SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND
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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 25 (B)

From Father Anthony...

I cut through the Close, skirted the Great Spire and ducked under High Street Gate. Toffee filled the air, people ambled and sunlight danced. I caught reflections in shop windows, made good time and bought a ticket. I sat on a platform bench. Doors slammed, whistles blew and trains departed. A couple, at the Station entrance, with sad faces, had hugged tightly and separated. With tears in her eyes he had turned, entered the platform and now sat dejectedly, alone. I felt for them.

At the heart of human life there is a sense of separation. It causes pain, loneliness and a feeling of incompleteness. Its origin is separation from God (the Fall). We may deny it, think it fanciful, cover it up, distract ourselves or try and explain it away; but, it is never far from the surface. Understanding and healing this separation *is* the spiritual life. The childlike state referred to in the Gospel is a royal road to healing the separation. Let God put spiritual arms around you. Let Him love you: you are lovable: you are His image, His child.

In ancient texts the universe and all in it is understood as but a lesser reflection of the Godhead; a compound unity ('I and my Father are one; yet the Father is great than I). God pours out his life into the reflection, so to speak, that it might have independence and freedom. It only exists while He pours His life into it. It lives, moves, has its being in Him. To experience freedom, it has to turn away (prodigal son) and so, separation and pain begin.

We try to heal the separation in many ways; sex, food, drink, drugs, wealth, power, knowledge... nothing fulfils. It causes anger, irritation, grudges, confusion, unstable emotions, twisted sexuality, preoccupation with self, unfulfilled relationships, loneliness, self-reliance and so on... the results of searching and trusting in the wrong places. We are not blamed ('O necessary sin of Adam')! These are errors to be corrected not sins to be punished. The correction *is* letting God do what God does; *love us*. Gently, we must learn that it is not our goodness, (who is greatest) that heals... but His love. We become last (get out of the way of our self) that He (Love) may be first. Only His love can heal the wound of separation.... exemplified in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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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: 2809







HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH - GOOD NEWS!

The surveyors have given us the green light to open again. Our first Mass back in the church will be on Wednesday 22 September at 10am. Obviously, there are long term issues and I'll report back to you when the way forward is clearer.

The Saturday evening Vigil Mass this weekend (18 September) will be at St Osmund at 6 pm. From Saturday 25 September onwards this Mass will return to Holy Redeemer Church, Bishopdown. Wednesday 10 am Mass will return also to Holy Redeemer with immediate effect.

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" (Matthew 9:9). For the story of St Matthew, click here or click on the image in the 'Top News' box.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021 - Sunday 26 September.

We have a message from Pope Francis 'Towards an ever wider We' and also a video of Bishop Paul McAleenan, the Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees discussing Pope Francis' message and much more. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or click here.

Bible Book Club - will be restarting in the Parish Rooms next Tuesday 10:45am -12:30pm. Please join us as we read and study the Psalms. The psalms put into words our deepest longings and prayers. For further details contact John Lester 07899 244072.

Time to Start School? If you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) that is available from the school admissions team of Wiltshire Council for admission during the 2022-23 school year (Go to: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-applying). If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a place at a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of their baptism certificate. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2022.

Tea & Coffee after the 9am Masses at St Osmund and St Gregory - Starting this Sunday 19 September. Both the Parish Rooms at St Osmund and the Hall at St Gregory will be open for tea & coffee after their respective 9am Masses. We would love more help in serving tea & coffee. If you can or would like to know more please contact for St Osmund, Bridget Watson (mbbkwatson@hotmail.com) / 01722 697722 and for St Gregory, Margaret Godwin (godw5hme@virginmedia.com) / 01722 501854.

SCORE collection This weekend 18/19 September there will be a SCORE collection for Home projects. Please use your pink envelope, or put your offering into an envelope marked SCORE. There is now another way to make an offering to SCORE using the Parish website. Click on 'Donate' on the homepage and select SCORE.

SCORE update - At the recent committee meeting, a grant of £2,000 was made to EVC (Empowering Vulnerable Children, Uganda). Full details of the charity and the school which will be the focus of the grant can be found in the 'September Update' on the 'SCORE' page (under Parish Life) on our website or by <u>clicking here</u>. Details can also be found on how anyone can apply for a grant in the future.

Salisbury Food Bank. During September we are collecting Long Life Fruit Juice for the Food Bank. Please place contributions in the boxes provided in our churches. Thank you.

Baptism Preparation The final session of the current preparation course is at 7:30 pm on Thursday 23 September in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund's. For a future course at St Osmund please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email: *john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com* and at St Gregory Deacon Stephen Godwin by email *stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com*

Congratulations and welcome to Montgomery David Stainer who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Saturday 18 September. Please keep Montgomery and his parents Mary & Oliver in your prayers at this special time.

First Holy Communion The next meeting will be at St Gregory (**not Holy Redeemer as originally planned**) this Saturday 18 September at 14:00. All the details of the programme can be found by clicking on the 'First Holy Communion 2021' button on our Home page or <u>click here</u>

Confirmation 2021 Congratulations to Angelo, Millie, Nina and Dominic who were Confirmed in the Holy Spirit by Father Anthony at St Osmund last Friday 10 September. Photographs can be viewed in our Photo Gallery or by <u>clicking here</u>. Thanks to everyone involved in preparing our young people for Confirmation or preparing the church and the music for the Mass. Please keep the newly confirmed in your prayers.

An invitation to the Nicodemus Group

There is an invitation to anyone who wishes to come together over a simple meal where we can share our prayers and friendship. Whether you are new to the Church, raised as a Catholic or are new to Christianity, you have a place at the table. An introductory session is on 13 October and will take place in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Please contact us to register and/or to attend: *nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org*. Click the 'Explore Your Faith' item on our main menu or <u>click here</u> for more detail.

Welcome into the Catholic Church - Congratulations to Ian Mathews who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church and Confirmed at the 9am Mass at St Osmund this Sunday 19 September. Please keep Ian and Gerlinde and their family in your prayers at this joyful time.

Wedding of Helen-Marie Crooks and Gianni Onofri Congratulations to Helen-Marie and Gianni who are getting married at St Osmund this Saturday 18 September. Please keep them in your prayers.

Season of Creation - Walk this Sunday 19 September - Following the Creation narrative from the Book of Genesis, you are invited to join other local Christians on a walk from Salisbury Cathedral to St George's Church in Harnham, calling at seven 'Stations' along the way. The walk starts from Mompesson House in the Cathedral Close at 3pm. For more information click on the image in the 'Top News' box, <u>click here</u>, or contact Graham on 01980 590465 or 07484 736398.

Dare to Dream 2021 - The reflection for the week commencing 19 September is by Fr Gary Brassington. Please click on the 'Dare To Dream' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

The God Who Speaks. Bishop Jim Golka reflects on this Sunday's readings. 'Anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me'. To watch & listen <u>click here</u> or click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron. "When envy takes over our spiritual lives, we sow disorder and disintegration." To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

Children's Liturgy - from Catholic Kids Media we have: Feeling Jealous? A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B and from Redemptorist Publications there will be a reflection and a final prayer. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or <u>click here</u>.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Week 25, Psalter 1

Saturday 18 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

First Mass of Sunday

15:00 St Osmund Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

18:00 St Osmund* MASS (*returning to HR next week)

SUNDAY 19 September

09:00 St Gregory MASS

09:00 St Osmund MASS In Thanksgiving - Ian Mathews

11:00 St Osmund MASS Daniel & Mary Lundy RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

Monday 20 September Saints Andrew, Paul and Companions

10:00 St Osmund MASS David Kennedy RIP & Family

Tuesday 21 September SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE

10:00 St Osmund MASS David Kennedy RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 22 September

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

15:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Jacqueline Thompson RIP

All welcome

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 23 September Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

10:00 St Osmund MASS For the Holy Souls

13:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Peggy Lever RIP

All welcome

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the day

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 24 September Our Lady of Walsingham

10:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS Charles & Dolores Mattocks RIP

Saturday 25 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory On request Contact priests

St Osmund Saturday 10:30 - 11:00

Please note: No confessions at St Osmund on Saturday 18 September

Holy Redeemer Saturday 17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Universal: An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this. Click here

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for our Salisbury Parishes.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who have died recently: David Kennedy, Jacqueline Thompson (nee Mogg), Margaret (Peggy) Lever, John Paul Pearson and John (Tony) Baker and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

The funeral for David Kennedy will be in Selsey on 30 September.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Wisdom 2:12.17-20

Psalm 53:3-6, 8

The Lord upholds my life.

James 3:16-4:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Mark 9:30-37

SACRAMENTS

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

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 Our current programme is full but 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 <u>Click here</u>

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