

# SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 24 (A)

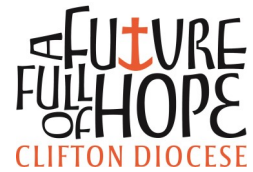
From Fr Anthony...

The beach called and the sun came out to play. Wisps of white cloud stretched high. The sky slipped away into distant layers of azure and cornfield blue. It kissed a gun metal sea, dappled with emerald green. A ship crawled along the rim of the horizon. Jagged and hazy the headland lowered its back into the water; waves lapped against it. Yellow as mustard and just as hot, the beach curved away. I paddled along the fringes of the tide. To the left sand dunes rolled and tucked, tall grasses swayed in the breeze. Walking this way gave the best view. The opposite direction featured the town... too busy and distracting.

Most of us have a view of life. If viewed as something that affects us from without it can be oppressive; if viewed as something we affect from within...it can be impressive. Our view has implications for forgiveness. We are told to always forgive (seventy times seven). How? Jesus explains it in terms of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Kingdom is a state of being; it is born from within. It is not formed by introjecting impressions from outside. In this state we see ourselves as Christ (the king) sees us. This seeing looks beyond (forgives) what we have made of ourselves (our debts). It brings us into remembrance of the magnificent being we truly are. We experience understanding, compassion, freedom, joy and love. We become the forgiveness we experience. What we experience about our nature, we know to be true of others. We overlook (forgive) the impressions we receive from them. We see the being they truly are... an image of God. They experience this forgiveness; it is restorative and healing. If our internal life is formed by impressions from the world, born from without, we become worldly; we take on its character. We become what we think the world is doing to us; we talk about justice, condemnation and judgment. We do to others what we perceive the world has done to us... and this is how others experience us (the unforgiving steward)!

We can't be in two states of being at the same time. One state obscures the other. The worldly state obscures the state of forgiveness (the steward who loses the forgiveness of the king). But, in the experience of remembering who we truly are; being deeply loved and totally forgiven... we always forgive.



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### Parish Office

**Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00**

The parish office is now located in the Newman Room (at the back of the Parish Rooms at St Osmund's)

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[office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org)

### OUR CHURCHES

**St Osmund**  
95 Exeter Street SP1 2SF

**St Gregory & the English Martyrs**  
St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

**Most Holy Redeemer**  
Fotherby Crescent SP1 3EG

**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. Pop into the Newman Room and say hello! Please register online at: <https://salisburycatholics.org> click "Registration/update"

**REGISTERED PARISHIONERS  
TO DATE : 2655**

## THOMAS LAWES - ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD



As many of you know, Thomas was raised here in Salisbury, lived in Holy Redeemer parish and attended both St Osmund's and St Joseph's schools. For part of Thomas's childhood, his family lived in Fotherby House (the former presbytery at Holy Redeemer) and we have been praying for Thomas since he entered seminary at St John's, Womersley in Sept 2014. It is with great pride and joy that we look forward to Thomas's Ordination to the Priesthood on **26 September at 11am** in Clifton Cathedral. It is sad that, due to the current COVID restrictions, we cannot organise a coach and his Ordination has to be an invitation-only occasion. However, the event

**will be Livestreamed** from Clifton Cathedral and will be available to watch on our website. We will be presenting Thomas with a gift from our parishes to mark his Ordination and, if you would like to contribute to this gift, there are envelopes available in all of our churches this weekend. Please put your gift into the envelope and place in the normal offertory basket by the entrance/exit in any of our churches. Please make cheques payable to 'St Osmund's Parish' and write 'Thomas Lawes' on the reverse side. If you would like to add your gift via online banking, please call the office for bank details: 01722 562703 or email [outreach@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:outreach@salisburycatholics.org)

**Please continue to pray for Thomas as he approaches his Ordination.**

## 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 more on this feast please click on the image in the 'Top News' or go directly to

<https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/exaltation-holy-cross>

## OUR LADY OF SORROWS 15 SEPTEMBER

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolours or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, 'This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare' (Luke 2:34-35). For more click on the image in the 'Top News' or go to directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/our-lady-sorrows>

**Starting School?** If you have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2021 onwards. You must complete an application form from the admissions team of Wiltshire Council at: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-applying>  
If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of their baptism certificate. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2021.

**BIBLE STUDY** meets on Tuesdays every week at 10:45 via Skype. All are welcome. For more information and/or to join please contact Michael on 01725 510310.

**ZOOM GATHERINGS** Please contact [outreach@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:outreach@salisburycatholics.org) if you need assistance.

Tuesday at 17:00

Pastoral Team meeting

Tuesday at 19:30

Alabare community meeting

Contact John Proctor on 01722 340206

Wednesday at 14:30

Rosary Group

Contact Josephine on 01722 328410

Thursdays at 19:00

Downton Service of the Word

Contact Michael [michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk](mailto:michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk)

Tuesday at 15:00

22 September HR/Whaddon House Mass Contact Tony on 01722 562703

**ORDINARIATE MASSES** Advance notice that there will be no Ordinariate Mass at 12.15 on Sunday 20 September. We warmly invite all members of the Ordinariate community to book into one of the other Masses that weekend in the normal way. Mass on Wednesday 16 September will be celebrated in the Roman Rite.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASS

The full list of Mass times in all our churches is on the final page of this newsletter and also features on our website: click on 'Mass Times' on our homepage or go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/mass-times>

**Church Capacity** The reconfiguration of the available pews in our churches to "1 m plus" is now complete. This means that we have more useable space and can fit more people in to Mass; please continue to book early.

**Booking to attend Weekday Masses:** Thank you so much for your continued support with this process. Please note that there is almost always space at our weekday Masses and that booking for weekday Masses can take place right up until Mass begins.

**Booking to attend Sunday Masses:** Please book as early as possible to attend Sunday Masses (including Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass). Office opening hours are Monday - Friday and so emails and telephone calls on Saturday and Sundays may well not be received/responded to.

**To book, please call 01722 562703 or email [outreach@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:outreach@salisburycatholics.org)**

**Bookings can only be taken on this number and email address, Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00**

## HELP NEEDED! WOULD YOU HELP US WITH GARDEN AT ST OSMUND'S?

During the COVID pandemic, the garden has become seriously overgrown and is in real need of some love and attention. We are hoping that some willing volunteers will join Fr Anthony on 2 separate Saturdays to do some clearing and weeding. Stay and help for as little or as long as you want. The first date is on **19 September** and we will gather anytime from 2pm onwards. Please bring your own gardening tools, as we don't have any and if anyone has surplus gardening tools or ones that are in usable condition but no longer required - we would love to have them! Please let us know in advance if you plan to come so that we can make sure we comply with all social distancing guidelines. Call 562703 or email [outreach@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:outreach@salisburycatholics.org)

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER SUPPORTED BY OUR WEBSITE

*THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM, TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM IN TRUTH*

### THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

We have a video reflection on last weekend's Gospel (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time). It is less than 3 minutes long and well worth listening to. To access, please click on the 'The God Who Speaks' button on our Homepage or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/god-who-speaks>

Also on our 'God Who Speaks' page we have introduced the first in a series of monthly reflections by Fr Henry Wansbrough OSB. Through them, he responds to some of the questions that many people have about the Bible. Questions such as why do we have two accounts of creation in Genesis? What was King David really like? Why and how do we use the Psalms? A new Reflection by Fr Henry will be added each month. In the first video, a Reflection by Fr Henry, he talks about Creation.

### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER - RESPECT FOR THE PLANET'S RESOURCES

Just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/pope-francis>

**Music in Isolation** We have added Monks singing Gregorian Chant in a Catholic Benedictine Seminary and as a complete contrast some beautiful Country Gospel Songs to our 'Music in Isolation' for those who are missing music. Just click on the button on our home page or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/music-isolation>

**Bishop Barron's Homily** on the first reading for this weekend which has to do with anger, vengeance, and forgiveness, themes that figure prominently in the preaching of Jesus. "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." To listen please click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our home page or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/sunday-homily>

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Ordinary Time Week 24 and Psalter 4

ALL MASSES IN ST OSMUND ARE LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

<https://salisbury Catholics.org/church-tv>

## Limited Congregation Masses

### Saturday 12 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Carol Carthy RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

### SUNDAY 13 September

09:00 St Osmund MASS Christine Robinson for her recovery

09:00 St Gregory MASS Alan West RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Ajith and Binta, Wedding Anniversary

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Private Intention

### Monday 14 September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

10:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of the Donors

19:00 St Osmund MASS

### Tuesday 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows

10:00 St Osmund MASS

All Day St Osmund Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

19:00 St Osmund MASS

### Wednesday 16 September Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

10:00 St Osmund MASS

12:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS

### Thursday 17 September Saint Edith of Wilton

10:00 St Osmund MASS

All Day St Osmund Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

19:00 St Osmund MASS

### Friday 18 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS

12:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS

### Saturday 19 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Gregory Fridays 12:30 to 13:00

St Osmund Saturdays 10:30 to 11:30

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

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### POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

#### Universal: Respect for the Planet's Resources

That the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

<https://salisbury Catholics.org/pope-francis>

### CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parish of St Peter, Swindon and Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember all those who have died: Alan West, Sheilah Owen, Rita (Mollie) Halliden and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER

St Osmund will be open for Private Individual Prayer throughout the day during office hours, just call into the Newman Room at the back of the Parish Rooms to gain admittance to the church when you arrive.

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Ecclesiasticus 27:30 - 28:7*

*Ps 102*

**The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

*Romans 14:7-9*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.**

**Alleluia!**

*Matthew 18:21-35*

### MARRIAGES

Where possible, these must be deferred.

Please speak to the priest for further guidance.

### FUNERALS

Please speak to the priest for guidance.

### BAPTISMS

For those who have attended the baptismal preparation course a baptism can now be arranged on a Saturday after midday. If you wish to have more detail please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email [john@alabare.org](mailto:john@alabare.org)