

# SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

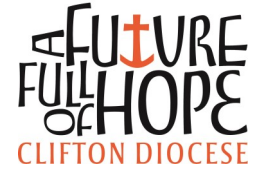
### From Father Anthony

The garden is lush and vibrant. Hollyhocks and vines race each other up the church wall and roses have bloomed with crimson smiles. Bushes, borders and trees have sprouted like unruly hair and clamour for the attention of a barber! Amid all the beauty, it was the call of a baby blackbird that captivated me and the unwavering devotedness of its father bringing a constant supply of food and assurance.

*'By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'* What is the quality of *this Love*? There are four words in Greek that we translate as Love. *Philos* is the love of affection and friendship: *Storge* is a possessive, emotional love (*parents*): *Eros* is romantic, passionate love: *Agape* is love that has to do with preference. Spiritually, *Agape* means to prefer what God prefers. As a verb it means to give ourselves over to something; to be consumed by and committed to it. It is what we put first and give all our attention and abilities too... becoming one with it. God's preference was *to love the world so much that He gave His only Son* – it is a Love that is completely unconditional and devoted to the other. Some have argued that we do not naturally possess this Love as it is unselfish and almost supernatural. Yet, it is the word used in the Gospel. We are to, *'love (agapaó) one another as Christ has loved (agapaó) us'*.

The food of love is Love: Love uncovers and deepens love. When Jesus asked Peter, *do you love me*, He used the verb *agapaó*... i.e. do you love me unconditionally? But, Peter answers with the verb *philéō* ... i.e. *I love you affectionately and as a friend*. Jesus asked again and received the same reply. The third time *Jesus used the verb philéō*; it seems He understood that Peter couldn't love unconditionally or, maybe, didn't understand what unconditional love is; so He asked for and accepted the Love that Peter could understand and offered.

We may not yet be able to love unconditionally but we can still love; we can develop our affection and friendship towards one another and therefore towards God. We can also learn to receive the affection and friendship that is offered. It will lead to deeper forms of growth in love... by which others will know we are His Disciples.



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**St Gregory & the English Martyrs**  
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**Most Holy Redeemer**  
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**Chapel of the Good Shepherd**  
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**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 : 2950**

RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST  
AN INVITATION FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

**An extract of the statement from the Bishop's Conference:**

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation. For the full text please click on the 'Sunday Obligation' button on our homepage or [click here](#)..

PARISH ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Salisbury Catholic Churches is seeking to appoint an Administration Assistant to work in our busy parish office based in St Osmund's parish rooms. This is an exciting opportunity to join our friendly team and work in support of the mission of our three parishes. For further details and information on how to apply, click on the 'Vacancy' button on the homepage of our website or [click here](#). We would be most grateful if parishioners would assist us in our recruitment process by telling everyone you know who may be appropriate for this role. We are looking for someone dynamic and motivated with good IT and administration skills.

**May Devotions - Our Syro-Malabar Community** are celebrating Mass this Sunday (15 May) at 3pm at Holy Redeemer, preceded by the Rosary at 2.30pm. This will be followed by a procession for Our Lady at approximately 5pm. The procession is a beautiful and colourful occasion and, if you've never been, we highly recommend it. Everyone from the Salisbury Catholic Churches is invited to all or part of this celebration.

The Rosary continues to be prayed in St Osmund's Church at 6pm preceding the 7pm Mass each Friday in May led by our Rosary Group; everyone is welcome to join. Please visit our 'May Devotions' page by clicking on the button on our Homepage or by [clicking here](#).

**SCORE Collection** - This weekend 14 & 15 May there will be a retiring collection for home projects. You can also donate by clicking on the 'Donate' button on our homepage, via the contactless machine in St Osmund's porch or by [clicking here](#).

**SPUC Stall this Saturday 14 May in Salisbury Market between 8am and 1pm.** Do go along and support this worthy cause. For information contact either Alison on 01722 741681 or Bernadette on 01722 711137.

**SCORE meeting.** Everyone is invited to a special meeting on Monday 16 May at 7pm in the Parish Rooms. This will be an opportunity to see how SCORE funds were distributed in 2021/22. Representatives from 3 charities will be present to tell you how the funds are used and to answer questions. These will be: **Salisbury Street Pastors, The Bridge Youth Project, and Salisbury Pantry.** The meeting will be followed by refreshments. All welcome.

**Justice & Peace Group** are meeting in St Osmund's Parish Rooms on Monday 23 May at 2pm, all are welcome. Is God calling you to join us to work for the coming of the kingdom here on earth? For more information call Graham on 01722 333873.

**Flame 2023** - The biggest Catholic youth event in the UK is returning to London, CYMFED has organised Flame 2023 for Saturday 4 March 2023 at the OVO Arena, Wembley. Clifton Diocese has booked tickets and a coach for 50 people, if you are interested, please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) for more information.

**World Youth Day 2023** - World Youth Day will next take place in Lisbon in 2023. The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is organising an eight-day pilgrimage from July 31 to August 8, 2023 for young adults [18-35] in our diocese. The provisional plan is to spend six nights in Lisbon and two nights in Fatima. Please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) for more information or to register your interest.

**Congratulations and welcome** to Oscar Barry-Stefano and Cameron Stimson who will both receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Saturday 14 May. Please keep Oscar & Cameron, their parents and godparents in your prayers at this special time

**Explore Your Faith** The Nicodemus Group will be meeting again on Wednesday 18 May at 7pm in the St Osmund's Parish Rooms. For information, please click on 'Becoming Catholic' on our main menu, or [click here](#) or contact Dave Blake directly to register interest or ask any questions: [nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org)

**Salisbury Cathedral Festival of Flowers.** A team from St Osmund's is representing our church at the flower exhibition which remains open until this Sunday 15th May. Our team, led By Mary-Ann Farmer with Margaret Clark, Judy Pickford and Kath Smith have put a great deal of effort in to preparing the exhibition. The exhibition is fabulous and well worth the ticket price for entry. For all the details please visit our 'Blog' or [click here](#).

**Salisbury Catholic Churches Afternoon Tea** - A wonderful afternoon attended by 60 people from all of our three churches. Parishioner Lorna Mathews-Keel gave a fascinating presentation into some of the historical stories of Salisbury. This was a social event aiming to bringing people together across all our churches. Many thanks to all the organisers. Photos are available in our 'Photo Gallery', just click the button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Altar Server Training** - Fr Jonathan is planning to lead some altar server training in the coming months. We would like to hear from anyone who was an altar server prior to the pandemic that would now like to return as there will be 'refresher' training for you. We would also like to hear from any child who has made their First Communion who would like to begin serving. Please email the parish office [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org) or ring 01722 562703. Many thanks.

**Confirmation 2022** - Following the first meeting with the parents on Saturday 23 April, the next meeting will be with the candidates on 10 June at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. The programme timetable can be found by clicking on 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then 'Confirmation' or [click here](#). For further information please contact Annette at [confirmation@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:confirmation@salisburycatholics.org)

**First Holy Communion 2022** The final children's session is tomorrow Saturday 14 May at 2pm in St Gregory's which is a full rehearsal for First Holy Communion next weekend 21 & 22 May. For information please contact Annette at [fhc@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:fhc@salisburycatholics.org).

**Advance Notice** First Holy Communion Masses will be taking place at our regular Saturday evening/Sunday Masses on 21/22 May. We look forward to full churches and celebrations of great joy!

**Sunday Homilies by Jeff Cavins & Bishop Robert Barron**, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#). Please note the homily by Bishop Barron is released late on a Saturday.

**Children's Liturgy:** The New Commandment! Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Easter Week 5 - Psalter 1, Proper of Season

## Saturday 14 May

### SAINT MATHIAS, APOSTLE

10:00 St Osmund MASS Rod Campbell RIP

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Donal Ellis RIP

## SUNDAY 15 May

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

09:00 St Osmund MASS James O'Farrell RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Peter McDermott RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

15:00 Holy Redeemer Syro Malabar MASS

with Marian Procession at approx. 17:00 All welcome.

18:00 St Osmund MASS Arthur & Mary Buck RIP

## Monday 16 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving

## Tuesday 17 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Roger Batten - In sickness

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Wednesday 18 May

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Jacob Family

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

## Thursday 19 May

### Saint Dunstan

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Namusisi

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS

## Friday 20 May

10:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving - Elizabeth Paul

18:00 St Osmund Marian Devotion (Rosary)

19:00 St Osmund MASS Eileen Butterfield RIP

## Saturday 21 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mazie Julia Dias - First birthday

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Gill & John Turley - Wedding Anniversary

## 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 MAY

### Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service. [Click here.](#)

## CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Teresa of the Child Jesus (Filton) and St Vincent de Paul (Southmead, Bristol).

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Rita Brockhurst, Tom Lewis, Anthony Baker, Sylvester Duff, Sister Pauline Mahony, Baby Raphaella, Barry McCombe and Edna Hillier who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Acts 14:21-27*

*Psalms 144*

**I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.**

*Apocalypse 21:1-5*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you,'**

**Alleluia!**

*John 13:31-35*

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS** For baptisms please contact Deacon John Proctor or Deacon Stephen Godwin.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** weekend will be **21 & 22 May**. The next session is for the children tomorrow Saturday 14 May at 2pm. For the timetable: [click here.](#)

**CONFIRMATION** Bishop Declan will be coming on **5 July** this year to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The next meeting will be with the candidates on 10 June at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. For further information please contact Annette at [confirmation@salisbury Catholics.org](mailto:confirmation@salisbury Catholics.org)

**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](mailto:caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com)