

# SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

### From Father Anthony

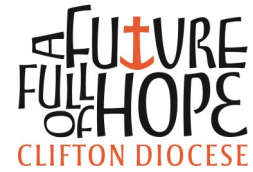
Scorching sun and a clear sky brought out summer dresses, T shirts and shorts. I got back from shopping to find the garden looking quite troubled. Mowers, blowers, clippers and trimmers, like invading insects, moaned, buzzed, chattered and wheezed. The path was strewn with branches; bay leaves littered the lawn. Borders were edged; shrubs barbered. Bags of rubbish bulged. Mrs Cat looked on from the shed roof: the gunslinger darted to and fro. Both were clearly unimpressed. Later that evening with birdsong and a cool breeze, peace returned and the garden felt normal again... and the tea tasted great!

We all experience trouble and fear. Both are very unpleasant: they leave us anxious, irritable and out of sorts. The word *'troubled'* means *agitating what needs to remain at ease*. The word for *'fear'* means *'shrinking in dread of some consequence'*. Our *Natural* state is to be at ease: but, if we put the world with its dictates and demands first then we will experience its fruit... agitation and dread. Trouble and fear *'dis-member'* us; peace *'re-members'* us. What we experience will be a function of what we hold *precious* and *guard* in our lives.

Love brings peace, *'Peace I leave you'*. When we accept who and what we are and what we have made of our life: and accept that we are still loved and still lovable, without condition... peace is the outcome. We experience wholeness and ease. The word for peace means *to join, make whole*. Love makes us whole. It can say, *'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid'*. Love is creative, not destructive; it is the Word of God, *'those who love me keep my word'*.

Receiving and accepting His Love is to receive His Word, His creativity in us. We now offer it back to Him through one another: we become lovingly creative and restore others to their *Natural* ease. As we live and act as God would live and act, lovingly, we draw others out of their trouble and fear.

Impossible? Many say so. Yet faith reminds us we have a Helper (*Paraclete*). The word means, *'close beside'*. We have someone close beside us; one who can remind us how to *love as God would Love*. As the quality of our love unites with the quality of His love, they *'make their home in one another'*... which brings a Peace beyond all understanding.



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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 : 2956**

## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - THURSDAY 26 MAY

The Ascension of the Lord is a sacred day when we recall Jesus' ascension into heaven to take his place at the right hand of God the Father. The great mystery of this day, and the reason it is of such importance, is that he ascended not only as God but as man – ascending in his physical human body. For more and a video entitled 'Why the Ascension of Jesus matters' by Bishop Robert Barron click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Masses on The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated at:**

**10am St Osmund, Midday Holy Redeemer, 7pm St Gregory and 7pm Ordinariate Mass at St Osmund.**

## PENTECOST NOVENA

To prepare for Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church, we are going to pray the Holy Spirit Novena after each Mass from Ascension to Pentecost. It seems especially appropriate this year as all of our Parish Merger feedback has now been submitted to Bishop Declan for his deliberation. Let us pray together that the Holy Spirit will descend on our parishes and guide us and support us as we await the decision of our bishop.

## RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST

### AN INVITATION FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

#### **An extract from the Bishops' Conference statement:**

"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](#).

**May Devotions - Our Syro-Malabar Community** celebrated Mass last Sunday (15 May) at Holy Redeemer, this was followed by a beautiful procession for Our Lady. Photos of this celebration are now available on our website, click on the 'Photo Gallery' button on our home page or [click here](#).

The Rosary which has been prayed at 6pm in St Osmund's each Friday during May concludes this coming Friday 27 May, everyone is welcome to join. Please visit our 'May Devotions' page by clicking on the button on our Homepage or by [clicking here](#).

**Justice & Peace Group** are meeting in St Osmund's Parish Rooms on Monday 23 May at 3.30pm, 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.

**Next Newsletter** will be a bumper two-week edition because of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee extended Holiday weekend. Therefore all contributions/announcements for those two weeks need to be given to the parish office by Wednesday 25 May **at the latest**. Many thanks. The parish office will be closed for the Bank Holiday days, Thursday 4 & Friday 5 June.

## 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.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations to all the children who will make their First Holy Communion in our churches this weekend. For the children who have been preparing since January, this weekend is a really important and significant event. Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. When He comes, we receive Him into our body and our soul. This is very beautiful, personal, and intimate. As Catholics, we never take this for granted. Thank you to the parents and catechists: Annette, Deacon John, Nicole, Frances & Andrew who have prepared the children and all who have helped to bring the children to this day and make it special.

**Please note:** First Holy Communion Masses will be taking place at our regular Saturday evening/Sunday Masses this weekend. We look forward to celebrations of great joy!

### Becoming Catholic:

**The Nicodemus Group:** For people who wish to share their faith (or lack of it!) with others in a very simple way; by sharing a meal together and reading the gospels. The next meeting is Wednesday 25 May 7pm in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund.

**Journey in Faith:** This is an on-going programme for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. The next meeting is on Sunday 29 May at 3pm in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund.

For more information please visit 'Becoming Catholic' on our main menu or [click here](#), or contact Dave Blake [nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org).

**Diocesan Synod Report** - Bishop Declan invites you to an Evening Liturgy at the Cathedral, on 22 June at 7pm, where he will present Clifton's Synod Report to each parish and school. A couple of cars will going from Salisbury, if you wish to join please let us know in the Office on 01722 562703 or email: [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org)

**St Gregory's Pastoral Parish Council** are meeting on Monday 23 May at 6.30pm in St Gregory's Hall. For more information please [click here](#). This is an open meeting and anyone can attend.

**Holy Redeemer & St Osmund's Pastoral Parish Council** are meeting on Tuesday 31 May at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. For more information please [click here](#). This is an open meeting and anyone can attend.

**SCORE AGM 16 May** - The report on the meeting is on the 'SCORE' page under 'Parish Life' or just [click here](#).

**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 Early Church and the Holy Spirit!' Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

**SPUC Market Stall** planned for 14 May did not go ahead due to unavailability of a stall. The stall will now be on Saturday 11 June. Everything donated will be carefully looked after until then. Thank you to everyone who has given so generously, Alison & Bernadette. More contributions welcome, please bring items to the parish office.

**My Generation** will be meeting for their Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration on Wednesday 1 June at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Easter Week 6 - Psalter 2, Proper of Season

## 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

## SUNDAY 22 May

09:00 St Gregory MASS Florence Matthews & Eileen Wright RIP  
09:00 St Osmund MASS John & Alessandra Grech RIP  
11:00 St Osmund MASS Keith & Bee Fleming - Special Occasion  
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS  
18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

## Monday 23 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Sebastian & Family

## Tuesday 24 May

### Saint Aldhelm

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP  
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Wednesday 25 May

### Saint Bede

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS  
No Ordinariate Mass, moved to tomorrow for the Feast of the Ascension.

## Thursday 26 May

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

10:00 St Osmund MASS Ian Barton  
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Mary Webb  
18:00 St Osmund Benediction  
19:00 St Gregory MASS Sebastian & Family  
19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

## Friday 27 May

### SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

10:00 St Gregory MASS Kenny Family RIP  
18:00 St Osmund Marian Devotion (Rosary)  
19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

## Saturday 28 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Joseph Neelamkavil 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

# 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 Gerard Majella (Knowle) and Christ the King (Knowle West).

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Teresa Whatley, Mabel Perkins, Rita Brockhurst, Tom Lewis, Anthony Baker and Sylvester Duff 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 for Mabel Perkins RIP** will take place in Holy Redeemer church on Tuesday 31 May at 1pm.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

### (First Reading & Psalm: Year A)

*Acts 8:5-8. 14-17*

*Psalm 65*

### Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

*Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23*

### Alleluia, alleluia!

### Jesus said:

**'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'**

### Alleluia!

*John 14:23-29 (Year C)*

## SACRAMENTS

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

**First Holy Communion** If you have a child who will be in Year 3 or above in 2023, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme. [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 call the office or contact Annette by email 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: