

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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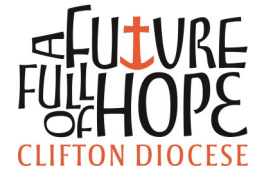
ORDINARY TIME WEEK 23(C)

From Father Anthony

I descended steep sandy steps cut into the cliff face. Heavy mist obscured the distance: the scent of seaweed hung heavy in the air. Grey and placid, the sea swelled like a giant belly; sound seemed closer. I walked briskly and alone, an eyrie figure in ghostly light. A little dog trotted out of the gloom followed by her master trying to keep pace. He was short, stocky and heavily sun burnt. We grunted and stopped for a yarn. 'Aye', he said, 'give me the sun any day, I hate this weather'.

'If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother...' The word *hate* (*μισέω, miseo*) is a comparative term. In the sentence it conveys the sense that love of Jesus (*Truth*) must be so total and heartfelt that by comparison feelings for natural objects of affection (*Mother, Father, etc*) are of lesser value. Spiritually, this *'hate'* is about valuing Truth over all else. Jesus is the *fulness* of God incarnate: He is Truth manifest on earth. Truth is whole and indivisible; it does not move or change. It was the same yesterday as it is today and will be tomorrow. Truth and the 'laws' that comprise it (*Natural Law, Moral Law, God's Law*), is not man made; it has nothing to do with nor is it affected by belief. It is not a function of popular or personal consent. Popular or personal *'feeling'* or the *mores* of the people do not condition it. We can discover truth but we do not make it. To live by Truth is to *live as God lives*, in balance and harmony. To love Jesus (*Truth*) is to love and live by all that is True.

In an age that leans towards *moral relativism* and *solipsism* this is not popular. The idea that truth is Objective (*outside of me*): that it defines right and wrong (*there is Objective Morality*) grates against the egoic idea that, *I am the centre of the universe and decide what is right and wrong*. Discovering Truth requires humility. We may be higher to a lower formation: but we are also lower to a higher formation. In terms of a higher formation we may be blind and get things wrong (*sin*) which causes havoc in our lives. Therefore, we have 'go outside of ourselves' (*pick up your cross*) and 'come to' (*love*) the higher way... Christ in Jesus.



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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"

WELCOMING OUR NEW PRIEST - FR JOSEPH

Fr Joseph Columba (Meigh) will be celebrating his 'first' Mass at our Saturday evening/Sunday Masses as follows:

9am, 11am, 6pm	St Osmund	Sunday 11 September	Bridget (9am), Bernie (11am), Gill (6pm)
6pm	Holy Redeemer	Saturday 17 September	Josephine Little
9am	St Gregory	Sunday 25 September	<i>Bring contributions on the day</i>

To welcome Fr Joseph and to allow all parishioners to introduce themselves, we will be having an after-Mass social event following each 'first' Mass which is being organised by the people noted above. We would be very grateful for contributions of finger-food or drinks. If you have any questions or would like to bring contributions to Parish Office prior to the day, please contact Desiree on 01722 562703 office@salisburycatholics.org Thank you.

At the 9am St Gregory's Mass on 25th, the parish are 'extending' this event to be a welcome event for new parishioners. For more details, [click here](#) for the poster.

Outreach Visits to Registered Parishioners This coming Christmas we hope to re-engage once again with all the parishioners we can reach. We still need more volunteers to help with this important work, particularly in Harnham, The Friary, Bourne Ave, Shady Bower, off Castle Road, Bishopdown & Farm, Central Salisbury, off Wilton Road, Bemerton Heath and around Roman Road. Please do help us if you can. Contact Caroline or Tony on 01722 562703 outreach@salisburycatholics.org

The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary - 8 September The Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne. Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Season of Creation Service - Sunday 4 September at 3pm The Season of Creation started on 1 September and ends on the Feast of St Francis on 4 October. It is an ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for the common home. To mark the Season there will be a Service at St Osmund's Church this Sunday 4 September at 3pm. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) for the Holy Father's Message and the Service Booklet.

The Church of Today and the Hope of Tomorrow - Please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) for a prophetic article written by Deacon John Proctor in 2008 with a postscript for today.

Car Parking at St Osmund. A reminder that parking on St Osmund's drive is NOT permitted for parishioners attending Mass either at the weekend or during the week. The site is increasingly busy and it is becoming a regular occurrence that Mass attendees have blocked in members of the clergy or staff who need to be able to come and go at short notice and without creating a disturbance at Mass.

Salisbury Food Bank. In September we are continuing to collect tinned rice pudding, fruit and custard and tins of meat and fish. These items are on the Food Bank 'wanted' list. Thank you for generosity which is tremendous and much appreciated by those experiencing food poverty in our city.

St Gregory's Pastoral Parish Council are now meeting on Monday 12 September at 6.30pm in St Gregory's Hall, NOT 5 September as previously advertised. For more information please [click here](#). This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Shroud of Turin Exhibition. A full-size copy of the world-famous Shroud of Turin is coming to St John the Baptist Church in Trowbridge from the 26 September to 3 October. No need to book, more information can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

My Generation will be meeting next Wednesday 7 September for a Quiz 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 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.

‘Teach us how to Pray’. A day of reflection on the Lord’s Prayer. We are holding a one-day retreat on Saturday 17 September 9.30am – 4pm in St Elizabeth’s Hall, Exeter Street. If you would like to attend please complete the list at the back of each of our churches.

Nicodemus Group - The Nicodemus Group will be starting again on 5 October in the St Elizabeth Hall at 7pm – 8.30pm. For more information, please click on [‘Becoming Catholic’](#) on our website main menu.

Journey in Faith Our on-going programme for adults interested in Christianity who are not confirmed Catholics. The next meeting is this Sunday 28 August 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.

Saint Bernadette Relic Tour next Saturday 10 September. The pick up points for the coach will be at St Osmund’s (opposite the White Hart, Exeter Street) at 11.30am and the Central Car Park, Amesbury 11.45am - 12 noon, to arrive by 2pm. Departure will be at 7.30pm after the ‘Torchlight Procession’, expected back in Salisbury at around 10pm. Please do remember to bring a packed lunch/supper. Minimum Donation for travel on the coach is £10 per person, please bring this into the Parish Office in a sealed envelope bearing your name. The programme for the entire day is now available on our website plus a ‘Prayer Card’, a ‘Novena’ and more just click on the image in the ‘Top News’ box or [click here](#).

Listening with the Heart Four assemblies have been arranged at different locations within the Diocese on how to take the recent Synod forward. The nearest one to us will be at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge on 15 October. For more details and how to join please click on the image in the ‘Top News’ box or [click here](#).

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](#).

Baptism Preparation Course Our next course will take place on three Thursdays evenings: 8, 15 and 22 September at 7pm in St Osmund’s Parish Rooms. 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 or Deacon Steve Godwin on 07583 254488.

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron this week is titled ‘The Fair Weather Fans of Jesus’ in this he reminds us that Jesus should be the absolute centre of our lives above even our closest relatives. To listen and watch, click on the ‘Sunday Homily’ button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children’s Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: ‘Hating your life?’ for this the 23rd 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 23 and Psalter 3

Saturday 3 September SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

NB Mass and *Confessions moved to St Gregory's today for the patronal feast day

10:00 St Gregory MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 4 September

09:00 St Gregory MASS

09:00 St Osmund MASS Fr Peter Coxe 40th Anniversary

11:00 St Osmund MASS Gilbert Miller RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased members of the Delaney Family

Monday 5 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Holy Souls

Tuesday 6 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 7 September

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Bernadette Bray for recovery

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 8 September THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 9 September

10:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving - Jacob Family

19:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Saturday 10 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS David Kennedy RIP

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory	Fridays	After the 10:00 Mass
St Osmund	Saturdays	At St Gregory's this Saturday (*see above)
Holy Redeemer	Saturdays	17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for The Abbey Church (Downside) with the parish of St Benedict (Stratton-on-the-Fosse).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Beryl Kerley, Vincent Callaghan, Jean Palliser, Michael Cooke, Stasia Stockley 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 - Beryl Kerley RIP

12 noon on 15 September in St Osmund's - all welcome

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Wisdom 9:13-18

Ps 89

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

Philemon 9-10. 12-17

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.**

Alleluia!

Luke 14:25-33

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS For baptisms please contact Deacon John Proctor or Deacon Stephen Godwin. Our next preparation course takes place

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:
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