

# SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ALL SAINTS

### From Father Anthony...

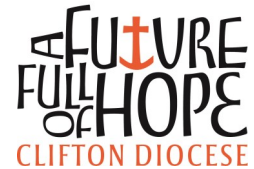
I potted about the garden: it looked limp and faded. The Gunslinger followed closely. Mrs Cat eyed me from a distance. I was irritated. I had correctly identified a lamp shade from several others but couldn't work out how to fit it. The fixture had three prongs to hold it. I pushed them, pulled them, squeezed them... nothing. I phoned a friend! 'Only one prong will pull out', he said, 'find it and the shade will fit... if it's the right shade'. The shade now fits!

Intuition correctly identified the shade; but I had no understanding of how the fitment worked. I had 'faith' that it would all come together but couldn't work out how. Until then both shade and fitment had to remain separate, disconnected. My friend's guidance led me to understanding. I moved beyond *faith* that it would work to *knowledge* of how it worked: the fitting and shade came together... a secular example of St Anselm's *fides quaerens intellectum* - *faith seeking understanding*. Spiritually, we don't have to understand God in God's entirety in order to have faith. Faith comes first: understanding may follow and if so leads to Knowledge.

In spiritual practice we attempt to give sufficient weight to two opposite forces (*beatitudes*) so as to find the equilibrium of balance; wisdom and understanding bring knowledge; freedom and boundaries bring harmony: victory and surrender bring foundation and so on. It is this 'equilibrium of balance' that Jesus points to with the Scribe. It is this equilibrium that the Saints attain in understanding the beatitudes. The Scribe not only intuited the truth (*faith*) of the commandments but understood them in a manner bordering on knowledge. He spoke 'wisely' (*νοῦνεχῶς, wisely, from νοῦς Mind, Understanding and ἔχω to Have: mindfully*) ... a very spiritually developed Scribe indeed and a model for us to follow.

And what is it that both Scribe and Saint understand. That there is only God; God in everything as everything and everything in God... and yet, not contained by His own creation: He is beyond and greater than it all (*He is one there is no other*). When Wisdom reveals this and Understanding explains it we have Knowledge. We no longer see the world but the Kingdom of Heaven in the world. Our relationship to everything is changed because, even in a speck of dust we sense only God. We are always in His Presence.

I based these thoughts on the Gospel Readings for both the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year (B) and All Saints.



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### OUR CHURCHES

**St Osmund**  
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**St Gregory & the English Martyrs**  
St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

**Most Holy Redeemer**  
Fotherby Crescent SP1 3EG

**Chapel of the Good Shepherd**  
Barford Lane, Downton SP5 3QA

**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 : 2823**

## SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER

This feast first honoured martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. Today's feast honours the obscure as well as the famous - the saints each of us have known. Please click the image in the 'Top News' box for the story of 'All Saints' or [click here](#)

## ALL SOULS' DAY - 2 NOVEMBER

All Souls' Day commemorates the faithful departed. We believe that not everyone who is destined for heaven is immediately ready for the 'Beatific vision,' and must be purified of 'lesser faults' and the effects of sin. We have short video about 'All Souls' Day' and a reflection by Philip Shano SJ, please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Blessing of Graves.** The graves of your loved ones in the London Rd and Devizes Rd cemeteries can be blessed on this day. Meet at 3 pm by the central Cross in the London Rd cemetery and just inside the gate at Devizes Rd, also at 3pm. Masses on that day will be at 10am & 7pm (Ordinariate) at St Osmund and at 12 midday at Holy Redeemer and 6pm at St Gregory.

**NOVEMBER: PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD** During November we pray especially for the Holy Souls. There are special 'Prayer Request' envelopes in the church porch. Place the names of your departed loved ones in one of these envelopes and place it in the box or basket in front of the altar in each of our churches. If you are unable to come to church but would like a name/s placed, please call 01722 562703 or email [office@salisbury Catholics.org](mailto:office@salisbury Catholics.org) and we can do it for you. All Friday evening Masses during November will be celebrated for those named in all three churches.

**Red Wednesday** This autumn we are asking you, once again, to stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their peacefully held beliefs. Each year, Aid to the Church in Need hold a week of events in November with Red Wednesday as the highlight. Red is the Christian colour of martyrdom and Christians are the most persecuted faith group in today's world. Red Wednesday honours all Christians who suffer and die for their faithfulness to Christ's message of peace and love and we are encouraged to come to Mass to pray for those who do not enjoy the freedom to do so. We have already begun supporting this campaign with the sale of their charity Christmas Cards and will continue it with a special Mass which will be celebrated in the Ordinariate Rite in St Osmund's at 7pm on 24 November. Please put the date into your diary, there will be tea and coffee served afterwards in the Parish Rooms.

**Christmas Cards at Holy Redeemer** Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) cards will be on sale again this Saturday evening after the 6 pm Mass (cash or cheque only) or from the Parish Office during the week.

**Red Box/MISSIO** We will soon close this year's collection, so if you have a red box or envelope that needs emptying please bring it in to the Parish Office or hand it to one of the stewards at Mass. If you are unable to bring it in please contact the Office on 01722 562703 and we will arrange collection. Thank you to all those who have already donated.

**Renewal Mass** will be held in Holy Redeemer on Tuesday 9 November at 7pm. Farther Anthony will be the celebrant and everyone is welcome to attend. The Mass will contain hymns of praise and there will be a healing ministry following the Mass for anyone in need of prayer. Tea and coffee will be available afterwards.

**Sleeping Out in the Tower of London** - Deacon John Proctor would like to thank all those all who supported his sponsored sleep out in support of Alabaré's work with Homeless Veterans. To date he has raised over **£3,500**. If you still owe sponsorship money could you please place it in an envelope with his name and your name in it and leave it at the Parish Office or give it to him personally when you come to Mass. Many thanks.

## OUTREACH - CHRISTMAS 2021

### MISSION



**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES CARD** deliveries to all our parishioners will occur again this year during December. Pre-pandemic, our wonderful deliverers would visit, meet and greet every household on our parish database in a defined area close to where they live every Easter & Christmas. This year, because of the ongoing COVID situation we are simply asking for a Christmas card to **be posted through letterboxes** to let our parishioners know we are still thinking of them and to let them know our plans for Christmas Masses. We have emailed all

our existing deliverers asking them if they are happy to continue and we have had an excellent response with a few standing down for very understandable reasons. Please do respond if you have not already done so, to enable us to plan the delivery. We know that **we need more volunteers** to help us if we are to reach every parishioner household. If you would be happy to deliver a few cards to fellow parishioners in your local area as we approach Christmas, do please let get in touch. Contact Caroline Williams on 01722 562703 or email [outreach@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:outreach@salisburycatholics.org) We look forward to hearing from you, many thanks.

**Parish Lunches at St Osmund** are back. Weekday Mass on the second Thursday of each month, starting 11 November, will be at **12 noon** and will be followed by our popular Parish Lunch held in the Parish Rooms. Could you help to cook for the Parish lunch once per month? We would be grateful for some newcomers to join our friendly team. We cook dishes of two main and sweet courses and expect 25-30 guests. We look forward to hearing from you, contact. Jane on 01722 421287.

**Salisbury Foodbank** During November we are collecting rice, biscuits & chocolate for the Foodbank (with Christmas in mind). Items can be placed in the boxes available in all churches. We have received a thank you note from the Foodbank for our recent donation of 48 kg. Please see the poster in 'Top News' or [click here](#).

**Pastoral Parish Council for Holy Redeemer and St Osmund** Following the launch of a new PPC at St Gregory, Deacon John Proctor is looking to re-establish a Pastoral Council for both Holy Redeemer and St Osmund. Some parishioners have suggested a combined council for the two parishes and John would be glad to hear further views. Please email him [john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com)

**Pastoral Parish Council - St Gregory** The website page now has a picture gallery/poster of all the council members together with the action list from the last meeting and the Constitution. The next meeting will be on Monday 8 November at 6.30 pm in St Gregory's Hall. The webpage is under 'Parish Life' from the main menu and then click Pastoral Parish Council or simply [click here](#).

**Old (Good Quality) Video Cases** - Does anyone have any old video cases tucked away that are no longer required? Catherine Detain plans to make good use of them to separate subjects in the Parish Rooms Resource Centre. Please bring them in to the Parish Office any day during the week. Thankyou

**St Paul One-Year Sunday Missals** - The missals have now arrived, so those who have ordered one please collect from the Parish Office at your convenience. We have a few extra if anyone else would like one at £7 each.

**Art Group** The Salisbury Catholic Churches Art Group starts again this Monday 1 November 10.30am-12.30pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. All are welcome, whether you have painted, drawn before or never, please join us. Contact John and Elizabeth on 01725 510310 for more details.

**Bible Book Club** is meeting each Tuesday in the Parish Rooms 10:45 am -12:30 pm. Please join us as we read and study the Psalms. For further details contact John Lester 07899 244072.

**Tea & Coffee after the 9am Masses at St Osmund and St Gregory.** If you would like to help in serving tea & coffee please contact for St Osmund, Bridget Watson on 01722 697722 or by email [mbbkwatson@hotmail.com](mailto:mbbkwatson@hotmail.com) and for St Gregory, Margaret Godwin 01722 501854 or by email [godw5hme@virginmedia.com](mailto:godw5hme@virginmedia.com).

**MEETINGS ON ZOOM** Please use the contacts below if you would like to join (all are welcome).

Tuesdays at 7.30 pm	Weekly Alabaré Christian Community	Deacon John Proctor <a href="mailto:john@alabare.org">john@alabare.org</a>
Wednesday at 2.30 pm	Rosary Group	Josephine on 01722 328410
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm	Downton Service of the Word	<a href="mailto:michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk">michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk</a>

## FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION



A two-year synodal process is taking place in the Catholic Church from October 2021 that culminates in a final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. This process was launched universally by Pope Francis on 10 October in Rome, by all bishops at Diocesan level on 17 October and last weekend by our priests at parish level. So that we can all fully understand what Pope Francis is asking for with our participation in the Synod, there are a number of information sessions taking place around our diocese including two online sessions for those who cannot travel or who would prefer to join online. The nearest one to us is on **Saturday 6 November 10am-12noon** in **St John's Centre, Trowbridge** and there are others at Brockworth, Bristol & Bridgwater. To join the **online sessions (8th & 9th November 7pm-9pm)**, please email the parish office [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org) and we will arrange for a link to be sent to you so that you can join from the comfort of your own home! We encourage everyone to join in this process and later on in November (20th) we will be sending a delegation from our parishes to a diocesan gathering in Bristol as our representatives.

Details of these sessions and all of the information including explanatory videos on the Synod can be found on our homepage or [click here](#). Prayer cards are available in all Churches and we ask for your prayers for this process as it unfolds in the coming two years.

**Christmas Mass Times** All the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day Mass times across all our churches are now available and can be viewed on our website. Just click on 'Mass Times' on our main menu and then click the 'Christmas Mass Times' button or [click here](#).

**Dare to Dream 2021** The reflection for this Sunday is by Canon Richard Dwyer. Click on the 'Dare To Dream' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Baptism Preparation** If you have a child that you would like to be baptised in one of our churches, you will need to attend a parents' preparation course. For baptisms at St Osmund or Holy Redeemer please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email: [john.proctor@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:john.proctor@clifftondiocese.com) and at St Gregory contact Deacon Stephen Godwin by email [stephen.godwin@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:stephen.godwin@clifftondiocese.com)

**First Holy Communion 2021** All the sessions are now complete and we look forward to 'First Holy Communion Day' on the 6 November. Please keep the children in your prayers. If you have a child in Year 3 or above, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme which will begin in 2022. [Click here](#)

**An invitation to the Nicodemus Group** - Whether you are new to the Church, raised as a Catholic or are new to Christianity, you have a place at the table. The start of the first module 'Journeying with Jesus from his birth to his ministry in Galilee' is this coming Wednesday 3 November at 7.30 pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Please contact us to register to attend: [nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org). Click the 'Explore Your Faith' item on our main menu or [click here](#) for the programme dates for the rest of the year.

**The God Who Speaks** In Bishop Jim Golka's short reflection we are told that God made us all to be Saints. God gives us all what we need, we don't have to be great just faithful. To watch and listen [click here](#) or click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

**Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron.** All Saints Day emphasises the universality of the call to sanctity. If you isolate a given saint Francis of Assisi or Thomas Aquinas they can seem so far beyond us. But All Saints Day emphasises not only canonised saints but also all the ordinary people, forgotten to history, who God has remembered as saintly. To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Children's Liturgy** from Catholic Kids Media: Living like Saints! A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for All Saints' Day. From Redemptorist Publications there is a reflection and a final prayer. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Week 31, Psalter 3 and Proper of Solemnity

## Saturday 30 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS K. C. Philip RIP

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS John Kerin RIP

## SUNDAY 31 October SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

09:00 St Gregory MASS  
09:00 St Osmund MASS Roseanna Doherty RIP  
11:00 St Osmund MASS Paddy Hartigan RIP  
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS  
18:00 St Osmund MASS Special Intention

## Monday 1 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS John Paul Pearson RIP & Family

## Tuesday 2 November ALL SOULS' DAY

10:00 St Osmund MASS  
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12:00 Holy Redeemer MASS  
18:00 St Gregory MASS  
18:40 St Osmund Benediction  
19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

## Wednesday 3 November

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Ann Judge - Special Intention  
14:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Simon Thornton RIP

**No Ordinariate MASS, moved to All Souls Day**

## Thursday 4 November Saint Charles Borromeo

10:00 St Osmund MASS Anthony K D RIP  
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Friday 5 November

10:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving - Joseph Jose Vazhappilly.  
19:00 St Osmund MASS November Dead

## Saturday 6 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Susan, Les & Keith Burry RIP  
12:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Jane Barnes RIP

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Lucy Robbins RIP

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Friday after 10:00 Mass:  
St Osmund Saturday 10:30 - 11:00  
Holy Redeemer Saturday 17:30 until Mass

# PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

## POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

### Universal: People Who Suffer from Depression

That people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life. [Click here](#)

## CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for St Mary (Swindon).

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who have died recently: Paddy Hartigan, Kath Quinn, Jane Barnes, Jacqueline Sutton, Joan Farquharson, Simon Thornton, David Kennedy, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Please also pray for Patrick Talty who is unwell.

The Requiem Mass for **Simon Thornton RIP** will be at 2pm in St Osmund's Church on Wednesday 3 November. All welcome.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14*

*Ps 23*

**Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.**

*1 John 3:1-3*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!**

*Matthew 5:1-12*

## SACRAMENTS

**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)

**BAPTISMS** For our next parents' preparation course, please contact Deacon John Proctor by email [john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com) or on 07802 631968 to register for the next course.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** If you have a child in Year 3 or above, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme which will begin in 2022 [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](#)