

# SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 25(C)

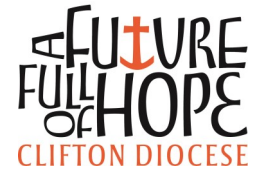
### From Father Anthony

After several weeks of absence, the Gunslinger made an appearance. Torrential rains passed leaving behind a refreshing breeze which cleared the air and ruffled his feathers. We eyed one another affectionately and I greeted my little friend with some crushed peanuts... which brought the Gangsters flocking down. The Brown Sparrows held formation around the olive trees and waited to land. Caught up and distracted *'by the things of this world'* none of us noticed another guest; this one was silent, reflective and deadly. Mrs Cat! Fortunately, Henrietta saw her and shrieked, sending everyone heavenward... no one was eaten!

In the Gospel parable we find the master praising the unjust steward for his astuteness. This might seem strange... praise for dishonesty? Spiritually, he is being praised for his ability to *reflect and act upon the situation he found himself in...* not for his dishonesty! The word translated as 'astuteness' φρόνιμος, phronimos has the sense of *'how we size things up'*. The unjust steward does not accept his predicament. He 'uses his head' as well as his heart to influence an outcome. He doesn't sit back: he takes charge.

Very often the spiritual life is depicted as being passive rather than active; as ignoring the world. This is inaccurate and far from truth. We all know the saying, *'the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing'*. The spiritual life is not about passivity; it is about *remembering* Spirit so as to act in the Spirit *to transform the world*. The spiritual person cannot and must not ignore the world.

Traditionally, being astute (*spiritual*) requires Knowledge, Understanding and Wisdom (*Grammar, Logic, Rhetoric, in old speak... sometimes called the Trivium*). Firstly, acquire Knowledge. Secondly, understand (*assimilate*) it. Thirdly, act on it to *manifest an outcome (Wisdom)*. This is the antithesis of sitting back and hoping that everything will just come right. It requires effort and work accomplished by a *receptive heart* willing to receive information and an *alert mind* ready to act on it... Mrs Cat! Spiritually, ignorance (*not Nescience*) is turning away from (*ignoring*) available knowledge thereby precluding relevant and necessary action... *the sin of omission!* All too often we simply accept what is thrown at us by *'the world'*: this is the real passivity. We fail to be alert to and challenge the evils of Governments, Institutions and Corporations. No wonder we get bitten!



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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"

## QUEEN ELIZABETH II REQUIESCAT IN PACE

*Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Elizabeth, for her faith & dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen*

Please find at the top of our home page links to a tribute by Cardinal Nichols and prayers for the repose of the soul of the late Queen Elizabeth II and for King Charles III.

### **The Parish Office will be closed Monday 19 September**

**Fr Joseph Columba (Meigh)** will celebrate his 'first' Mass at Holy Redeemer this Saturday 17 September at 6pm and at St Gregory next Sunday 25 September at 9am. To welcome Fr Joseph there will be an after-Mass social event following each Mass. We would be very grateful for contributions of finger-food or drinks. Thank you. At the 9am St Gregory's Mass on 25th, the parish are 'extending' this event to be a welcome event for new parishioners. For more details, [click here](#) for the poster.

**Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 18 September** formerly called **Home Mission** Sunday but now named after Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the 'Joy of the Gospel'. On this day we support the work of the Catholic Church in evangelisation and liturgy, taking care of our beautiful buildings and dialogue with other denominations & faiths. There will be a retiring collection after the Sunday Masses this weekend 17 & 18 September. For more please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**SCORE Collection** - Next weekend 24 & 25 September there will be a retiring collection for home projects. Rising food and fuel costs will cause hardship for many families. SCORE is devoting its home projects fund to helping struggling families this winter. Please be generous if you can. You can also donate by clicking on the 'Donate' button on our homepage or via the contactless machine in St Osmund's Church or by [clicking here](#). Please do not suffer quietly if you are experiencing food or fuel poverty: if you are in need, please talk to a Priest or Deacon in confidence so that we can assist you where possible.

**Car Parking at St Osmund. Another reminder** that parking on St Osmund's drive is NOT permitted for parishioners attending Mass either at the weekend or during the week. The site is increasingly busy and it is becoming a regular occurrence that Mass attendees have blocked in (or out!) members of the clergy or staff who need to be able to come and go at short notice and without creating a disturbance at Mass.

**Morning Star Homeless Charity** On Tuesday 20 September 7.30pm at St Gregory's Hall, the Morning Star Homeless charity will give a talk about their work in Salisbury. Please join us for tea/coffee and cake and find out about the important work carried out by these folks. Salisbury Catenians will be presenting a donation to help their important work.

**Salisbury Food Bank** In September we are continuing to collect tinned rice pudding, fruit, custard and tins of meat and fish. These items are on the Food Bank 'wanted' list. Thank you for generosity which is tremendous and much appreciated by those experiencing food poverty in our city.

**SPUC** - Thank you to all who recently signed the petition for research into coercive abortion. SPUC have provided leaflets containing information on this subject. If anyone would be willing to help the Salisbury Branch by distributing a few leaflets in their own road and/or nearby, please take some from a SPUC member outside our churches this weekend.

**Holy Redeemer & St Osmund's Parish Council** are meeting on Wednesday 28 September at 6pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. For the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting please [click here](#). This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend

**My Generation** will be meeting next Wednesday 21 September for Hoy Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

## SHARING OUR FAITH

**Nicodemus Group** - The Nicodemus Group will be starting again on 5 October in the St Elizabeth Hall at 7pm – 8.30pm. For more information, please click on '[Becoming Catholic](#)' on our website main menu.

**Journey in Faith** Our on-going programme for adults interested in Christianity who are not confirmed Catholics. The next meeting is this Sunday 25 September 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

### SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE 21 SEPTEMBER

From such an unlikely situation, Jesus chose one of the foundations of the Church, a man that others, judging from his job, thought was not holy enough for the position. But Matthew was honest enough to admit that he was one of the sinners that Jesus came to call. He was open enough to recognise truth when he saw him. 'And he got up and followed him' (Mt 9:9). For the story of St Matthew, [click here](#) or click on the image in the 'Top News' box.

**Reading at Mass** Fr Joseph will be organising a training day for both existing and new readers in the near future. If you would like to join this important ministry or learn more about, please contact the parish office by email so that we can add your name to the invitation list when the date is fixed [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org)

**Youth Work Leader** We are seeking a Youth Work Leader on a 2-year fixed-term contract. The role will be under two part-time contracts, one with the Clifton Diocese working in the Salisbury Parishes and the other will be through The Bridge working within our Catholic schools. This role will now be advertised both locally and nationally. Please do encourage any suitable parishioner to apply. For further details of the role, please [click here](#), initial applications should be made in writing with a CV attached. All correspondence and applications should be directed to [john.proctor@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:john.proctor@clifftondiocese.com).

**Season of Creation Service of Readings, Prayer, and Reflection – Sunday 2 October at 3:00pm.** A service of Readings, Prayer, and Reflection to mark the end of the Season of Creation will be held at St Osmund's Church on Sunday 2 October at 3.00pm. The month-long Season is a time when we can celebrate everything in God's creation, as well as reflect on the ways in which our lives may be damaging it.

**Canticle of Creatures** - On the Feast of St Francis on Tuesday 4 October, and the end of the Season of Creation, a video of his 'Canticle of Creatures' will be shown in St Osmund's Church Hall at 7.30pm.

**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](#).

**Baptism Preparation Course** The last session of the current course is next Thursday 22 September 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.

**Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron** reflects that the Catholic Church does not demonize power in itself, rather the proper exercise of power provides for an orderly society. However power can also be abusive, especially when it marginalises still further the poor. To listen and watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Children's Liturgy** from Catholic Kids Media: 'The parable of the Dishonest Steward!' for this the 25th 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 25 and Psalter 1

## Saturday 17 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS James O'Farrell RIP

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

## SUNDAY 18 September

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

09:00 St Osmund MASS Simon Thornton RIP  
(1st Anniversary)

11:00 St Osmund MASS Roberta Tibon RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:30 St Gregory Syro Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Webb RIP

## Monday 19 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

## Tuesday 20 September Saints Andrew, Paul and Companions

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Webb RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Wednesday 21 September SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

## Thursday 22 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

## 12:00 St Osmund Requiem Mass - Vincent Callaghan RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Friday 23 September Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

10:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Buck RIP

## Saturday 24 September Our Lady of Walsingham

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

## 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 SEPTEMBER

### Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country. [Click here.](#)

## CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Dominic (Dursley) and St Joseph (Nympsfield).

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Amos 8:4-7*

*Ps 112*

**Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.**

*1 Timothy 2:1-8*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Open our heart, O Lord,**

**to accept the words of your Son.**

**Alleluia!**

*Luke 16:1-13*

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS** For baptisms please contact Deacon John Proctor or Deacon Stephen Godwin. Our next preparation course takes place

**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.

**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)