

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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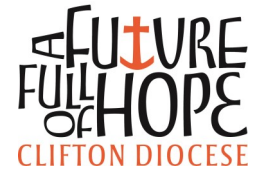
From Father Anthony

The sun climbed out of the East flooding the room with light. I lounged in bed reading and sipping tea. It was seaside fresh and blue as a cornflower. Too good to laze! A shower, sandals, shorts and a T shirt later found me on the beach. Waves frothed and splashed. Gulls hovered and dived checking to see if I had any food. They flocked onto golden windswept sand with piercing cries. But, it was a lame gull with a gammy leg that caught my attention. Poor thing!

A spiritual maxim states: *'the higher always bows down to the lower'*. We have spoken about this before but, spiritually, its importance cannot be overstated. Without humility there can be little spiritual growth. Humility neither overestimates nor underestimates itself. It knows itself as the ground (*humus, earth*) from which God, creation and others, without whom it could neither exist nor survive, are understood. It requires self-awareness and self-knowledge.

For this we must regularly *enter the house of the Pharisee on a Sabbath!* At one level this refers to a state of mind where we honestly appraise our thought, emotion and action. The *Pharisaic aspect* of mind looks to *form* and *utility* rather than *essence*. It values the letter rather than the spirit of the law. It confuses itself as author rather than authored. It views meditation, observation and rest (*a Sabbath*) as inaction, suspicious and a waste of time. Sole reliance on this aspect of mind deforms our character (*the man with dropsy*).

A Sabbath is an aspect of mind that is conscious of the perfection of all things in God; we grasp the essence of things; we understand we are a part and not the whole; that the world does not revolve around us. We see ourselves in our place. We observe how arrogant, self-opinionated, self-entitled, intolerant and domineering we may be... we encounter the lame side of our nature. This encounter, like seeing the lame gull, should fill us with compassion for what we observe and a desire to transform it. Without compassion for ourselves we are unlikely to have understanding and compassion for others. When the worldly and spiritual aspects of our nature (*Pharisee and Sabbath*) integrate or are *wedded (marriage feast)*, humility is born. Understanding how it emerges from a *lower nature* our *higher nature* gives thanks to it (*bows down*) and rules it with firmness but compassion.



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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 : 3014

WELCOMING OUR NEW PRIEST - FR JOSEPH

Fr Joseph Columba (Meigh) will be celebrating his 'first' Mass at our Saturday evening/Sunday Masses as follows:

9am, 11am, 6pm	St Osmund	Sunday 11 September	Bridget (9am), Bernie (11am), Gill (6pm)
6pm	Holy Redeemer	Saturday 17 September	Josephine Little
9am	St Gregory	Sunday 25 September	<i>Bring contributions on the day</i>

To welcome Fr Joseph and to allow all parishioners to introduce themselves, we will be having an after-Mass social event following each 'first' Mass which is being organised by the people noted above. We would be very grateful for contributions of finger-food or drinks. If you have any questions or would like to bring contributions to Parish Office prior to the day, please contact Desiree on 01722 562703 office@salisburycatholics.org 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.

OUTREACH VISITS TO REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

Pre-Covid a large team of wonderful Outreach volunteers called upon the houses of **registered** parishioners in their area to greet them, have a catch-up and to give them our Mass Times Card at Christmas and Easter. This initiative was incredibly popular and ensured that we keep in touch with all our parishioners. This coming Christmas we hope to re-engage in this way once again with all the parishioners we can reach. Due to changing circumstances, we need more volunteers to help with this important work, particularly in Harnham, The Friary, Bourne Ave, Shady Bower, off Castle Road, Bishopdown & Farm, Central Salisbury, off Wilton Road, Bemerton Heath and around Roman Road. Please do help us if you can. Contact Caroline or Tony on 01722 562703, outreach@salisburycatholics.org or call into the parish office to chat about it over a cup of tea or coffee!

Saint Gregory the Great - 3 September Gregory was content to be a monk but willingly served the Church in other ways when asked. He sacrificed his own preferences in many ways, especially when he was called to be Bishop of Rome. Once he was called to public service, Gregory gave his considerable energies completely to this work. Gregory's description of bishops as physicians fits in well with Pope Francis' description of the Church as a "field hospital." For the story of Saint Gregory please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). **NB:** On this day the 10am Mass and Confessions will be moved to St Gregory's in celebration of their patronal feast.

Season of Creation Service - Sunday 4 September at 3pm The Season of Creation starts on 1 September and ends on the Feast of St Francis on 4 October. It is an ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for the common home. To mark the Season there will be a Service at St Osmund's Church next Sunday 4 September at 3pm. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) for the Holy Father's Message and the Service Booklet.

Car Parking at St Osmund. A 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 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.

Salisbury Food Bank. In September we are continuing to collect tinned rice pudding, fruit and 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.

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.

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.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 7 September for a Quiz at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

YOUTH WORK LEADER – SALISBURY PARISHES

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. The role will be to work and develop existing visions for young people in the Salisbury Catholic Churches, to provide opportunities for faith development, engagement and understanding through a variety of activities organised by the Youth Work Leader. The leader will provide support for the whole community of parents in the formation of their children, a model rooted in the African proverb "it takes a village to raise a child". 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.

'Teach us how to Pray'. A day of reflection on the Lord's Prayer. We are holding a one-day retreat on Saturday 17 September 9.30am – 4pm in St Elizabeth's Hall, Exeter Street. If you would like to attend please complete the list at the back of each of our churches.

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 28 August 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.

Saint Bernadette Relic Tour Fr Joseph, our new assistant priest, plans to join us on our coach trip to see these relics at Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 10 September 2022. If you would like to join Fr Joseph and fellow Catholics from Christ the King, Amesbury, please complete the list at the back of Church or call the office on 01722 562703. **Places will be allocated on a first come - first served basis.** Please note there are limited spaces for wheel chair users, please indicate on the list or call the office. The programme for the day is now available on our website just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Ukrainian Refugees Update - Good news! Following last week's newsletter a kind parishioner has offered a place in their home to the lady from Mikolaiv and her cat under the Government 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme. Many thanks for your responses. As more requests come, we will keep you updated.

Baptism Congratulations and welcome to Sifa and Avery who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday 21 August. Please keep Sifa & Avery and their parents Silvia & Henry and Gaylee & Alin in your prayers at this special time.

Baptism Preparation Course Our next course will take place on three Thursdays evenings: 8, 15 and 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 this week is titled 'Act Against Your Attachments' in this he reflects that we should not be obsessed with the stuff of this world but to live more simply. To listen and watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: 'What is humility?' for this the 22nd 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 22 and Psalter 2

Saturday 27 August

Saint Monica

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Webb RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SUNDAY 28 August

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

09:00 St Osmund MASS Famille Yamatay & Cummings

11:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Keith, Bee & Isobel Fleming

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Special Intention

Monday 29 August Passion of Saint John the Baptist

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bernadette Moloney RIP

Tuesday 30 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Shelley Jackson

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 31 August

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Thanksgiving - Janet & Jacob Vazhappilly

14:00 St Gregory Requiem Mass Stasia Stockley RIP

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 1 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Anthony KD RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 2 September

10:00 St Gregory MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Brian & Feithlinn Whitehead RIP

Saturday 3 September SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

NB - Mass and Confessions moved to St Gregory's today for the Patronal Feastday.

10:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

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

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Small Businesses We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities. [Click here](#).

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parish of the Immaculate Conception (Devizes with Lavington).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Beryl Kerley, Vincent Callaghan, Jean Palliser, Michael Cooke, Stasia Stockley 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 - Beryl Kerley

12 noon on 15 September in St Osmund's - all welcome

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29

Ps 67

**In your goodness, O God,
you prepared a home for the poor.**

Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Luke 14:1. 7-14

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:

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