

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 24 (B)

From Father Anthony...

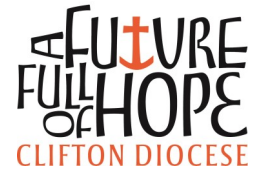
A gently browning landscape folded and unfolded with breath-taking beauty. Hay stacks stood tall like ancient monoliths; fields lay flat and bare. Fast roads gave way to the twists and turns of deeper countryside. Swans glided with bowed elegance: mist hung low over the lake. Wood smoke drifted across the lane as I passed Old Wardour. Breathing in its heady scent I arrived in Tisbury. Nature is changing her appearance... yet, essentially, she is the same.

Jesus asked, *'who do people say I am?'* Simon (*Hear*), learned discernment. He heard (*felt*) beyond worldly voices (*appearance*) into reality and recognised Christ in Jesus; he became Peter (*Rock, faith*). We too must discern the difference between our worldly and spiritual voice. One will recognise Christ the other will renounce Him, as Peter also did. We must ask... *who do I say I am?*

In a culture, heavy with *'image making'*, we easily confuse ourselves with the *'images'* that are adopted by or imposed on us. Being cannot be contained by an image. Regardless of the appearance projected, the scriptures reveal that we are spiritual beings; created in the image and likeness of the Creator - *who cannot be imaged or contained*. We might exist in the body but we live, move and have our being, in Him. Images change; what we truly are is permanent, peaceful and stable. We cannot make ourselves but... we can discover the person already created.

We experience (*crucify*) self-images in the body (*cross*) through the senses; this is the cross we have to *pick up* in order to find and follow who we truly are. Observation assists in self-knowledge. It reveals *what we are not*: it suggests that we are the Observer not the observed. But, how does the Observer, observe itself when it is itself? As subject it cannot see itself as object... just as an eye cannot see itself. However, others can 'see' and know us (*love your neighbour as yourself*). We are lucky if we have a spiritual friend, one who can truly point out to us, our self. This is at the heart of Christian life. One of the greatest gifts we can give another is the gift of themselves to themselves.

We recognise Christ more clearly during the Mass when we recognise Him in the person sitting next to us; when we develop loving, trusting friendships in Christ rather than occasional acquaintances.



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OUR CHURCHES

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Most Holy Redeemer
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Chapel of the Good Shepherd
Barford Lane, Downton SP5 3QA

Chapel of the Holy Family
Southampton Rd, Whaddon SP5 3EB

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 : 2820**

CHURCH OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER, BISHOPDOWN

Issue: We have been informed that the roof of Holy Redeemer Church poses a risk of serious injury or worse.

Action: THE CHURCH IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

The Parish Quinquennial Team is working with relevant professional agencies including the Diocese, for advice and direction on the appropriate way forward. They will advise me accordingly.

Key points are as follows:

- Respectfully, **no one** is to use or go into the church until further notice, for any reason.
- Both the Saturday 6pm and Wednesday 10am Masses will be celebrated at St Osmund's Church, Exeter Street, until further notice.
- Cars may be parked at St Osmund's School for the Saturday Evening Mass **only**.
- Please address all queries to me.

I'm very sorry about this and for any inconvenience it causes. I am very grateful to our Quinquennial Team for all they are doing. At present, I cannot say how long the closure will last. I, for one, will have to exercise patience and hope and pray for an early resolution. Please understand that I have taken this action because I have to put your safety first... you are precious.

Please keep an eye on the website and the newsletter for updates.

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass - The Syro-Malabar Rite Mass will be celebrated on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 3 pm (preceded by prayer at 2.30 pm) starting 18 September at St Osmund. All welcome.

Tea & Coffee after the 9 am Masses at St Osmund and St Gregory - Starting Sunday 19 September. Both the Parish Rooms at St Osmund and the Hall at St Gregory will be open for tea & coffee after their respective 9 am Masses. It is hoped that this is the first step towards a general reopening for all our various social activities.

Parish Mission - Shared Lunch - Deacon Steve Godwin has provided photographs of the shared lunch at the end of the Parish Mission last Saturday 4 September. These can be viewed in our Photo Gallery or by [clicking here](#).

SCORE collection - Next weekend 18/19 September there will be a SCORE collection for Home projects. Please use your pink envelope, or put your offering into an envelope marked SCORE. There is now another way to make your offering using the Parish website. Click on 'Donate' on the homepage and select SCORE.

Salisbury Food Bank. During September we are collecting Long Life Fruit Juice for the Food Bank. Please place contributions in the boxes provided in the churches of St Osmund and St Gregory. Thank you.

MEETINGS ON ZOOM Please use the contacts below if you would like to join (all are welcome).

Tuesdays at 07.30 pm	Weekly Alabaré Christian Community	Deacon John Proctor john@alabare.org
Wednesdays at 2.30 pm	Rosary Group	Josephine on 01722 328410
Thursdays at 6:30 pm	Downton Service of the Word	michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk

Administration - Volunteering Opportunity in the Parish Office

If you have a few hours to spare each week, we need someone who is confident and friendly on the telephone, a self-starter with good computer skills who is comfortable with basic Microsoft products. Don't be shy, please get in touch! Contact Caroline Williams to discuss further caroline.williams@cliffondiocese.com or ring 01722 562703. We can be flexible with times and days to suit and will help and train where necessary.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The final session of the current preparation course is at 19:30 on Thursday 23 September in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund's. If you wish to join a future course, please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email: john.proctor@clifftondiocese.com. For baptism preparation at St Gregory's, please contact Deacon Stephen Godwin by email stephen.godwin@clifftondiocese.com

Congratulations and welcome to Evie Marie Brown and Orlagh Veronica Dylag who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday 5 September. Please keep Evie, her parents Clare & Daniel and Orlagh, her parents Briony & Slawomir in your prayers at this special time.

CONFIRMATION 2021

A Confirmation Mass for the remainder of this year's candidates will be on Friday 10 September 7 pm at St Osmund. Parishioners are very welcome to attend this Mass, a few of the pews will be reserved for the four candidates, their parents and sponsors. The Mass will be livestreamed and recorded. Please keep Angelo, Millie, Nina and Dominic in your prayers as they approach this important Sacrament.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - 14 SEPTEMBER

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 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 story of this feast please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Season of Creation - Walk on 19 September - Following the Creation narrative from the Book of Genesis, you are invited to join other local Christians on a walk from Salisbury Cathedral to St George's Church in Harnham, calling at seven 'Stations' - each Station marking one of the seven days of Creation. The walk takes place on 19 September and starts from Mompesson House in the Cathedral Close at 3 pm. For more information click on the image in the 'Top News' box, [click here](#), or contact Graham on 01980 590465 or 07484 736398.

Dare to Dream 2021

Following on from the series that ran from Lent to Pentecost, the Diocese are publishing an Autumn series of 9 episodes. At the beginning of this series there is an invitation from Bishop Declan - this is now available along with a reflection for last Sunday by Fr Thomas Lawes and one for this Sunday by Fr Michael Healy. Please click on the 'Dare To Dream' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

The God Who Speaks. This week's reflection is by Bishop Jim Golka, reflects on this Sunday's readings. Within it he asks the question "Who is Jesus to us, is he a priority 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, with our readings from this weekend, we are on very holy ground because we're dealing with the imagery, symbolism, and theology of the suffering servant. Yes, he is the one who will bring God's salvation to all the world, but he will do it by bearing the pain and suffering of the world." To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy - from Catholic Kids Media we have: Faith or Works? A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B and also from Redemptorist Publications there will be a video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection and a final prayer (from Friday evening onwards) To view, click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Week 24, Psalter 4

Saturday 11 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Phil Jones in health, recovering from an operation

First Mass of Sunday * please note change of venue *

18:00 St Osmund* MASS For Donal

SUNDAY 12 September

09:00 St Gregory MASS Keith Summerill RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Richard & Margaret Woolford -
50th Wedding Anniversary

11:00 St Osmund MASS Carol Carthy RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Eddie Mulhern RIP

Monday 13 September Saint John Chrysostom

10:00 St Osmund MASS Stephano Oddi RIP

Tuesday 14 September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows

10:00 St Osmund* MASS Brigid Holland - get well

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 16 September Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS

Friday 17 September Saint Edith of Wilton

10:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of the Donors

Saturday 18 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

15:00 St Osmund Syro-Malabar Rite

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory On request Contact priests

St Osmund **Please note: No confessions at St Osmund on Saturday 18 September**

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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 Thomas More, Marlborough.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Helen & Gianni who are due to be married in St Osmund's Church next Saturday.

All those who have died recently: Margaret (Peggy) Lever, John Paul Pearson and John (Tony) Baker and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Advance Notice - The Requiem Mass for Peggy Lever will be at St Osmund on 23 September at 13:00. All welcome.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 50:5-9

Psalms 114:1-6,8-9

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

James 2:14-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!**

Mark 8:27-35

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](#)