

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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SIXTH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

From Father Anthony

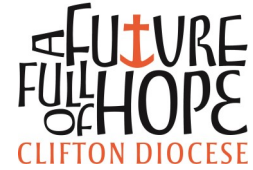
It seemed ages since I had sat outside, tea in hand, letting the early morning wash me awake. The gunslinger flitted over and challenged me. A spiv, all white, blue and black, strutted across the lawn and darted for something. The apple tree shook her hair of white blossom and let it cascade to the ground. I breathed deeply. I took in the slate grey sky. It was still with an opening far over to the right. Through it hazy clouds simmered in sunlight, piled high like mountains receding into the distance. I felt drawn to them and comforted, as if a friend were with me.

I will not leave you orphans. Life, if we are honest, can seem lonely at times. Even in the closest relationships we experience the reality of our individuality, our aloneness, whether we are a good, bad or indifferent person. Many of us run away from feelings of aloneness: we cram our lives with as many distractions as possible; anything, to get away from the sense of aloneness or individuality... and then berate ourselves for the addictions and depressions these distractions bring. It can become a vicious circle. But, we have not, in fact, been left alone.

We have prayer; not the *I speak, you listen* type of prayer; more, the *you speak, I listen* type. His voice is best heard in the deepest silence: so much so, that we might not even believe we have heard it! But its effects will be there because *there is a person at the other end of Prayer.* The Gospel refers to this person as the Advocate. The word used is παράκλητος, paraklétos (*paraclete*): it means someone who is *close beside us*, who can, like a lawyer, *make the right judgement call for us.* When we are lonely or confused, adrift at sea in a fog without a rudder, there is He who can point out the best direction, comforting us with His silent voice and assisting us to make life judgments that will bring us peace. Prayer is one place to experience this Paraclete.

Confession is another place. In this Sacrament we can pour out the effects of aloneness... not to be admonished but to hear, through the words of the priest, the loving, understanding, forgiving (*reconciling*) words of the Paraclete. To know that whatever we have thought, said or done we are not alone... nor condemned.

Month of May - during May we will be singing the Salve Regina after each of the weekday Masses in honour of our Lady.



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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"

FR ANTHONY PARIS

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On 14th May, Fr Anthony will celebrate his Ruby Jubilee. Congratulations to him and thanks be to God! In order that everyone from our parishes can celebrate together with him, we have decided to have an outdoor celebration on Sunday 30 July at St Osmund's School and Grounds to which everyone is warmly invited. We will have a collection for a gift for Fr Anthony closer to the time and will hope that lots of parishioners will get involved with planning, preparing, decorating, organising, catering, cleaning etc etc. If you'd like to get involved in any way - games for children, facepainting, transport for our elderly, please contact the parish office. Perhaps you have an idea for something we've not thought of? Great! Do get in touch and let us know. Many thanks - put the date on your calendar now for the whole family.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - THURSDAY 18 MAY (HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)

The Ascension of the Lord is a sacred day when we recall Jesus' ascension into heaven to take his place at the right hand of God the Father. The great mystery of this day, and the reason it is of such importance, is that he ascended not only as God but as man – ascending in his physical human body. For more and a video entitled 'Why the Ascension of Jesus matters' by Bishop Barron click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Masses

10am St Osmund's Church* (with St Osmund's School children)

*Please note this Mass may be very full but overflow space will be available in the Parish Rooms

Midday Holy Redeemer, 6.30pm Downton and 7pm St Gregory.

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH REDECORATION.

The long-awaited redecoration of St Gregory's Church will take place during the month of June. There will never be a perfect time to complete this work and the timing has largely been determined by the availability of trades. To allow the work to begin, the church will need to be cleared over the late May Bank Holiday. St Gregory's Hall will be set up for all the planned services and events (half the pews will be moved into the hall and the remainder into storage). Additional seating will be provided by chairs.

We need volunteers from 9.30am on Bank Holiday 29th May to help clear the church (including the sacristy) of pews, chairs, statues etc. There will be heavy lifting so please come prepared and limbered up! Volunteers will be critical so if you are able to help, please contact the Office or Jez Mawdsley on 07947 700889.

Retiring Collections: This weekend the collection will be for SCORE Home Projects. Next weekend 21 & 22 May the collection will be for the Catholic Communications network.

Nuptial Mass for Francesca Rule and Shaun Elliott tomorrow Saturday 13 May 1pm at St Osmund. They would love you to come and join them. Parking will be available in St Osmund's School carpark

Tisbury Parish trip to National Gallery to see the St Francis of Assisi Exhibition and Mass locally. The coach will leave the Sacred Heart, Tisbury on Tuesday 13th June at 7.45 a.m. There is a possibility of a pick up in Amesbury at 8.10 am. Leaving London by 3pm. Approximate cost £38. Please let us know by email if you are interested. Roger Donbavand, Catherine Vaux tisburyparish@cliffondiocese.com

Special SCORE meeting on Monday 22 May 7-8.30pm in St. Osmund's Parish Rooms. There will be presentations from some of the charities supported by SCORE during 2022/23, including: Home-Start South Wiltshire; Salisbury Pantry, and EdUKaid. All parishioners are invited to attend and stay for refreshments

HOLY REDEEMER CONSULTATION

If you have not already done so, please now complete the questionnaire available on the future of this building. Click on the homepage button or [click here](#). Printed copies are available in all our churches. The deadline for questionnaire submission is Sunday 28 May.

There is an open meeting in Holy Redeemer Hall at 4.30pm tomorrow Saturday 13 May. In addition there is a meeting via ZOOM on Sunday 14 May at 3pm, to join go to the [Holy Redeemer Consultation](#) page then click on the meeting button or [click here](#).

Young Catholics Prayer & Social. For young Catholics (20s, 30s, students, couples, young families, all welcome). This time, an informal Bible study. BYO drinks & snacks. Thursday 18 May in St Gregory's Hall, starting around 8pm (after the 7pm Mass at St Gregory's for the Ascension). For more info, contact Fr Joseph (joseph.meigh@cliftondiocese.com).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Commissioning. If you have returned to this ministry but were not able to attend the training and Commissioning Day on the 11 March, Fr Joseph is organising two further sessions. The two dates planned are 13 and 20 June, both at 7pm in Holy Redeemer Hall and Church. The session on the 13th will focus on ministering at Mass and the 20th will focus on taking Communion to the sick and housebound. Invitations will be emailed to those who are currently active but have not been commissioned. Please do let the Parish Office know which of these two sessions you plan to attend.

Children's liturgy at the 9am Sunday Mass at St Osmund's. The liturgy is for children in Year 3 and below, please note children younger than school age need to be accompanied by an adult.

Nicodemus Group - the next session is on Wednesday 17 May, 7pm at the St Elizabeth Hall, Exeter Street. For more information please click on 'Nicodemus Group' on our main menu or [click here](#) and to attend, please contact Kate Bullen at nicodemus@salisbury Catholics.org

Parish Coronation Tea & Talk A great afternoon was had by over 50 parishioners from all our churches who attended a coronation tea at the White Hart. Lorna Matthews-Keel, a member of our parish and also a cathedral guide gave a fascinating insight into the different royalty who have visited the cathedral since it was built, followed by a sumptuous tea. Thank you to Lorna, also to Sophie & Chris Huthwaite who organised the tea and for all the parishioners that attended. Photos of the event can be found in our 'Photo Gallery' or just [click here](#).

Congratulations to Eleanor & Loretta Dibsdales and Elizabeth & Frederick Venter who received the Sacrament of Baptism at the same time last Saturday at St Gregory's. Please keep Eleanor & Loretta and their parents Csilla & Nathan and Elizabeth & Frederick and their parents Zsuzsanna & Daniel and all the godparents in your prayers. We have a recording of the Baptism with photos in the 'Photo Gallery' on our website or just [click here](#).

Baptism Preparation To apply for a baptism please complete a 'Baptism Application' by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

First Holy Communion Programme 2022/2023 Details are on our website, please click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then on 'Holy Communion' or [click here](#). **Due to the redecoration of St Gregory's Church the final session on Saturday 3 June at 2pm will be at St Osmund's Church for the children. There will be a rehearsal for First Communion Masses on this day and Confessions afterwards for some of the children.**

Confirmation Programme 2023 the next session is next Friday 19 May 7pm for a Candidates' social and a meeting the following day Saturday 20 May at 11am for the candidates only. Both sessions will be held at St Osmund. The full programme is available on our website, click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Easter Week 6, Psalter 2 and Proper of the Season

Saturday 13 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Sidney Flavel RIP
13:00 St Osmund **Nuptial Mass for Francesca Rule and Shaun Elliott** (*all welcome*)

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Donal Ellis RIP

SUNDAY 14 MAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Father Anthony Paris
40th Anniversary of Ordination
09:00 St Osmund MASS Mirium Warner RIP
11:00 St Osmund MASS Ken McNally RIP
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS Emma Edmunds for her baptism

Monday 15 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Kirsty Girstein RIP

Tuesday 16 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Personal Intention
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 17 May

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Philip Selby RIP
18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 18 May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mathai K. V. RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12:00 Holy Redeemer MASS
18:00 St Osmund Benediction
18:30 Downton MASS Marion Thorp RIP
19:00 St Gregory MASS Michael & Martin Swift RIP

Friday 19 May Saint Dunstan

10:00 St Gregory MASS Eileen Butterfield RIP
18.10 St Osmund Stations of the Resurrection (Via Lucis).
19:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Saturday 20 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Elizabeth Paul

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass
St Osmund Saturdays After the 10:00 Mass.
Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

And by appointment with our priests.

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for May

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Joseph (Bridgewater) and Our Lady & The English Martyrs (Burnham-on-Sea).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carlo Campari, Kenneth McNally, William Burke, Michael Stevenson, Judith Giles, Sidney Flavel and Anthony (Tony) Brady. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Psalms 65

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

1 Peter 3:15-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

John 14:15-21

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 will be in Year 3 or above from September 2024, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme. [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](#)

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 Caroline for more details: caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com