2 February for a Beetle Drive. For information contact Chris on 01722 321109

Salisbury Foodbank. During January we are collecting tinned fruit for the Foodbank. Please put donated items into the box which can be found in each church. Thank you for your generosity with our November collection. The total donated weighed over 120kg.

Salisbury Catholics Parishioner Lunch. The next lunch will take place after the midday Mass on **Thursday 10 March** in St Osmund's Parish Rooms.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Synodal Conversations The following are the remaining sessions in St Osmund's Parish Rooms.

Wednesday 26 Jan 2pm - 4pm

Sunday 30 January 3pm - 6pm

Monday 31 January 7pm - 9pm.

The meeting tomorrow Saturday 22 January 3pm - 6pm has been cancelled

There is also a virtual meeting via Zoom on Thursday 3 February at 7.30pm. The details are:

For the link [click here](#):

Meeting ID 897 8496 1509

Passcode 723403.

Please let us know which session you are coming to, so that we are aware of numbers, on 01722 562703 or email outreach@salisburycatholics.org. All the information on the Synod including explanatory videos are on our website by clicking the 'Synodal Church' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Confirmation 2022 We now have a date from Bishop Declan for this year, 5 July 2022. Because we plan to take candidates on retreat we need to know numbers (candidates need to be in Year 9 or above). So please register by 31 January at the latest by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or [click here](#) and then select 'Confirmation Application'.

Baptism Preparation If you have a child 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

Liturgy – A Call to Love Our Diocesan Liturgy Office has produced a series of videos, entitled 'A Call to Love' to remind and encourage us of the importance of the Mass in our lives as Catholic Christians. The fourth video 'Liturgy as Encounter' is by Fr Michael McAndrew, Parish Priest of St Mary's, Swindon. To watch, click on the 'A Call to Love' image in the 'Top News' box on our homepage or [click here](#).

Luke's Gospel Following the recording of 'The Infancy Narratives' (Chapters 1 & 2 before Christmas), Christopher Piggins has now recorded 'Prelude to the Public Ministry' (Chapters 3 & 4) and 'The Galilean Ministry' (Chapters 4 - 6). To watch, click on the 'Luke's Gospel' button on our home page or [click here](#).

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 - 25 January In addition to the resources provided last week we have video reflections by Somerset church leaders on the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 'We saw his star in the East'. We are invited to watch one video each day, which started on Tuesday 18 January with Bishop Declan Lang. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

The God Who Speaks We have a 3 minute reflection by Fr (now Bishop) Jim Golka on this Sunday's readings Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C. In St Paul's reading we hear 'Just as a human body (the Church), though it is made up of many parts is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised.' To watch click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron. Friends, our first reading this Sunday reminds us that we need walls to maintain our identity. But our ultimate purpose is not to hunker down behind those walls, but to go out and transform the world. We need both the walls that define who we are, and the bridges that allow us to bring the light of Christ to all the nations. To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: Why is reading the Word of God important? A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for this the Third Week in Ordinary Time Year C. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Ordinary Time Week 3 and Psalter 3

Saturday 22 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SUNDAY 23 January

09:00 St Osmund MASS Carol Gribble & Ann Fryer RIP

09:00 St Gregory MASS Chiara Campari-Moss RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Kate McConaghy RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Monday 24 January Saint Francis de Sales

10:00 St Osmund MASS Patrick Houston in sickness

Tuesday 25 January THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

10:00 St Osmund MASS Keith Fraser RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 26 January Saints Timothy & Titus

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Damien Fleming RIP

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 27 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Anne & Maurice Williams

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 28 January Saint Thomas Aquinas

10:00 St Gregory MASS Alice Joseph RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Michael, Peter & Susan Leyden RIP

Saturday 29 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS In thanksgiving - Ethan George

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Jack & Julia in sickness

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass

St Osmund Saturdays 10:30 to 11:00

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family. [Click here](#).

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for Chaplaincies to HM forces in the diocese.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sheila Crouch who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Psalms 18

**Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life.**

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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 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](#)