

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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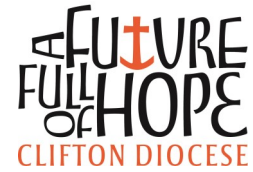
From Father Anthony

The sky faded away into the distance. To my right a blazing sun sank below the horizon in bursts of crimson and orange. It had been another long journey: I was tired. Salisbury nestled in the distance, hidden between rolling fields. The Cathedral Spire reflected copper tones off the dying sun and revealed the city by pointing to the heavens... a beacon for the wanderer on the way home.

As we journey through life, like the prodigal, we might question it and almost give up on it (*no one offered him anything*). This might bring us to our senses (*he came to his senses*) and prove to be the beacon that reflects the light of Spirit. Coming to one's senses is not self-preoccupation: that often leaves us staring at the problem... *the effect* but not *the cause*. Spiritually, *coming to our senses* means seeing beyond or outside of ourselves (*leave this place and go to my Father*). It means leaving the world of *perception*, our distorted view of reality, to be embraced by reality itself (*the Father*).

Perception literally means *to grasp something through something else*, e.g. I grasp (*see*) the outside world through my glasses. Rather than seeing through something else, which causes the problem, we want to see the world *as it really is*: the Truth behind our perception of it: objective fact rather than subjective interpretation. Then we understand that the Father never left us: was always waiting *to come to us* and clasp us in His arms; a beacon waiting to guide us. We understand how *perception* blinded us to Him and led us astray: how it caused us to miss the mark (*sin*). We understand how the idea we have of ourselves has become the distorted lens (*perception*) through which we see the world... because we are not, in reality, *the idea* we have of ourselves.

This brings a new experience of everything (*the best robe*): it's rather like looking at something with the feeling of being seen *by it*: we know or see ourselves by sensing what it is the Father sees as us; we know ourselves through Him. We feel surrounded by Divine Love (*a ring on his finger*). We walk in true freedom (*shoes on his feet*), our natural state (*i.e. not man made*). As a consequence, we enjoy the fulness of the Truth (*the fatted calf*) ... and Life becomes a celebration.



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Chapel of the Good Shepherd
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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"

WELCOMING OUR NEW PRIEST - FR JOSEPH

Fr Joseph Columba (Meigh) will be celebrating his 'first' Mass at our Saturday evening/Sunday Masses as follows:

9am, 11am, 6pm	St Osmund	Sunday 11 September	Bridget (9am), Frances (11am), Gill (6pm)
6pm	Holy Redeemer	Saturday 17 September	Josephine Little
9am	St Gregory	Sunday 25 September	<i>Bring contributions on the day</i>

To welcome Fr Joseph, we will be having an after-Mass social event following each 'first' Mass which is being organised by the people noted above. We would be very grateful for contributions of finger-food or drinks. If you have any questions or would like to bring contributions to Parish Office prior to the day, please contact Desiree on 01722 562703 office@salisburycatholics.org Thank you. At the 9am St Gregory's Mass on 25th, the parish are 'extending' this event to be a welcome event for new parishioners. For more details, [click here](#) for the poster.

Salisbury Deanery News As of this weekend, Fr Robert Miller will be retiring as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Tisbury with Wardour. Fr Anthony, in his role as the Dean has a contingency in place to ensure pastoral, sacramental and administrative cover until Bishop Declan formalises the Canonical arrangements.

Feast of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross 14 September. This feast celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion. For the complete story click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 18 September formerly called Home Mission Sunday but now named after Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, this day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. On this day we support the work of the Catholic Church in evangelisation and liturgy, taking care of our beautiful buildings and dialogue with other denominations & faiths. There will be a retiring collection after the Sunday Masses next weekend 17 & 18 September.

For more please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Outreach Visits to Registered Parishioners this Christmas - THANK YOU to the 4 additional volunteers who have stepped up to help. However, we do still need more volunteers in parts of Harnham, The Friary, Bourne Ave, Bishopdown & Farm, Central Salisbury, off Wilton Road, and Bemerton Heath. Please do help us if you can. Contact Caroline or Tony on 01722 562703 outreach@salisburycatholics.org

Morning Star Homeless Charity On Tuesday 20 September 7.30pm at St Gregory's Hall, the Morning Star Homeless charity will give a talk about their work in Salisbury. Please join us for tea/coffee and cake and find out about the important work carried out by these folks. Salisbury Catenians will be presenting a donation to help their important work.

Salisbury Food Bank In September we are continuing to collect tinned rice pudding, fruit, custard and tins of meat and fish. These items are on the Food Bank 'wanted' list. Thank you for generosity which is tremendous and much appreciated by those experiencing food poverty in our city.

St Gregory's Pastoral Parish Council are meeting next Monday 12 September at 6.30pm in St Gregory's Hall. For the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting please [click here](#). This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

Holy Redeemer & St Osmund's Parish Council are meeting Wednesday 28 September at 6pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. For the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting please [click here](#). Again this is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 21 September for Hoy Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

YOUTH WORK LEADER – SALISBURY PARISHES

We are seeking a Youth Work Leader on a 2-year fixed-term contract. The role will be under two part-time contracts, one with the Clifton Diocese working in the Salisbury Parishes and the other will be through The Bridge working within our Catholic schools. This role will now be advertised both locally and nationally. Please do encourage any suitable parishioner to apply. For further details of the role, please [click here](#), initial applications should be made in writing with a CV attached. All correspondence and applications should be directed to john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com.

‘Teach us how to Pray’: Day of reflection on the Lord’s Prayer on Saturday 17 September has been postponed for the time being.

Nicodemus Group - The Nicodemus Group will be starting again on 5 October in the St Elizabeth Hall at 7pm – 8.30pm. For more information, please click on [‘Becoming Catholic’](#) on our website main menu.

Journey in Faith Our on-going programme for adults interested in Christianity who are not confirmed Catholics. The next meeting is this Sunday 25 September at 3pm in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund. For more information please visit [‘Becoming Catholic’](#) on our website main menu or [click here](#)

If you are interested or wish to ask questions about any of the above, please contact Dave Blake by email nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org or phone the parish office on 01722 562703.

Saint Bernadette Relic Tour - Saturday 10 September The coach from St Osmund’s will leave the White Hart, Exeter Street at 11.00am and then pick up at The Sacred Heart Tisbury at 11.30am. The coach is then scheduled to arrive at 1.30pm and depart at 7.30pm after the ‘Torchlight Procession’, expected back in Salisbury at around 10pm. Please do remember to bring a packed lunch/supper. Minimum Donation for the coach is £10 per person, please hand this to Josephine or Lillian on the coach in a sealed envelope bearing your name. The programme for the entire day is now available on our website plus a ‘Prayer Card’, a ‘Novena’ and more just click on the image in the ‘Top News’ box or [click here](#).

Could you be a School Governor? - If you: care about children - believe in Catholic education - want to transform lives - then our Catholic Schools need you. The faith of so many Catholics was nurtured and developed by attending a Catholic school. Bishop Declan wishes to appoint new school governors to support the education of today’s generation of pupils. For more information click on the image in the ‘Top News’ box or [click here](#).

Applications please for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2023. For First Holy Communion, if your child is in Year 3 or above and for Confirmation Year 9 or above please apply NOW as we will soon be preparing the programmes. To apply please click on the ‘Registration/Update’ button on our home page or [click here](#).

Baptism Preparation Course The current course has started, the next two sessions are Thursdays 15 & 22 September both at 7pm in St Osmund’s Parish Rooms. To apply for a baptism please complete a ‘Baptism Application’ by clicking on the ‘Registration’ button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#). For further information please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or Deacon Steve Godwin on 07583 254488.

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron reflects on the three parables in this week’s Gospel and how no matter how lost we are, God still loves us. If we understood this we would be able to respond with our own extravagant love. To listen and watch, click on the ‘Sunday Homily’ button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children’s Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: ‘The Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Prodigal Sun’ for this the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time C. Click on the ‘Children’s Liturgy’ button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Ordinary Time Week 24 and Psalter 4

Saturday 10 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS David Kennedy RIP

SUNDAY 11 September

09:00 St Gregory MASS George Devassey RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS In thanksgiving

11:00 St Osmund MASS Lolita Gregorio &
Amasco Dihiansan RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 12 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Carol Carthy RIP

Tuesday 13 September Saint John Chrysostom

10:00 St Osmund MASS JDP - For good health

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 14 September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Mary Fleming's intention

11:00 St Osmund Requiem Mass - Mary Webb RIP

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows

10:00 St Osmund MASS Dorothy O'Farrell RIP

12:00 St Osmund Requiem Mass - Beryl Kerley RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS

Friday 16 September Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

10:00 St Gregory MASS Lilly Mooney RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Saturday 17 September Saint Edith of Wilton

10:00 St Osmund MASS James O'Farrell RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass

St Osmund Saturdays 10:30 to 11:00

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

And by appointment with our priests.

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country. [Click here](#).

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Stanislaus (Dulverton) and Sacred Heart (Minehead, with Watchet).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Webb, Beryl Kerley, Vincent Callaghan, Jean Palliser, Michael Cooke, Stasia Stockley who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

Ps 50

I will leave this place and go to my father.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our mind,

so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

Luke 15:1-32

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS For baptisms please contact Deacon John Proctor or Deacon Stephen Godwin. Our next preparation course takes place

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION If you have a child who will be in Year 3 or above from September 2023, 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? 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