

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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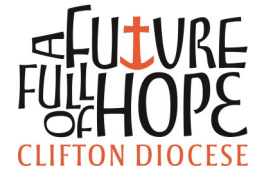
ORDINARY TIME WEEK 27(C)

From Father Anthony

It was damp, cold and autumnal. Light filtered through early morning mist: Crows cawed in the distance. I sipped tea. Harry the Pigeon clapped his wings, swooped low and rose up high. Soaked in dew, brown and drooping the garden looked old and tired: dull patches of colour remained. I felt some sadness at its gradual demise but had faith that it would bloom again in the spring.

The disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith. His reply suggests that faith is not about size or capacity. These are worldly concepts and a function of separation. Faith is of the spirit where form, size, capacity and dimension do not apply. You either have something or you don't. The question Jesus addresses is, *what gets in the way of exercising faith?* He had just spoken about the need to forgive continually. When the disciples say, *'increase our faith'* they are saying, in effect, *'forgiving someone once is hard enough... but to do it all the time you'll have to increase our faith'*. By referring to the Sycamine tree Jesus indicates the scope of the problem and its solution. This tree has deep roots and is difficult to kill. Its wood was traditionally used for coffins and wasps used it for nesting. Its fruit looked like the sweet mulberry fig but was in fact bitter. This describes the qualities of unforgiveness... it is these qualities that stifle faith and breed bitterness. We must uproot them and cast them into the sea... water is a metaphor for the spiritual soul. Transformed by the spiritual soul another quality of the Sycamine tree will be experienced... because it also had medicinal, healing properties!

The correct function of soul (*the servant*) is not to reflect and promote worldly values but those of the Holy Spirit and thus transform the world. This is what it is created for (*we are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty*). We often use our soul qualities to worry, fret and compete in the world which increases the experience of separation, bitterness and unforgiveness. Faith cannot bloom in this soil. Knowing ourselves as we do we might feel... *'well, how can we have faith at all'*. But remember, we are not asked to create faith or increase it; we already have it as a gift of God. We are asked to create the conditions where it can flourish.



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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"

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY 2022 - WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

This is a crisis created by disasters such as: climate change, coronavirus and conflict in Ukraine. All around the world – including here in the UK – families are finding it hard to put food on the table. In Northern Kenya, Ethiopia, and South Sudan it is harder still, up to 20 million people face devastating drought and grain shortages. Together, as one global family, we have the power to help. If you wish to donate, CAFOD envelopes are available in all our churches this weekend and can be dropped into the regular collection in the following weekends. For the promotion video and other ways to donate please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

In addition, we are asking everyone to bring food item/s to Mass next weekend to be shared with parishioners that are struggling, The Pantry and The Salisbury Food Bank to help those in our city who may struggle to feed themselves/their families this coming winter.

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 Foodbank Collections for the foodbank will continue during October and November and will be for baked beans and jam/sandwich spread. (Please note that homemade jams are not acceptable). Thank you for your generous response to the August/September appeal.

The Big Sleep On the night of Friday 7 October, Alabaré are inviting 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. To register with Alabaré please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Fr Joseph & Parish Social We have photos in our Photo Gallery kindly provided by Michael Illas of last Sunday's Mass and Parish Event at St Gregory's. To access click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). A complete set can be found by clicking on this link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/oNo23enqXZDgxwsQ6>. Please contact Michael at michael.illas@gmail.com for individual photographs.

Salisbury Catholics Parishioner Lunch After the midday Mass on Thursday 13 October 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 a donation however small will go towards our SCORE Ukraine fund. We look forward to seeing you there.

St Osmund's Votive Candle Stands Our wonderful volunteers who were servicing the candle stands have had to stand down. We are therefore calling on new people to help. The stands need to be serviced every two weeks, to see a video of what this entails please [click here](#). If you can help please contact the Office on 01722 562703 or by email office@salisburycatholics.org

St Paul Sunday Missal's 2023 Cycle A We will soon be ordering these one-year missals (£7.95) for the forthcoming liturgical year. If you would like to order one, please inform the parish office ideally by email office@salisburycatholics.org or ring 01722 562703 and ask to speak to Dezi (mornings only).

My Generation will be meeting next 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.

DAY FOR READERS - 12 NOVEMBER

A Scriptural 'retreat' day, with short inputs on the Bible and the Reader's role at Mass, plus time for prayer & meditation. New readers would be very welcome indeed! The day begins with the 10am Mass, continues in St Osmund's Parish Rooms and will conclude at 3.15pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be provided. If you plan to attend, please register your interest by contacting the parish office (ideally by email) office@salisburycatholics.org or call 01722 562703.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Nicodemus Group - The Group will be starting again next Wednesday 5 October now in 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 Sunday 30 October 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.

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 – this 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 this 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](#).

St Francis of Assisi 4 October - The patron saint of Italy, Francis of Assisi was a man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally, not in a narrow fundamentalist sense but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit and without a sense of self-importance. For his story please visit our 'Blog' or [click here](#).

Baptism Congratulations and welcome to Klara De'Ath who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday 25 September. Please keep Klara and her parents Agata & Louis in your prayers at this special time.

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](#).

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron reflects on Fr Jerzy Popieluszko who preached non-violent opposition to the communist regime in Poland in the 1980s and was martyred for it. The result led to massive change when people rose up not in violence but in prayer. To listen and watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: 'Faith the size of a mustard seed!' for this the 27th 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 27 and Psalter 3

Saturday 1 October

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

SUNDAY 2 October

09:00 St Gregory MASS Jacinta Nandugwa

09:00 St Osmund MASS In Thanksgiving

11:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Francisco Katende

Monday 3 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

Tuesday 4 October Saint Francis of Assisi

10:00 St Osmund MASS Poor Souls in Purgatory

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 5 October

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Terence Moran RIP

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 6 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Clive Bogie RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 7 October Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00 St Gregory MASS

14:00 **St Osmund School Hall Harvest MASS**

Parishioners are invited.

19:00 St Osmund MASS Joanne Hart RIP

Saturday 8 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Thandi Gwala

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

And by appointment with our priests.

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Catharine (Frome) and St Dominic (Mells).

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

Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

Ps 94

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.**

Alleluia!

Luke 17:5-10

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 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