

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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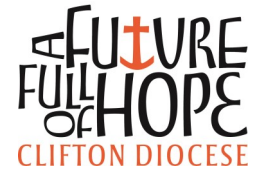
From Father Anthony

Hood up, head down, I pushed against the rain and hurried up to the shops. Tyres squished and squelched: traffic lights blinked. I remembered the hot weather that, several weeks ago, I had been complaining about! I passed a long line of people queuing outside the Pantry. The spare money in my wallet began to feel heavy! Opposite, a young man sat on the pavement crossed legged, a blanket over his knees; he was wet and dejected. The money now weighed a ton! We had a chat and later, after I'd been to the shops, shared some goodies together.

It made me think about the *certain rich man* and *Lazarus*. Greed and poverty not only exist in the world: they also reflect an interior state of being. The rich man represents the soul wedded to the senses and delighting solely in the material world; Lazarus represents the soul which desires spiritual things but is left starving by its more dominant worldly part. It is so important to find and experience these two areas of our own being and understand how they interact. One leads to a sense of peace, calm and normalcy, '*the bosom of Abraham*', the other leads to, '*anguish and torment*', *Hades*.

There is assistance to help us navigate between the two. The Gospel refers to it as Moses and the Prophets... Moral and Spiritual Law. The *five brothers*, a reference to our five senses/sensory world, have been given these Laws to govern and guide them. These 'Laws' are fixed and immutable. They are '*God made*', not '*man made*'. They are learned or discovered. Whether or not we like them or agree with them is *neither here nor there!* Subjective perception here meets with Objective Reality... and only Reality is Truth. There is a chasm between the two as big as that between Truth and illusion.

Divine Law is not imposed on us. That would be a trespass on our free will. We have free will and can choose to live by their guidance. If we are self-obsessed, isolated, angry, dysfunctional, on edge, anxious, suspicious, feel a sense of lack, etc, etc... chances are that our spiritual nature is being starved and too much time is being devoted to 'the world'. We are unbalanced. A practical way to restore the balance is to 'look out' for others; to share with them. Exterior action might lead to interior realisation.



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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"

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER.

We have a message from Pope Francis entitled 'Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees' and a new video where the Holy Father invites us to grow together as a Church, in that Catholic migrants and refugees can revitalise the Christian communities that welcome them. Pope Francis asks us: How can we make migrants and refugees more involved in our communities? There is also a statement from Bishop Paul McAleenan, our lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees. For all of this please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Fr Joseph Columba will celebrate his 'first' Mass at St Gregory this Sunday 25 September at 9am. To welcome Fr Joseph there will be an after-Mass social event. The parish are 'extending' this event to be a welcome event for new parishioners. EVERYONE is welcome to attend. For more details, [click here](#) for the poster.

SCORE Collection This 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.

Date for your Diary: 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.

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.

The Big Sleep 7 October - On the night of Friday 7 October Alabaré are asking you to give up your cosy bed and sleep in a place of your choice and at the same time raise vital funds to support Alabaré's work with those who are homeless and vulnerable. For more and how to register with Alabaré please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

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.

Holy Redeemer & St Osmund's Parish Council are meeting this coming 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 on Wednesday 5 October for Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Art Group meets on Mondays between 10.30am-12.30pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. All are welcome, whether you have painted or drawn before or never. Contact John and Elizabeth on 01725 510310

Bible Book Club meets on Tuesdays in the Parish Rooms 10:45am-12:30pm. Please join us as we read and study the Psalms. For further details contact John on 01725 510310.

Rosary Group meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for information. Everyone is welcome to join.

SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS 29 SEPTEMBER

Each of the archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides. Earlier belief that inexplicable events were due to the actions of spiritual beings has given way to a scientific world-view and a different sense of cause and effect. Yet believers still experience God's protection, communication and guidance in ways which defy description. For more, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SHARING OUR FAITH

Nicodemus Group - The Nicodemus Group will be starting again on 5 October in the 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 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 nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org or phone the parish office on 01722 562703.

Reading at Mass A training day is being organised by Fr Joseph for both existing and new readers and is set for Saturday 12 November 10.30am to 3pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. If you would like to join this important ministry or learn more about it, please contact the parish office by email so that we can add your name to the invitation list. Many thanks. Contact: 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@cliftondiocese.com.

Season of Creation Service of Readings, Prayer, and Reflection – Sunday 2 October at 3pm. A service of Readings, Prayer, and Reflection to mark the close of the Season of Creation will be held at St Osmund's Church on Sunday 2 October at 3pm. This is followed by, on the Feast of St Francis Tuesday 4 October, a video commentary by Fr Brendan Thomas on the 'Canticle of Creatures' authored by St Francis which will be shown in St Osmund's Parish Rooms at 7.30pm. For more click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

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](#).

Applications for Baptism. 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 This week we are challenged by the words of Amos the prophet and Jesus' parable of Lazarus and the rich man. How much do we care for those who are poor? Are we living lives of self-preoccupation and self-indulgence while our own brothers and sisters are suffering and starving at our gate? 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 Lazarus and the Rich Man!' for this the 26th 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 26 and Psalter 2

Saturday 24 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 25 September

09:00 St Gregory MASS Keith Summerill RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Paul Marsh RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Carol Islip RIP

Monday 26 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Holy Souls

Tuesday 27 September St Vincent de Paul

10:00 St Osmund MASS Private Intention RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 28 September

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 29 September SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL , ARCHANGELS

10:00 St Osmund MASS Keith Summerill RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 30 September Saint Jerome

10:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Saturday 1 October Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

10:00 St Osmund MASS Get well prayers for John

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Donal Ellis, Jack & Frances O'Malley RIP

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 parish of St Thomas of Canterbury (Fairford with Cricklade).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Amos 6:1. 4-7

Ps 145

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Luke 16:19-31

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