

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

From Father Anthony

It was the end of another long day... not that I could have told you what I'd achieved! I made a sandwich, some tea then flopped outside. The Brown Sparrows, fresh from aerobatic practice, were taking a bath. Wings fluttering, water splashing they chatted away in delightful song. Traffic rumbled: a door slammed. It was moist and warm: a gust of wind swirled through the trees and rained down blossom like confetti. It reminded me of a recent wedding. We were trapped inside the church because of heavy rain but decided to throw confetti anyway, as the lovely couple walked up and down the aisles. For a moment it looked like little tongues of fire were raining down on us all. What a celebration, what fun!

We may be locked away in our hearts resisting the vagaries of the world (*the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews*). The positions we adopt towards others and the whole mechanism of society, along with the effects of our upbringing, might keep us locked inside ourselves. But notice, it says that Jesus stood among them... no mention of doors being opened! Into our closed hearts, along with our fears and worries, stands Jesus. We need to recognise Him: for that, Peace is necessary (*My peace I give you*). Peace is present with Jesus. So how do we unlock it?

Through forgiveness (*whose sin you forgive*). When we look beyond how others fall short of the mark (*sin*): when we do not define them by their presenting behaviour or opinions: when we attempt to see the image of God they are... then they will experience being 'seen' or forgiven (*to give beforehand*). They experience the peace of truth... and so do we. Offering forgiveness means we are in a state of forgiveness ourselves; we experience what we offer! When we retain it (*whose sins you retain*) we are in a state of retention - which is the very problem, an example of the closed doors! Therefore, we must forgive. Forgiveness is not an option: it is a necessity for their sake and ours.

We recognise Jesus by entering into and being one with Him in His State; forgiveness. Forgiveness brings peace to the giver and the receiver; it is forgiveness that we must rain down on humanity like tongues of fire so that life becomes a celebration... and fun.



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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"

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 23 MAY

You are cordially invited to a birthday party! Why?: To Celebrate the Church's Birthday

Are you confused by this invitation? Did you know that the feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It is called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church.

On Pentecost Sunday, God breathed the Holy Spirit into the apostles; Jesus had died, risen from the dead and ascended into heaven but they were not left alone. Jesus' followers were afraid and unsure of their future. The Holy Spirit came to comfort them even though Jesus wasn't there to physically comfort them any more. There is a short video of the story of Pentecost, a reflection and a question 'Aren't all Christian denominations the same?' All of this can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or by [clicking here](#).

FEAST DAYS THIS COMING WEEK

[Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church 29 May](#)

[The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary 31 May](#)

[Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest - 1 June.](#)

For the background of these feast days please click on the title above or the image in the 'Top News box.

Ordinariate Mass this Sunday 28 May will be slightly later at 12.30.

Holy Redeemer Consultation - Thank you to all those who have submitted their questionnaires on the future of the church of the Most Holy Redeemer. **The deadline for questionnaire submission is this Sunday 28 May.**

To submit a questionnaire please click on the homepage button 'Holy Redeemer Consultation' or [click here](#).

Fr Anthony Paris 40th Anniversary of Ordination. There will be an outdoor celebration on Sunday 30 July at St Osmund's School and Grounds to which everyone is warmly invited. If you'd like to get involved in any way - preparing, decorating, catering, cleaning, games for children, face painting, transport for our elderly and **most importantly organising and running a stall**, please contact the parish office.

Retiring Collection next weekend 3/4 June - Is for the Priest's Retirement Fund.

Parish Family Event 31 May 12 to 4pm will be held in the grounds of St Osmund's Primary School, do bring your own picnic. Children of all ages welcome. Activities include football, basketball, netball and art & crafts. This is an outdoor event but if the weather starts to turn, then we will move indoors to St Elizabeth Hall. This is an opportunity for families to get together and have some fun activities during half-term. Just turn up on the day, hoping to see many of you!

Salisbury Foodbank. Our collection of tinned tomatoes for the Foodbank ends this weekend. The next collection will be in July and details will be announced later.

SCORE update. Recent SCORE grants include £2,000 to Rise:61 and £2,000 to the F3 project. Details of these charities are on our the website, together with a report on the presentations at the Special Meeting. [Click here](#).

St Gregory's Church Redecoration. We need volunteers from 9.30am this Bank Holiday Monday 29 May to help clear the church. There will be heavy lifting so please come prepared and limbered up! Volunteers will be critical so if you are able to help, please contact Jez Mawdsley on 07947 700889.

Trip to The National Gallery to see the St Francis of Assisi Exhibition and Mass. Fr Joseph and the coach will leave the Sacred Heart, Tisbury on Tuesday 13th June at 7.45 am and there is a plan that Fr Joseph will celebrate Mass for the group whilst in London. Joining the coach in Amesbury at 8.10 am may be possible also. Departing London by 3pm. Approximate cost £38. Please let us know by email if you are interested. Roger Donbavand, Catherine Vaux tisburyparish@cliftondiocese.com

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 could be one full time position or two part time positions. 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 on the 'Youth Work Leader' button on our home page or [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.

Children and Youth Ministries - There is a small group of parishioners who have come together with the aim of getting children's liturgy, a youth group and a youth choir up and running. We do need more volunteers to support us with their time, experience and ideas to help these ministries flourish! For more information please contact Emily by email: emilynaomiyoung@gmail.com or by phone 07368 260007.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Commissioning. If you have returned to this ministry but were not able to attend the training and Commissioning Day on the 11 March, Fr Joseph is organising two further sessions. The two dates planned are 13 and 20 June, both at 7pm in Holy Redeemer Hall and Church. The session on the 13th will focus on ministering at Mass and the 20th will focus on taking Communion to the sick and housebound. Invitations have been emailed to those who are currently active but have not been commissioned. Please do let the Parish Office know which of these two sessions you plan to attend.

Nicodemus Group - the next session is on Wednesday 31 May, 7pm at the St Elizabeth Hall, Exeter Street. For more information please click on 'Nicodemus Group' on our main menu or [click here](#) and to attend, please contact Kate Bullen at nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org

Congratulations to Florrie Trotman who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday at St Gregory's. Please keep Florrie and her parents Teresa & Flynn and the godparents in your prayers.

Baptism Preparation To apply for a baptism please complete a 'Baptism Application' by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

First Holy Communion Programme 2022/2023 Details are on our website, please click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then on 'Holy Communion' or [click here](#). Due to the redecoration of St Gregory's Church the final session on Saturday 3 June at 2pm will now be held in St Osmund's Church for the children. There will be a rehearsal for First Communion Masses on this day and Confessions afterwards for some of the children.

Confirmation Programme 2023 the next session is on Tuesday 6 June 7pm at St Osmund for Candidates only. The full programme is available on our website, click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu or [click here](#).

Homily from Bishop Robert Barron reflects on Pentecost Sunday - Our readings today show us the great power of the Spirit, a power that unleashes great saints, fiery speech, and a liberating unity. Surrender your life over to the Holy Spirit, and trust me you will tap into this source of power to change things for the better. To listen and watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 8, Psalter 4 and Proper of Season

Saturday 27 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SUNDAY 28 MAY

PENTECOST SUNDAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

09:00 St Osmund MASS Stefanie Hawtin in ill health

11:00 St Osmund MASS James, Kyle & Chloe Baker

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Patrick McCarney RIP

15:30 Holy Redeemer Syro Malabar Rosary & MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Private Intention

Monday 29 May

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

10:00 St Osmund MASS Patrick Galvin RIP

Tuesday 30 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 31 May

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Arthur Buck RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 1 June

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 2 June

10:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

Saturday 3 June

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mariam Chakkappan RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass

St Osmund Saturdays After the 10:00 Mass.

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

And by appointment with our priests.

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for May

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul (Clifton, Bristol).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Margaret Fletcher, Carlo Campari, Kenneth McNally, William Burke and Michael Stevenson, We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Advance Notice

Requiem Mass for Ken McNally is on Tuesday 20 June 10am at St Osmund. All are welcome

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-11

Psalms 103

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

1 Paul 12:3-7. 12-13

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

John 20:19-23

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS For baptisms please register your application [click here](#). For more information contact Deacon John Proctor or Deacon Stephen Godwin.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION If you have a child who will be in Year 3 or above from September 2024, 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? 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