

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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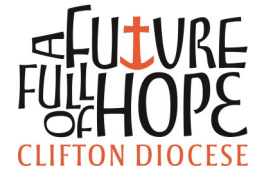
ORDINARY TIME WEEK 18(C)

From Father Anthony

I sat outside in the cool of the evening, tea in hand. A blackbird shrieked... probably Mrs Cat hiding in the shrubs! Swifts whistled; a dog barked. Fruit bulged on the trees; leaves littered the ground. Fat clusters of grapes hung from tangled vines. The hedge sprouted in all directions; the Brown Sparrows bounced on overhanging shoots before launching into formation displays... the grass has lost its colour! All in all, the garden looked like an unruly mop of bleached hair in need of a good trim. Yet its *essential nature* remained the same.

Saint Paul tells us that we have been raised with Christ, *'if then you have been raised with Christ; that Christ is our essential nature, 'the life you have is hidden with Christ in God'*. So, we don't have to acquire this nature or earn it. We are it! It is already given us. If we don't experience or recognise it; if it feels hidden or just a concept, could it be that who and what we truly are has become overgrown and confused by who and what we truly are not? The spiritual art is to gently but firmly observe how overgrown we have become with the thoughts, things, conversation and desires of the world... how we have built bigger barns for ourselves as the Gospel parable puts it. We don't have to become beautiful; we are beautiful. Spiritually, it is not about building bigger barns but learning how to pull down the ones we have built; they cover up our beauty and hide or blur the image of God we are.

The Gospel suggests that selfishness and trust in worldly security are among the *barns* that hide our true nature. Anxiety, fear and insecurity may lead us to become self-absorbed and take refuge in ourselves which in turn causes loneliness, avarice and greed. The antidote to this, which runs throughout the scriptures, is to focus, as best we can, on others... *to love our neighbour as our self*. It does not have to be big. Little acts of kindness, conversations that seek to heal rather than wound, thinking constructive thoughts about the world, others and ourselves help to uncover and grow the beautiful being we are. This is our inheritance from the Father. When we want to keep it all to ourselves our beauty is dimmed and, like a covered candle, begins to fade.



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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 : 2990**

ST OSMUND'S CHURCH HAS NOW REOPENED

As reported last week, a survey by an Architect, supported by the Diocesan Surveyor has concluded that the church is safe to reopen with the scaffolding in place on the north aisle and a very small area taken out of use in front of the Lady Chapel.

All the normal liturgies (Mass, Adoration, and Benediction) are now reoccurring in St Osmund's Church.

Also the church is once again open for private prayer during the day.

Unfortunately this week we have been unable to broadcast live services from St Osmund due to an unknown as yet technical fault. A team of specialist engineers are arriving today (Friday 29 July) to try to find and fix the problem for the weekend. Please click on the 'St Osmund' button on our 'Church TV' page or [click here](#) for the latest news

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION 6 AUGUST

The transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by Jesus: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son; the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." For a reflection please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Saint Alphonsus Liguori 1 August. A lawyer before the age of 20, he used his legal skills in his writing and the governance of his order and his diocese. He was ordained in 1717 and immediately became well-known as a compassionate confessor and down-to-earth preacher. "I have never preached a sermon", he said, "that the poorest old woman in the congregation could not understand". For more please visit our blog or [click here](#)

Saint John Mary Vianney 4 August - Parish Priest in 1817 of Ars-en-Dombe, France. He had no gift for learning. But he did have the gift of understanding what was in people's hearts and minds. That made him a wonderful confessor. People from all over France came to Ars to ask John to hear their confessions. Sometimes he spent as many as 16 hours in a day listening to people confess their sins. For more please visit our blog or [click here](#).

Jerry Lewis, teacher of P.E and English at St Joseph's from 1969 - 2008, passed away on the 2nd July. Well respected and valued by colleagues and students, he embodied the spirit of the school. An accomplished cross country runner, he competed at the highest levels and spent a lot of time coaching others. R.I.P

Salisbury Food Bank. Our collection of long life milk and fruit juice ends this weekend. In August and September we will be collecting the following: tinned rice pudding, fruit and custard and tins of meat and fish. These items are on the Food Bank 'wanted' list and will help families through the summer holidays. Thank you for generosity which is tremendous and much appreciated.

Bible Book Club there will be no meetings in August. For further details contact John Lester 07899 244072.

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 Wednesday 3 August for Table Top Games 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 for 20hrs per week, and the other will be through The Bridge, working 22hrs per week within local 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 Roles, please [click here](#) or the button on the ‘homepage’

Closing Date is 22 August 2022, initial applications should be in writing with a CV attached. All correspondence and applications should be directed to the Salisbury Parish contact John.proctor@clifftondiocese.com.

Saint Bernadette Relic Tour - In September and October this year, the relics of St. Bernadette will journey on a pilgrimage throughout the UK. The relics will be visiting Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 10th September 2022 for one day. There will be Mass with anointing of the sick, a torchlight procession, rosary and the opportunity to venerate these relics of the ‘Saint of Lourdes’. All the timings will be available soon. If you are interested in going please complete the list at the back of each Church or call the office on 01722 562703. Dependent on the level of interest a decision will be taken on whether to hire a coach and on cost etc. For more click on the image in the ‘Top News’ box or [click here](#).

Synodal Church - The ‘Synod National Synthesis’ report and the Bishops of England and Wales response ‘Seeking Our Hearts’ Desire’ can now be accessed by clicking on the ‘Synodal Church’ button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#). We also have a podcast led by Cardinal Nichols reflecting on National Synthesis’ report and the Synod process.

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 this Sunday 31 July 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.

Baptism - Congratulations and welcome to Aurelia Filipa Zappatore Corbett who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday 24 July. Please keep Aurelia and her parents Marisa & Jamie in your prayers at this special time. The Baptism and Mass was recorded and can be viewed by going to our ‘Church TV’ page or [click here](#).

Baptism Preparation Course 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.

Sunday Homilies with Bishops Robert Barron & Jim Golka. Addressing this Sunday’s readings we are reminded by both, that our relationship with possessions needs to be correct and the need to detach ourselves from the goods of this world, wearing them lightly. To listen, click on the ‘Sunday Homily’ button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children’s Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: ‘Rich in what matters to God’ A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for this Sunday the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C. Click on the ‘Children’s Liturgy’ button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Ordinary Time Week 18 and Psalter 2

Saturday 30 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving for the Jacob Family

There will be no confessions this Saturday at St Osmund

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Bridget Villis RIP

SUNDAY 31 July

09:00 St Gregory MASS Maureen Heinrichs RIP
09:00 St Osmund MASS Joseph Neelamkavil RIP
11:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS For the forthcoming marriage of Jessica Barrow and George Sharpe
18:00 St Osmund MASS Jerry Lewis RIP (St Joseph's 1969 - 2008).

Monday 1 August Saint Alphonsus Mary Liguori

10:00 St Osmund MASS Sister Rosa Goretti

Tuesday 2 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Intention for Freddie Falzon in recovery

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 3 August

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

Thursday 4 August Saint John Mary Vianney

10:00 St Osmund MASS Seamus Devlin RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 5 August

10:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving for the Jacob Family
19:00 St Osmund MASS J P Pearson RIP 10.10.64 - 5.8.2021

Saturday 6 August FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

10:00 St Osmund MASS Nicholas McCafferty RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Private Intention

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 parishes of St Catharine (Chipping Campden) and Our Lady & St Kenelm (Stow-on-the-Wold).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Michael Cooke, Stasia Stockley, Bridget Villis, Paddy Talty, Stanislaw Pawinski, Brian Ling, Mabel Perkins and Rita Brockhurst, who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Psalms 89

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

Luke 12:13-21

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 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: