

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

From Father Anthony

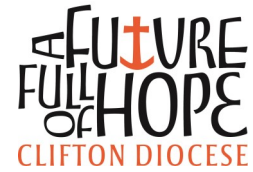
I fought against early morning traffic, squeezed through Wilton, saluted the church at Barford St Martin and eased my way along thinning roads towards Tisbury and thence to Wardour. It had rained furiously the day before and great muddy puddles hugged the roadside and plastered the jalopy. I crested a rise. Mist hung like clumps of wisteria above the distant tree line. Sweet smelling wood smoke drifted along the valley floor and over the road. It was lovely... but I was fretting about what to say to the children: how to explain His Name and what Glory means!

'I revealed your Name to those whom you gave me...' The Greek word translated as *name* is ὄνομα, onoma. It means *name, authority* or *cause*. It conveys or reveals the character of a person; that which distinguishes them. For the earlier Hebrew mind, a name contained something of the persons *essence*; it was inseparable from the person to whom it belongs. To know the name of God is to know His Essence; therefore, His Name is particularly sacred. To pray in the name of God means to pray as authorised by Him: to manifest what flows from being in his presence. But, what is and how do we recognise His Essence?

Early spiritual schools imagined a hollow sphere the centre of which contained a tiny point. That point exploded in every possible direction coating the inside of the sphere. The point was the Father, the radius the Holy Spirit and the inside of the sphere the Son or Kingdom. Each part of the Kingdom was differentiated by Name: yet all of it was the Father in whom it had its origin and of whom it was a manifestation. We may need to make some theological and doctrinal adjustments but the image can be useful.

'Look, listen, taste, smell and feel into everything', old Basil would say. 'Begin with your senses: let them lead you to the Essence of God contained in everything. Reverence everything because everything contains Him. How you deal with the revelation that follows is personal; keep it that way. This is giving Glory to God'. The word for glory δοξάζω, doxazó, means to give weight by recognising real substance. We give glory to God by valuing Him for who He really is: by acknowledging His true character in everything that surrounds us. But how to convey that to children?

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"

FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY - 27 MAY 2023

Augustine of Canterbury comes across today as a very human saint, one who could suffer like many of us from a failure of nerve. For example, his first venture to England ended in a big U-turn back to Rome. Augustine's perseverance amidst obstacles and only partial success teaches today's apostles and pioneers to struggle on despite frustrations and be satisfied with gradual advances. For the story of St Augustine click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

Pentecost - To pray the novena which starts today for Pentecost on Sunday 28 May, please visit our Pentecost page by [clicking here](#) or via the image in the 'Top News' box and then click on the 'Novena' button.

Fr Anthony Paris 40th Anniversary of Ordination. As announced last week there will be an outdoor celebration on Sunday 30 July at St Osmund's School and Grounds to which everyone is warmly invited. If you'd like to get involved in any way - preparing, decorating, organising, catering, cleaning, games for children, face painting, running a stall, transport for our elderly etc., please contact the parish office.

Parish Family Event 31 May 12 to 4pm will be held in the grounds of St Osmund's Primary School, do bring your own picnic. Children of all ages welcome. Activities include football, basketball, netball and art & crafts. This is an outdoor event but if the weather starts to turn, then we will move indoors to St Elizabeth Hall. This is an opportunity for families to get together and have some fun activities during half-term. Just turn up on the day, hoping to see many of you!

Rosary Group Last week we were delighted to welcome Lucia who lives in Romania who gave us an unexpected surprise by joining us in person for our Rosary in St Osmunds. Lucia has been part of our Rosary group for a few years now but we have never met. Imagine our surprise when we met in the Lady Chapel for the first time! We felt we belonged as a family. Do come and join our group. Please visit our blog or [click here](#) for the photo. Contact Josephine on 01722 328410 or email: josephineandgin@hotmail.co.uk for information.

St Gregory's Church Redecoration. We need volunteers from 9.30am on Bank Holiday Monday 29 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.

World Communications Day 21 May. This Sunday we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication - The Bishops' Conference through their websites, publications and social media channels work hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. **There will be a retiring collection for this important work after all of our Masses this weekend.**

Salisbury Catenian Mass for Vocations Thursday. Our Salisbury Catenians are joining together at a special Mass for Vocations to the Religious Life next Thursday 25 May 6pm at St Osmund. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. Please note that there will be no 10am Mass on Thursday and that Benediction on that evening will be at the slightly earlier time of 5.30pm.

Trip to The National Gallery to see the St Francis of Assisi Exhibition and Mass. Fr Joseph and the coach will leave the Sacred Heart, Tisbury on Tuesday 13th June at 7.45 am and there is a plan that Fr Joseph will celebrate Mass for the group whilst in London. Joining the coach in Amesbury at 8.10 am may be possible also. Departing 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 this 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

Thank you to all those who attended our meetings last weekend. 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 churches. **The deadline for questionnaire submission is Sunday 28 May.**

Children and Youth Ministries - On Saturday 13 May, a group of parishioners met with Deacon John Proctor to discuss the direction of children and youth ministries within our parish, with the aim of getting children's liturgy, a youth group and a youth choir up and running. We have a small group of catechists who are now holding children's liturgy at the 9am Sunday Mass at St Osmund's. It's a steep learning curve for a few of us so we'll be receiving guidance and training on how best to support our children and youth growing in their faith within our community. We do need for more volunteers to support us with their time, experience and ideas to help these ministries flourish! For more information please contact Emily by email: emilynaomiyoung@gmail.com or by phone 07368 260007.

Pastoral Ministry Skills Congratulations to two of our parishioners Annette Wells and David Blake for successfully completing the Clifton Diocesan Formation Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Skills. They were presented with their certificates and commissioned by Bishop Declan on Saturday 29 April at St John the Baptist Church Trowbridge. Please visit our Photo Gallery for the photos or [click here](#).

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 have been 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.

Congratulations to Francesca and Shaun who were married in St Osmund's last Saturday 13 May and thank you to all parishioners who attended - it was a truly beautiful celebration. We pray for Francesca and Shaun that their home will be filled with happiness and love.

Nicodemus Group - the next session is on Wednesday 24 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

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 now be held in 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 today Friday 19 May 7pm for a Candidates' social and a meeting tomorrow Saturday 20 May at 11am for the candidates only. Both sessions are at St Osmund. The full programme is available on our website, click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu or [click here](#).

Homily from Bishop Robert Barron on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. We should do a theological reflection on this feast, how we should and shouldn't understand the Ascension, and what it means for Christ's work in the world. To listen and watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Easter Week 7, Psalter 3 and Proper of the Season

Saturday 20 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Elizabeth Paul

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 21 MAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS John Brook RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS John & Alessandra Grech RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Brian MacDermot RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Frances McAleese RIP

Monday 22 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

Tuesday 23 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 24 May Saint Aldhelm

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 25 May Saint Bede the Venerable.

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10am

17:30 St Osmund Benediction

18:00 St Osmund MASS Offered by Salisbury Catenians for Vocations - All welcome

Friday 26 May Saint Philip Neri

10:00 St Gregory MASS

14:15 St Gregory Funeral Service - Carlo Campari RIP
All welcome.

18.10 St Osmund Stations of the Resurrection (Via Lucis).

19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris & Nick Phelan RIP

Saturday 27 May SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

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 Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul (Clifton, Bristol).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carlo Campari, Kenneth McNally, William Burke and Michael Stevenson, We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Advance Notice

Requiem Mass for Ken McNally is on Tuesday 20 June 10am at St Osmund. All are welcome

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:12-14

Psalms 26

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

1 Peter 4:13-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;

I will come back to you,

and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

John 17:1-11

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: