

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 23 (B)

From Father Anthony...

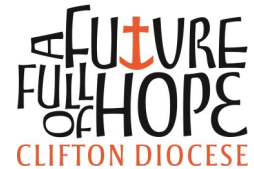
Like a golden balloon the sun floated up over rooftops and kissed the world with light. Pungent damp air heralded Autumn. Garden colours have faded but red hot pokers stand defiant and one tree is speckled with bright red apples. Noisy Gangsters flapped about. I was relieved to see the gunslinger, who had been absent for a while. He stood his ground and eyed me accusingly! I smiled, sat very still, closed my eyes and listened deeply to the silence.

We spoke about worldly thinking and being ('clinging to human traditions'); of the need to create the space of awareness from where our inner being can be observed. This place of observation is often referred to as the *I Am (Christ centre)*. Here it is we see, think and feel with Christ; we are led by Him by becoming one with Him.

Through observation (*journey*) we become aware of our *unspiritual* self; from hard outer sensations (*צָרִיץ* *Tsor, Tyre, means hard*) through wild, untamed thoughts that trap us (*צִידוֹן* *Tsydon, Sidon means wild*), to major thought systems (*Δεκάπολις, Decapolis means ten cities*) and into the power of the mind (*גַּלִּילָה* *Galiylah, Galilee means circuit*). Remember, turning away from Christ because we cannot understand Him, can be the beginning of our return to Him. Because, when we turn from Him, He stays with us. He journeys with us and is experienced as the Observer.

With regular observation comes the realisation that we only hear 'worldly voices': voices that cannot speak to the deeper need we increasingly feel. Intuitively, we know another voice is missing but cannot hear it (*deaf*); a voice that would articulate and answer the need, we cannot, as yet, express (*dumb*). This realisation is a moment of awakening. The very thought system that turned away in the first place (*crowd*) brings to awareness (*Christ*) just how poor in spirit (*deaf and dumb*) we are. Through observation He opens our soul in His (*spittle*), and we hear and speak in Spirit.

Observation flowers best in silence and stillness... when we slow down and do one thing at a time. When you eat, eat; when you sit, sit; when you think, think, and so on. There is a place for multitasking in the world but not in Spirit. One thing at a time is enough. There is nowhere to go because He is our destination... and He is found within.



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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 : 2820**

PARISH MISSION

The Parish Mission held this past week has been a great success. It will draw to a close this Saturday 4 September with lunch at St Gregory 12:00. A big thank you to everyone involved: those who contributed and those who came. We have recordings of three of the talks from St Osmund and St Gregory on the Parish Mission page on our website. To watch and listen click on the 'Parish Mission' button or [click here](#).

MASS & BENEDICTION (TIME AND LOCATION CHANGES)

From Wednesday 8 Sept: the **Wednesday 10am Mass will be celebrated at Holy Redeemer**. There will be no Mass on Wednesday mornings at St Osmund.

From Friday 10 Sept: there will be an **additional morning Mass at St Gregory 10 am**. The 7pm Friday evening Mass at St Osmund will continue as normal.

From Tuesday 7 September: **Benediction on Tuesdays & Thursdays at St Osmund will be at the slightly earlier time of 6 pm**. All welcome.

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](#).

Diocesan Catechists' Day

On Saturday 25 September the Diocese are looking to draw together catechists as well as those involved in parish formation and evangelisation. Numbers will be limited so please register through adult.education@clifftondiocese.com. Full details of the day can be found by clicking the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

The Gospel according to John

We have available on our website a complete narrated audio of each of the 21 chapters. To listen just click on the 'Gospel of John' button on our homepage or [click here](#). More to follow.

The God Who Speaks. This week's reflection is by Bishop Jim Golka, recorded three years ago but reflects this Sunday's readings. Within in it he encourages us to spend time in silence to become more attentive to God's presence. To watch & listen [click here](#) or click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron. "Friends, in today's Gospel, Jesus travels outside of Israel and heals a man of his deafness. Today, we live in a realm of spiritual deafness. We are bombarded with voices from outside, echoing around us until we are as incapable of hearing as the man from our Gospel. Like him, look to Jesus to heal you so that you might hear the word of God and understand his truth, rather than the lies of the world which surround us." To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy - from Catholic Kids Media we have: Be Opened! A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B and also from Redemptorist Publications there will be a video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection and a final prayer (from Friday evening onwards) To view, click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

Salisbury Food Bank. During September Holy Redeemer and St Osmund are collecting Long Life Fruit Juice for the Food Bank. Please place contributions in the boxes provided. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The current preparation course for Holy Redeemer and St Osmund has now begun, the next sessions are on Thursday 9 & 23 September at 19:30 in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund's. If you wish to join a future course, please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email: john.proctor@clifftondiocese.com. For baptism preparation at St Gregory's, please contact Deacon Steve Godwin by email stephen.godwin@clifftondiocese.com

Congratulations and welcome to Evie Marie Brown and Orlagh Veronica Dylag who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday 5 September. Please keep Evie, her parents Clare & Daniel and Orlagh, her parents Briony & Slawomir in your prayers at this special time.

CONFIRMATION 2021

A Confirmation Mass for the remainder of this year's candidates will be on Friday 10 September 19:00 at St Osmund. Parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass, a few of the pews will be reserved for the four candidates, their parents and sponsors. The Mass will be livestreamed and recorded. Please keep these young adults in your prayers as they approach this important Sacrament.

AN INVITATION TO THE NICODEMUS GROUP

There is an open 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. The first introductory session is on 13 October and will take place in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Please contact us to register your interest and/or to attend: nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org . Click the 'Explore Your Faith' item on our main menu or [click here](#) for more detail and the poster announcing the group.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Administration - Volunteering Opportunity in the Parish Office

As we emerge from the pandemic, we expect and hope for an increase in parish activities once again and we really need help in the parish office. If you have a few hours to spare each week, we need someone who is confident and friendly on the telephone, a self-starter with good computer skills who is comfortable with basic Microsoft products. Doesn't sound too terrifying? Great! Please get in touch with Caroline Williams to discuss further caroline.williams@clifftondiocese.com or ring 01722 562703. We can be flexible with times and days to suit and will help and train where necessary.

Counters Needed - St Osmund

We are in need of more counters to count the weekly collection at St Osmund's. Counting takes place in the week (not the weekend), is done in pairs on a rota basis. Good basic numeracy is essential and there are a few simple forms to complete as part of the process. Please get in touch with Caroline Williams at: caroline.williams@clifftondiocese.com or ring 01722 562703

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Week 23, Psalter 3

Saturday 4 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SUNDAY 5 September

09:00 St Gregory MASS Jack Sewing RIP
09:00 St Osmund MASS Liz in health
11:00 St Osmund MASS Gerard White for health
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS One month J.P. Pearson RIP

Monday 6 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jose Vazhappily in Thanksgiving

Tuesday 7 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS In Thanksgiving
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 8 September

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Lydia Conio RIP
19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 9 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Mary Fleming
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 10 September

10:00 St Gregory MASS
19:00 St Osmund Confirmation MASS

Saturday 11 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Phil Jones in health, recovering from an operation

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS For Donal

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory	On request	Contact priests
St Osmund	Saturdays	10:30 to 11:00
Holy Redeemer	Saturdays	17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Universal: An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for St Bernadette (Whitchurch), St Dunstan (Keynsham).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers those who have died: Margaret (Peggy) Lever and John Paul Pearson and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Advance Notice - The Requiem Mass for Peggy Lever will be at St Osmund on 23 September at 13:00. All welcome.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 35:4-7

Psalm 145:7-10

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

James 2:1-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Mark 7:31-37

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](#)