

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 27 (B)

From Father Anthony...

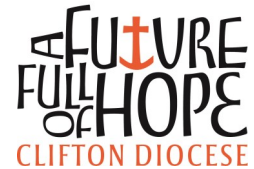
Summer pushed back against the closing doors of Autumn. People strolled about in shorts and tee shirts. Dogs panted, ducks splashed in the canal. Children threw bread and shrieked with laughter. I wish I'd worn a hat! A father hid behind a tree and called his daughter. She turned, pondered, looked as if to cry, then stumbled forwards. He sprang out, gathered her in his arms, and spun her round. Her face lit up... brighter than the sun!

The goal of spiritual life is to heal the Separation from God (*the Fall*): to feel *His spiritual arms* around us once more; to experience the union we had with Him before the Separation; to heal the disconnectedness we experience within and with one another. Like the little girl, *hearing* the call makes us aware of the separation. It causes a spiritual action within us to search for who made the *sound (ascension)*; as we ascend (*move towards*), God descends to join us. The scriptures refer to this *joining as a marriage (union)*; it requires an open, *childlike* quality. It is this quality we are encouraged to develop in order to experience union (*He put his arms round them*).

The *call* is often experienced as confusion, discontent, 'wondering what it is all about'... becoming unsatisfied with the known. Yet, how do we move beyond ourselves to the caller? Traditionally, three areas are involved; *intellectual study, prayer and meditation* and *purification of character* – sometimes called the Work or the Way. Words like sin, repentance, righteousness, sanctification, purification and so on, are used. Beware! words come with images that can put us off! We must try to *hear* beyond words and feel the experience they attempt to describe.

For example, what in our character gets in the way of moving towards God? Traditionally, spiritual schools would answer: *pride, envy, resentment, gossiping, anger, vengeance, lust, promiscuity, lying, wanting honours, giving verbal abuse, tricking others, over indulging, stealing, blaspheming* and so on. It's not popular to mention these today: yet spiritually and practically, their effect is to keep us tied to ourselves and deaf to God. Liberation from them (*purification of character*) is an ascension, a *movement beyond*. In this new space we experience a childlike vulnerability (*the unknown*). This is the space where union takes place.

Daunting? Yes. But work in one area is enough to begin the process; enough to make us smile within.



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OUR CHURCHES

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Chapel of the Good Shepherd
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Chapel of the Holy Family
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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 : 2811**

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN - 9 OCTOBER

John Henry Newman has been called the “absent Father of Vatican II” because his writings on conscience, religious liberty, scripture, the vocation of lay people, the relation of Church and State were influential in the shaping of the Council’s documents. Although Newman was not always understood he steadfastly preached the Good News by word and example. You can listen to the podcast series ‘Journeying With Newman’ in which Newman’s teaching by way of reflections are examined. For the podcasts and the story of this great English saint, click on the image in the ‘Top News’ box or [click here](#).

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day 2021 - Climate Crisis Appeal

Harvest Family Fast Day is this Friday 1 October. This year, CAFOD is raising money for its Climate Crisis Appeal. CAFOD works with local experts to help people around the world to adapt to the changing climate and protect our common home. If you wish to donate, CAFOD envelopes are available in all our churches this weekend. For the promotion video and other ways to donate please click on the image in the ‘Top News’ box or [click here](#).

Calling all Catechists - Catechists are being invited to meet on-line to share ideas and to receive some formation at the same time. The online meeting for the Salisbury Deanery is this Thursday 7 October at 7.30 pm, all the details of the meeting and how to join can be found on our website ‘Blog’ or [click here](#).

World Mission Sunday 24 October

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work. We have a video, a message from Pope Francis and activity sheets for children on each Sunday in October. Just click on the image in the ‘Top News’ box or [click here](#).

Treasure Hunt - Saturday 23 October. Organised by the Salisbury Catenians, the treasure hunt is open to all parishioners. Meeting at 1.30 pm at the White Hart hotel you will depart at 2 pm to locate the answers to a number of cryptic questions about the City. Finishing at 4 pm back at the White Hart for tea and biscuits, whilst entries are scored. Entry is £5 per adult (children free). Please contact David Morehead dmorehead@btinternet.com or 07598 269709. For the full poster go to our ‘Blog’ on our website or [click here](#).

St Paul One-Year Sunday Missals. With the new Church year approaching, we will shortly be making an order for these annual missals. Please inform the Parish Office by email office@salisburycatholics.org if you would like one at a cost of £7.

Attending Mass this Autumn and Winter As the temperatures are now beginning to drop and with the continued need to provide good ventilation in all our churches, please remember to wrap up warmly when coming to Mass.

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 and for St Gregory, Margaret Godwin 01722 501854 or by email godw5hme@virginmedia.com.

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.

Bridge Club The St Osmund’s Bridge Club is every Tuesday from 1-4 pm in the Parish Rooms. For further information, contact Gill on 01722 329341.

My Generation - for senior adults is on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 2 pm in St.Gregory's Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Chris on 01722 321109. Next meeting 6 October.

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 john@alabare.org
Wednesdays at 2.30 pm	Rosary Group	Josephine on 01722 328410
Thursdays at 6:30 pm	Downton Service of the Word	michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk

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 and at St Gregory contact Deacon Stephen Godwin by email stephen.godwin@clifftondiocese.com

Congratulations and welcome to Frankie Ford and Josephine Northridge who joined the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend 25 & 26 September.. Please keep Frankie his parents Christopher & Justyna and Josephine her parents Georgina & Colin in your prayers at this special time.

First Holy Communion 2021 All future meetings will be at St Gregory, can parents please park in St Gregory's car park where possible. The next meeting will be this Saturday 2 October at 2 pm. All the details of the programme can be found by clicking on the 'First Holy Communion 2021' button on our Home page or [click here](#)

If you have a **child that is currently in Year 3 or above at school whom you would like to make their First Communion during 2022**, please complete the online First Holy Communion Application Form at: <https://p1.pamis.co.uk/salisbury/onlined01cab> or by clicking the 'Registration' button on our Homepage. If you have any questions about First Holy Communion, please email: fhc@salisburycatholics.org

An invitation to the Nicodemus Group

There is an invitation to anyone who wishes to come together over a simple meal where we can share our prayers and friendship. Whether you are new to the Church, raised as a Catholic or are new to Christianity, you have a place at the table. An introductory session is on 13 October and will take place in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Please contact us to register and/or to attend: nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org . Click the 'Explore Your Faith' item on our main menu or [click here](#) for more detail.

Season of Creation - Walk held on 19 September 2021

The Stations of Creation took place on Sunday 19 September. This ecumenical walk was attended by 24 people including parishioners, Anglicans, and a group of Lay Franciscans. Feedback from the Stations showed that it was a great success and it is hoped to repeat it again next year. The booklet used on the walk is available on our website for those who could not attend, just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Dare to Dream 2021 - The reflection for the week commencing 3 October is by Fr Stephen Corrigan who spent some time with us on placement during his time at Seminary. Please click on the 'Dare To Dream' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

The God Who Speaks. Bishop Jim Golka's reflection this week is on the first reading and Gospel in this Sunday's readings, where the focus is on the vocation of marriage and the place of marriage in our church. To watch & listen [click here](#) or click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron. "Friends, let us rejoice whenever the grace of God is on display. The point of the sacraments is so that God's grace may flood the world, but the Lord can operate outside of our formal structures. He desires these gifts for us, but as the creator of them, he is never limited by them". To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy - from Catholic Kids Media we have: Why is marriage important? A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B and from Redemptorist Publications there will be 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 27, Psalter 3

Saturday 2 October **Holy Guardian Angels**
10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

First Mass of Sunday
18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Anthony and Norma Gallagher -
Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY 3 October
09:00 St Gregory MASS
09:00 St Osmund MASS Padraic Kinsella RIP
11:00 St Osmund MASS Francis and Lydia Conio RIP
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Monday 4 October **Saint Francis of Assisi**
10:00 St Osmund MASS Clive Bogie RIP

Tuesday 5 October
10:00 St Osmund MASS Simon Thornton RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 6 October
10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Jack in sickness
19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 7 October **Our Lady of the Rosary**
10:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of the Donors
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 8 October
10:00 St Gregory MASS
19:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

Saturday 9 October **SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**
10:00 St Osmund MASS Joyce Sugg & Maggie Pringle RIP

First Mass of Sunday
18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

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 OCTOBER

Evangelisation: Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

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CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for St Joseph (Stonehouse) and The Annunciation (Woodchester).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who have died recently: Simon Thornton, David Kennedy, Jacqueline Thompson (nee Mogg), Margaret (Peggy) Lever and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 127

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Hebrews 2:9-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord:

consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

Mark 10:2-16

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

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Our current programme is full but 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](#)