

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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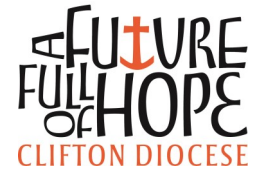
From Father Anthony

Early morning: icy air. The beach was deserted, the sea flat and calm. In the distance a bank of white cloud lay on the horizon. I watched as the sun rose, breathtakingly, from behind it! Needles of light danced and sparkled off emerald waters. To my left, the cloud was broody and ominous. It stretched away into the west and darkened the landscape. Both scenes had their own beauty but I found myself drawn to the light and its life giving warmth.

We are very often dogged by the passions, cares and worries of our life... especially, living up to the expectations of others. It can be soul destroying! Scripture tells us this can be overcome: that it is possible to find a way of life that is sensible, peaceful and fulfilling. It requires belief that a better way exists and the desire and determination to find it.

Jeremiah tells us not to trust in 'human beings' or the 'flesh' but in *the Lord*. The former brings barrenness and futility: the latter, life and fruitfulness. St Paul refers to *the Lord* as Christ. He urges us not to sink into deathlike thoughts with no hope of change but to understand that Christ has already overcome it all (*raised from the dead*). He is the first fruit (*new life*) of those who have fallen asleep (*died within*) because of trusting and believing in the wrong things. *Christ is found within*. Therefore, the experience of His resurrection, this new way of life, is already within us! Resurrection, new life, is not something we do... it is something we find *already accomplished in us*. How?

The Beatitudes suggest the way. The basic law is, '*alter the dispositions of your soul to find the kingdom of heaven within*'. As with Christ, Scripture understands the Kingdom of Heaven as an interior state. Both Christ and the Kingdom are present realities found within. As such they affect outcomes in the world and change it. Jesus tells His disciples (*us*) that the first step is to grasp that we are like beggars (*poor*) in our understanding of the interior life. Comprehending this makes us 'blessed' (*fortunate*) because by it we can separate from worldly ways of understanding. It creates a space in which the light of Spirit may begin to shine. In this light we find what God has already placed in us... Christ and the Kingdom.



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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"

**REGISTERED PARISHIONERS
TO DATE : 2887**

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 13 FEBRUARY

The theme this year is 'In the Image and Likeness of God'. There a slide show produced by our Bishops' Conference of images featuring Our Lady and the Child Jesus from a diverse cross-section of countries and cultures on our website. Although by no means exhaustive, they hope this reminds us of the rich diversity of our Catholic community and encourages reflection on how, not only are we all made in the image of God but that we are all equal. For more, including a podcast from Archbishop John Wilson: 'There is no place for racial injustice in the life of the Catholic Church' click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS - 14 FEBRUARY

Holiness means reacting to human life with God's love: human life as it is, crisscrossed with the political and the cultural, the beautiful and the ugly, the selfish and the saintly. Cyril and Methodius are not saints because they achieved a liturgy in the vernacular for the Slavic peoples, but because they did so with the courage and humility of Christ. For their story click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Growing poverty within our nation. We are aware of the growing number of families that may suffer from financial hardship with the increasing costs of fuel and living. It is the duty of our Christian community to care for one another and we ask that anyone in need should please speak with the priests or deacons so we can offer support and advice. If you become aware of a family or elderly person in need, please bring them to our attention. All enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Church Cleaning at St Osmund's We currently have **ONE** volunteer church cleaner at St Osmund's! She really needs some help...please consider helping out if you can - either regularly or occasionally. Time/Day can be flexible to suit your commitments and situation. Contact Caroline in the office 562703 or email caroline.williams@clifftondiocese.com

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass is moving to the third Sunday of each month (this month on 20 February) with the Rosary at 4.30pm and Mass at 5pm at Most Holy Redeemer.

SCORE The next SCORE collection is on 19 & 20 February and will be for local charitable projects. Donations may be made using a marked envelope or via the website ([click here](#)). Applications for SCORE grants for local or overseas projects should be submitted by the end of this month. An application form and other details can be found on the website ([click here](#)).

Salisbury Justice and Peace Group It is those in developing countries that experience the worst effects of climate change yet they've done the least to cause it. If you long to tackle injustices like this, you may wish to consider joining Salisbury Justice and Peace Group. For more information [click here](#).

The Nicodemus Group meets on a Wednesday evening for six weeks at a time, three times a year. Each session comprises of prayer, then a lovely home cooked meal followed by a scripture reading and discussion. The last session before Easter will be on Wednesday 16 February at 7pm. To register interest, please get in touch with Dave Blake 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 each month in St Gregory's Hall at 2pm. At the next meeting on Wednesday 16 February we will have bingo. For information contact Chris on 01722 321109

The Listening Place - The Listening Place provides a friendly and safe place where you can share whatever is on your mind with a trained listener. They will not interrupt, advise or judge you, but will support you in finding your own way forward. Located at Salisbury Methodist Church St Edmunds Church Street. Open on Monday Evenings from 5.30pm - 7.30pm; and on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10.00am-12.00 noon. For more information go to: <http://www.thelisteningplace.org.uk/index.html> or phone 01722 325294

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Our parish Synodal Conversations are now complete. We wish to thank everyone who took part: facilitators, notetakers, and participants. The next step is to condense the notes and submit the outcome to the Diocese by the end of this month. Bishop Declan and his Synod Team will then submit a report drawn from all the parishes to the Bishop's Conference for England & Wales. **The final document submitted to the Diocese will be published in full on our website.** All the information on the Synod, including explanatory videos, feature on our website. Click the 'Synodal Church' button on the homepage or [click here](#).

Lenten Penitential Service with Bishop Declan- Date for your diary: **10 March at 7pm**. Bishop Declan is coming to St Osmund's to celebrate a Liturgy of Reconciliation (with opportunity for individual confessions) for our Deanery.

Confirmation 2022 Bishop Declan will be coming on 5 July this year to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thanks to all those candidates who have stepped forward. We are now in the process of booking a Retreat Centre as part of their preparation and we are really looking forward to it. For further information please contact Annette at confirmation@salisbury Catholics.org

First Holy Communion 2022 will take place over the weekend of **21 and 22 May**. Preparation this year consists of sessions aimed at assisting parents to prepare their child and separate sessions for the children. The third Parents' session is Saturday 19 February. The first Children's session is on 12 March (it is important that the children attend **ALL** of their sessions). All sessions are at 2pm at St Gregory's. The Programme timetable is available on our website: select 'Sacraments' on the main menu and then 'Holy Communion', or [click here](#) .

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@cliffondiocese.com and at St Gregory contact Deacon Stephen Godwin by email stephen.godwin@cliffondiocese.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. We have the eighth video 'The Paschal Mystery' by Fr Michael Fountaine who is Parish Priest at St Mary's, Chippenham and St Patrick's, Corsham. To watch, click on the 'A Call to Love' image in the 'Top News' box on our homepage or [click here](#).

Luke's Gospel Christopher Piggins continues to read Luke's Gospel with the recording of Chapters 11 & 12: 'The Journey to Jerusalem'. To watch, click on the 'Luke's Gospel' button on our home page or [click here](#).

The God Who Speaks We have a reflection by Bishop Jim Golka on this Sunday's readings (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time C). He sums up with a quotation from St Teresa of Ávila "*Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.*" To watch, click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron. Friends, when our heart belongs to anything in this world, we live in an empty and lifeless spiritual space. But when our heart belongs to the Lord, the rest of our life falls into the right order around that centre. Our readings this week raise a crucial question: To whom or to what does your heart belong? To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: Idolatry? A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for this Sunday (5th Ordinary). Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Ordinary Time Week 6 and Psalter 2

Saturday 12 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Colin O'Farrell RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Chakkappan RIP

SUNDAY 13 February

09:00 St Gregory MASS All Souls
09:00 St Osmund MASS In thanksgiving - Joseph George
11:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS Brian & Feithlinn Whitehead RIP

Monday 14 February SAINTS CYRIL & METHIDIUS

10:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

Tuesday 15 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Chris Norris RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 16 February

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Terence O'Sullivan RIP
19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 17 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mitch Chinedum
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction
18:30 Downton MASS Marian Thorp RIP

Friday 18 February

10:00 St Gregory MASS Tony McMullen RIP
19:00 St Osmund MASS Arthur Buck RIP

Saturday 19 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Simon Thornton RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Rita Tora RIP

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 FEBRUARY

For Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times. [Click here](#).

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of Our Lady & St Alphege (Bath) and St Joseph (Peasedown St John)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tony McMullen, Betty Knight and 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

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalms 1

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!**

Luke 6:17. 20-26

SACRAMENTS

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](#)

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