

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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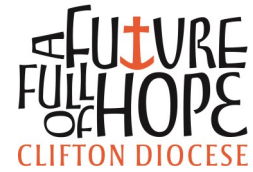
ORDINARY TIME WEEK 29(C)

From Father Anthony

I made my way across the park. Rain had threatened and delivered but it was now fresh and dry. Wind whistled through the trees sending down showers of golden leaves. The sun played hide and seek with the clouds as distant Cathedral bells danced the air. A mother came by overladen with shopping followed by a fractious child: she looked tired. A rasping sound jumped me out of my skin... a workman had started a circular stone cutter. The noise was relentless but eventually the stone gave way and peace resumed.

Jesus tells us to pray and not become weary. The word translated as 'weary', ἐκκακῆω(ekcakeó), means 'to be negatively influenced with the *outcome* of experiencing inner *weariness*'. For example, we may have silently prayed for something all our lives but never received it: and felt dejected from the weariness of asking and not receiving. But, in James 4,3 we read, '*You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions*'. It is not that God does not hear or understand our prayer but that our understanding of prayer and what we pray for is neither correct nor would the outcome do us good... therefore, we ask *wrongly*. In the parable the unjust judge does not represent God... far from it. He represents our unforgiving, hard hearted, self-obsessed, relentless nature which makes itself a god (*had neither fear of God or man*); it is this we have to be persistent with until it gives way because it can give us nothing. Then God can be heard (*Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?*).

Prayer is an exchange of wishes, *i.e.* to switch our wishes and desires for those that God has for us. It is not about persistently demanding what we want and think we need. Prayer is allied to Faith which is about trusting that God knows what we want and that if we *quieten down* he will take our wishes and exchange them for His wishes for us. Further, when we experience weariness and feel unheard we might be praying to an *idea of God* made in our image and likeness. God is not our idea or image of Him; this we must drop and let God love us in His own way. Then we will really have what we need.



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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"

PARISH MERGER UPDATE - FROM FR ANTHONY

Greetings. I hope you had a lovely summer.

Now that the preliminary work is over and the Bishop along with the Council of Priests have agreed our proposed Merger, I can inform you that we will formally Merge our three Parishes on **Saturday the 26th November at 1200hrs** at a Mass where the Decree formalising our Merger will be read out. The Mass has to be celebrated in St Osmund's as this will be the Named Parish Church.

Naturally, everyone is invited to attend the Mass. Seating is tight, as you know, and there will be an overspill area created in St Osmund's Parish Hall where the Liturgy can be followed on television if need be.

It is an historic event in the life of our three parishes and, as you have made clear to me, is the correct way forward. I do hope you can be part of the celebration. There will be a reception in Elizabeth Hall afterwards and I hope to see you there too.

A great deal of work has gone into making the merger possible and I would like to thank all those who have contributed so much of their time, expertise and good will. Without you it would not have happened.

Love and prayers, Anthony

24HR PRAYER VIGIL

Deacon John Proctor's cancer diagnosis has led to an outpouring of prayer within our parishes for his speedy recovery and parishioners have requested a parish focus for healing prayer for Deacon John and all those others in our parish currently suffering ill-health. Deacon John's surgery is planned for Monday 24 October and we have therefore chosen this period for a 24 hour prayer vigil before the Blessed Sacrament in St Osmund's Church. The vigil will begin on Sunday 23 October at the 6pm Sunday Mass and will close with Benediction at 6pm on Monday 24 October. To ensure continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, there is a 'sign-up' sheet available in all of our churches. Alternatively, you may email the Parish Office office@salisburycatholics.org to sign up for one hour. Join in online - whilst we will need someone in the church at all times, it is our hope that parishioners who cannot come to the church in person will join us in prayer online.

CHRISTMAS CARDS In our increasingly secular and commercialised society, it is more important than ever that, as Christians, we do our very best to keep Christ as the central focus of this wonderful season. However, we know that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find faith-based Christmas Cards in the shops and so we are once again selling Christmas Cards on behalf of the Catholic charity **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**. These are sensibly priced in packs of 10 & 25 and feature the true message of Christmas. Please support the mission of our Church in countries and places where Christians are persecuted by buying cards from us. Cards are available (cash or cheque only) from the Parish Office during the week from NOW and will be also be sold after the Sunday Masses in the coming weeks. Please contact the office if you would be happy to sell them after the Sunday Mass that you attend. office@salisburycatholics.org 01722 562703.

Salisbury Catholic Churches Christmas Bazaar. St Gregory's are hosting our Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 20 November 2022 (see below). We are looking forward to welcoming parishioners from across Salisbury and hoping the wider community will visit too. We are also busy collecting donations (quality new and pre-loved books, games, toys, bottles and items that may be attractive Christmas gifts). Donations can be brought to any of our churches after Mass each Sunday leading up to the day itself or brought into the Parish Office during the week. Please contact Jez Mawdsley (jeremymawdsley@gmail.com) if you have queries or would like help making a donation.

St Paul Sunday Missals 2023 Year A - These missals will come into use on Sunday 27 November so we plan to submit our order next week. Please let us know by next Wednesday 19 October if you would like to order one at a cost of £7.95. Contact the parish office ideally by email office@salisburycatholics.org or ring 01722 562703.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Nicodemus Group - The Group will be meeting again next Wednesday 19 October, in St Elizabeth Hall, 131 Exeter Street 7– 8.30pm. For more information, please click on '[Becoming Catholic](#)' on our website main menu.

Journey in Faith Our ongoing programme for adults interested in Christianity who are not confirmed Catholics. The next meeting is Sunday 30 October 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.

Harvest Fast Day Procession at the St Osmund Masses last Sunday resulted in 91.1kg of produce which has been delivered to the Salisbury Foodbank and 'The Pantry'. Thank you to all those who donated to help those in our city who may struggle to feed themselves/their families this coming winter.

Next Tuesday 18 October at 7pm (Christian Aid) Rich World / Poor World Meal at St Francis Church. For £10 an opportunity to have a meal eaten by the poor or the rich in different parts of the world. To attend, tickets must be bought in advance. To book your ticket please contact Graham on 01722 333873.

World Mission Sunday – the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission – will happen on 23 October 2022. Coordinated by Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, this is an opportunity to support every mission diocese and faith community which need our help. For more information, a message from Pope Francis and videos please [click here](#) or click on the image in the 'Top News' box. There will be a retiring collection next weekend. Envelopes will be available in our churches this weekend for those who wish to 'Gift Aid' their donation.

Day for Readers - 12 November - Fr Joseph is leading a Scriptural 'retreat' day, with short inputs on the Bible and the Reader's role at Mass, plus time for prayer & meditation. New readers would be very welcome indeed! The day begins with the 10am Mass, continues in St Osmund's Parish Rooms and will conclude at 3.15pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be provided. If you plan to attend, please register your interest by contacting the parish office (ideally by email) office@salisburycatholics.org or call 01722 562703.

Candlelight Carols & Benediction - Wednesday 21 December 7pm at St Osmund's Church followed by warm mince pies & mulled wine. Fr Joseph is looking for singers to join him and will be organising three rehearsals beforehand: 30 November, 7 & 14 December 7pm - 8pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Please email the office if you'd be interested in joining in office@salisburycatholics.org or call 01722 562703.

Baptism Preparation Course Our next course will take place on three Tuesday evenings: 18 & 25 October and 1 November 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.

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](#).

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron reflects that to lead a 'Spiritual Life is a Battle'. The more we walk the path of Christ the more we will be opposed or discouraged by others. To listen and watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: 'Facing Our Battles!' for this the 29th 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 29 and Psalter 1

Saturday 15 October St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SUNDAY 16 October

09:00 St Gregory MASS Healing and help for Silvia Lovasova

09:00 St Osmund MASS Jacob Family - Thanksgiving

11:00 St Osmund MASS David Palmer RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:30 St Gregory Syro Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 17 October Saint Ignatius of Antioch

10:00 St Osmund MASS John Say RIP

Tuesday 18 October SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST

10:00 St Osmund MASS John Yeates RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 19 October

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Baby Lily McCann

NO ORDINARIATE MASS TODAY

Thursday 20 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Private Intention

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS Margaret Herbert (Downton) RIP

Friday 21 October

10:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

Saturday 22 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer 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 OCTOBER

For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parish of St Augustine of Canterbury (Matson) and English Martyrs (Tuffley, Gloucester).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

John Say, Mary Webb, Beryl Kerley and Vincent Callaghan, who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Advance Notice:

Requiem Mass - John Say RIP

1pm on 26 October in St Osmund's - all welcome

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Exodus 17:8-13

Ps 120

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

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 18:1-8

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS For baptisms please register your application [click here](#). For more information contact Deacon John Proctor or Deacon Stephen Godwin.

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.



SALISBURY CATHOLIC
CHURCHES WOULD LIKE
TO WELCOME YOU
TO

ST GREGORY'S
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

ON

SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER '22,
10.00AM TO 1.30 PM

IN

ST GREGORY'S HALL,
ST GREGORY'S AVENUE,
SALISBURY

ALL ARE WELCOME!