

# SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

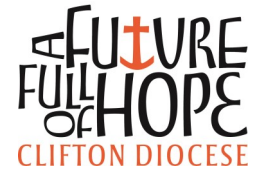
### From Father Anthony

I walked through the park and over the carriageway. The sky was wide and blue, traffic rumbled and it was hot. I cooled off inside the supermarket and wandered along the aisles. A lady asked a man where she could find 'flour'. 'I think it's over there', he said, pointing. 'Really', said the woman, 'it's normally on this shelf, why do you have to keep moving things all the time'. The man smiled, 'I don't know', he said, 'I don't work here'. 'Oh', said the lady clearly annoyed at having mistaken his identity.

*Spiritual development*, means *the recognition, realisation and manifestation of the Spirit within*. It is the goal of spiritual practice. When it will happen, we do not know. We may meditate, pray, live a particular life, follow a particular belief... or maybe do nothing! Regardless, like *'a thief in the night'* it will come upon us suddenly. It is a gift of the Father: a Grace of God.

When it does occur, there is an overwhelming realisation that we have in some way mistaken our identity. That, what we thought of as our name, history and life experience is not who or what we really are; all this seems superficial. It is accompanied by a warm sensation like falling in love. We can no longer look into the eyes of another without sensing the Divine looking back. Feelings of separation dissolve into feelings of safety and inclusion. We transcend our superficial consciousness becoming *one* with Divine Consciousness. The experience is shocking yet inspirational but almost impossible to describe because of the difficulties with explaining the infinite in finite terms. Those who do attempt an explanation are very often dismissed as being *a bit odd or downright mad!*

Jesus prays we have this experience! *'Pray'* here means *'to ask'*, in the sense of a preferred person receiving special consideration. Jesus is *preferred* by the Father because He is one with the Father. He asks that we are given the grace to transcend our superficial identity so that we become identified with Them - *being one with Them!* Love is the key: it draws the Father towards us so that we experience (*remember*) the Love we had with the Him *before the foundation of the world*. It is this Love, (*Them in us*), that draws others to us so that through us they will believe and have the same experience.



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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 : 2957**

## 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**World Communications Sunday (Day of Prayer for the Right Use of Media)** Sunday 29 May. Pope Francis asks the world of communication to 'learn to listen again. The pandemic has affected and wounded everyone, and everyone needs to be heard and comforted. Listening is also fundamental for good information.' For the full message please visit our Blog or [click here](#).

**Retiring collection for the Bishops' Communication Office** which promotes the work of the bishops through digital communications and in the media will take place after this weekend's Masses. This office supports the Church in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media and engaging in current issues.

## 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](#).

**The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II** The 10am Mass on Saturday 4 June at St Osmund will be a special concelebrated Mass for Her Majesty. Hymn will be 'Jerusalem', 'I Vow To Thee My Country' and the National Anthem will be sung to mark the occasion. All the lyrics and a prayer for our Queen can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or just [click here](#)

**Please Note** - This Newsletter is for **two weeks** due to the closure of the Parish Office for the Bank Holidays Thursday 2 June & Friday 3 June.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY - 5 JUNE

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. There is a short video of the story of Pentecost and another with a question 'Aren't all Christian denominations the same?' Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

To prepare for Pentecost, we will pray to the Holy Spirit after each Mass between Ascension and Pentecost. It seems especially appropriate this year as all of our Parish Merger feedback has been submitted to Bishop Declan for his deliberation. Let us pray together that the Holy Spirit will descend on our parishes to guide and support us as we await the decision of our bishop. It is important that we hold Bishop Declan in prayer as he takes these important decisions for the future of our parishes.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion in all three of our churches last weekend, 21 & 22 May. Photos can be accessed by clicking the 'Photo Gallery' button on our homepage or [click here](#). Recordings of the 9am & 11am Mass at St Osmund can be found by going to our 'Church TV' and selecting 'St Osmunds Live' or [click here](#).

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our First Communion Masses so special - those who cleaned and polished the churches, those who arranged flowers or music, those who welcomed and stewarded, those who took photographs and those who cleaned and tidied up afterwards. Many thanks to you all.

Please continue to pray for the children that they will be sustained by the Eucharist throughout their lives.

## 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. All welcome.

**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).

**Sunday Homilies by Bishop Jim Golka & 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 Ascension!' Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

**Feast Days in the coming two weeks,** please click on the title for more or visit our website blog:

### THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 31 MAY

Celebrated on May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. The meeting of these two women was a joyful and unique event.

### FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST - 9 JUNE

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, on the first Thursday after Pentecost, focuses on Jesus' priestly office. Jesus is considered the model for believers, and for the clergy in particular, as our priests act 'in persona Christi' ("In the person of Christ").

**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 Lester 07899 244072.

**Rosary Group** are reconvening to pray the Rosary together via Zoom restarting 1 June on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for information. Everyone is welcome to join.

## 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. There can be some flexibility with hours worked to accommodate an applicant with childcare issues in the school holidays.

## SALISBURY CATHOLICS SUMMER BBQ/FUN DAY - 17 JULY

Representatives from all three parishes are working together to plan a summer afternoon of friendship, fun and food for us all. This is going to be an ideal occasion to get to know some of our new parishioners who have joined the parishes during the pandemic. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, we'd love to hear from you: email Dave Blake: [wessexwildlife@gmail.com](mailto:wessexwildlife@gmail.com)

**Manual Labour required!** You may have noticed the skip and the digger on the drive at St Osmund's Church. Parishioners are working very hard to demolish the old dilapidated brick shed behind the church and put in place the groundwork to enable us to replace it with two new ones. This will help to provide us with some much-needed clean and dry storage space. If you are fit and able, we really need more help. If you have half a day (or even a whole day) that you could give up and are fit and healthy, please help Mick O'Neill & Kev Lynn over the next two weeks. Contact the parish Office on 01722 562703 [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org) to let us know when you plan to come. Huge thanks go to Michael Riding, Nick Cusack and Michael Presley who have helped during this first week of work and to Mick Regan of M J Abbott for very short-notice provision of a digger. Thank you all.

**Holy Redeemer & St Osmund's Pastoral Parish Council** are meeting next 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.

**My Generation** are having a coach trip to Weymouth on Wednesday 6th July 2022. Meeting at St Gregory's at 9.45am for 10am departure, returning from Weymouth at 5pm. Cost £8.00. If you are interested in joining with this trip, please contact Chris Francis on 01722 321109. Their next meeting will be for their Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration on Wednesday 1 June at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For information please contact Chris Francis.

**SPUC Stall Saturday 11 June in Salisbury Market..** For further contributions (cakes, jams, sweets, home produce, plants, gifts, books, CDs or DVDs) please contact either Alison on 01722 741681 or Bernadette on 01722 711137. Thank you.

**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

**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 be 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)

**Salisbury Foodbank Emergency Appeal** for tinned tomatoes, tinned & dry mashed potatoes, tinned fish, fruit & rice pudding; custard, long life milk, long life fruit juice and tea bags. Please donate in the box in the entrance at any one of our churches.

**Salisbury Catholics Parishioner Lunch** After the **midday Mass** on Thursday 9 June in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Come and enjoy a home-cooked lunch in friendly company. Please encourage others to attend who may not have been mixing socially for a while. There is no charge for lunch but any donations will be go towards our SCORE Ukraine fund. We look forward to seeing you there.



# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Easter Week 7 - Psalter 3, Proper of Season

## Saturday 28 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Joseph Neelamkavil RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

## SUNDAY 29 May

09:00 St Gregory MASS Josephine Namusisi  
09:00 St Osmund MASS Maria & Pacifico Falzon RIP  
11:00 St Osmund MASS Sebastian Family  
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS  
18:00 St Osmund MASS Richard Beale RIP

## Monday 30 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Joseph Neelamkavil RIP

## Tuesday 31 May

### THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

13:00 Holy Redeemer Requiem MASS Mabel Perkins RIP

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Wednesday 1 June Saint Justin

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS  
19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

## Thursday 2 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Brian & Feithlinn Whitehead RIP  
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Friday 3 June Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mariam Chakkappan RIP  
19:00 St Osmund MASS Bridie & Harry Clapham RIP

## Saturday 4 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS HM Queen Elizabeth II

### 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 JUNE

### Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives. [Click here](#).

### CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of Our Lady of the Rosary (Lawrence Weston) and St Bernard (Shirehampton).

### 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 Rita Brockhurst RIP** will take place in Holy Redeemer church on Wednesday 8 June at 12pm midday.

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Acts 7:55-60*

*Psalms 96*

**The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

*Apocalypse 22:12-14. 16-17. 20*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;**

**I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.**

**Alleluia!**

*John 17:20-26*

## 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: [caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com)

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Week 10, Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

## Saturday 4 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS HM Queen Elizabeth II

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

## SUNDAY 5 June

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

09:00 St Osmund MASS K.V. Mathai RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Philomena Wright RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

## Monday 6 June

### Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

10:00 St Osmund MASS Arthur Buck RIP

## Tuesday 7 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Wednesday 8 June

Holy Redeemer Mass - no 10am due to the Requiem at Midday

12:00 Holy Redeemer Requiem MASS Rita Brockhurst

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

## Thursday 9 June

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

12:00 St Osmund MASS Stephen Browne RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Friday 10 June

10:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving - Jacob Family

19:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

## Saturday 11 June

### Saint Barnabas

10:00 St Osmund MASS

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

## RECONCILIATION

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St Osmund	Saturdays	10:30 to 11:00
Holy Redeemer	Saturdays	17:30 until Mass

# PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

## CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Patrick (Brockworth) and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (Churchdown).

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Acts 2:1-11*

*Ps 103*

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

*Romans 8:8-17*

## The Sequence for Pentecost

*Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.*

*Come, Thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure,  
Come, Thou Light of all that live!*

*Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful Guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;*

*Thou in toil art comfort sweet,  
Pleasant coolness in the heat,  
Solace in the midst of woe.*

*Light immortal, Light divine,  
Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,  
And our inmost being fill;*

*If Thou take Thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.*

*Heal our wounds; our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour Thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:*

*Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.*

*Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and Thee adore,  
Thy sevenfold gifts descend:*

*Give us comfort when we die,  
Give us life with Thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

*John 14:15-16, 23-26*