

# SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 32(C)

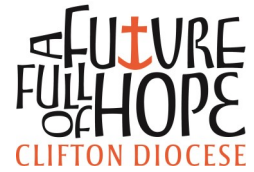
### From Father Anthony

Rain finally stopped. Gathering up her skirts of cloud and throwing them onto a gentle breeze the sky cleared. Sun warmed the ground with a fiery kiss and people seemed to unwind. Henrietta bounced over and chirped at me as I watched a lonely puff of cloud float by. For a moment it obscured the sun; in that brief moment they became one, a hazy halo... and then it continued on its solitary way.

Over the last few weeks St Luke has been offering us reflections and spiritual exercises using stories and parables. His intention is to develop our awareness and bring us closer to God and therefore, closer to ourselves. Yet, it is a strange thing! The closer we come to God the further away we feel from Him (*dryness, darkness, lethargy, no desire to pray, etc*). Closeness implies separation and distance; it implies 'twoness', a *you* and a *me*. But love will only ever be content with 'oneness', and a 'We'. The soul craves this oneness and is left in a state of dry distress when it realises it is separated from its Creator. The smallest gap becomes a great cavern for a soul desiring oneness.

The steps on the way to oneness involve *dying* but not *death*. There is no death in God, only Life. Traditionally the human person has been understood to comprise seven major aspects or 'bodies' through which consciousness operates, (*five senses and upper and lower soul - five loaves and two fish*). Through these we experience our '*I amness*' as rooted to the world; hence, we also experience separation and loneliness. Rooted to the world they cannot ultimately give us what we want. Through spiritual practice we learn to die to each of them by rooting them in spirit. In the Gospel this is represented by the seven brothers united to the one wife: she represents the 'I'. They must be *resurrected, transformed* in spirit. They are not her true husband and can bear no fruit (*childless*). Finally, the wife, the 'I', through spiritualising all seven aspects of herself, loses her separated sense of self (*dies*) and becomes one with God, her true husband.

These characterisations represent real, *lived experience* for the person guided by Christ: not *intellectual speculation* as represented by the Sadducees. Periodically it might be wise to reflect upon whom we allow to guide us because... only Christ will do.



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### OUR CHURCHES

**St Osmund**  
95 Exeter Street SP1 2SF

**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"

## CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

**Mass Time Cards to our Parishioners** Thank you to all those who recently committed to visiting our registered parishioners this Christmas. However, we need more volunteers to visit in Wilton, off the Wilton Road, Bishopdown Farm, Bishopdown, off the Devizes Road and near St Mark's. If you would like to help, please contact the Office on 01722 562703 or email Tony: [outreach@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:outreach@salisburycatholics.org)

**Adopt-a-Street** In addition to visiting our parishioners we are asking EVERYONE to join in posting an 'invitation' card to our churches this Christmas through letterboxes all over our city. We have emailed previous volunteers a reminder of the streets where they posted at Easter. Thank you to all those who have responded so far, we do need to hear from you so that we only order only the cards that are needed and minimise waste and costs.

**If you have never joined in before but would like to help out, we would also love to hear from you.**

**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@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org) and we can do it for you. All Friday evening Masses during November will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of those named in all three churches.

**Salisbury Catenians Mass for Deceased Brothers** this Saturday 5 November 2022 at 12 noon at St Osmund (There will be no Mass at 10am). There will be a light lunch and tea/coffee available in the parish rooms after the service. Everyone is welcome. **Confessions will be at 11 - 11.30am.**

**Salisbury Catholics Parishioner Lunch** is after the midday Mass on this coming Thursday 10 November in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Come and enjoy a home-cooked lunch in friendly company. There is no charge for lunch but any donations given will go to our SCORE Ukraine fund. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Christmas Cards** are available (cash or cheque only) from the Parish Office on week days and also after the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund. Contact the office if you would be happy to sell them at the other Sunday Masses. [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org) or 01722 562703.

**Friends of the Holy Land** is a charity supporting the most-needy Christians in the Holy Land. At some of our Masses this weekend 5/6 November 2022 there will be a short talk about the work of the charity, by Brendan Metcalfe, Executive Director, followed by a retiring/second collection.

**Salisbury Catholic Churches Christmas Bazaar** St Gregory's are hosting our Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 20 November 2022 (see below). Donations can be brought to any of our churches after Mass each Sunday leading up to the day itself or brought into the Parish Office during the week. Please contact Jez Mawdsley by email: [jeremymawdsley@gmail.com](mailto:jeremymawdsley@gmail.com) if you have queries or would like help making a donation.

**Liturgical Diaries for 2023 (Year A) and Directories** are now on sale in the Parish Office between 9am to 4pm on a weekday. The price of the diaries is £6.50 and the directories is £6.00

**Time to Start School?** If you have a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, then now is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school. You must complete an application form available from Wiltshire Council at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place> or just [click here](#) for admission during the 2023-24 school year. If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2023.

## PARISH MERGER MASS

Our three Parishes will merge on Saturday the 26 November at 12 Noon at a Mass where the Decree formalising the Merger will be read out. The Mass will be celebrated in St Osmund's as this will be the Named Parish Church. This is truly an historic event in the life of our three parishes.

Everyone is invited to attend the Mass. Seating may be tight, but there will be an overspill area in St Osmund's Parish Hall where the Liturgy can be followed on television if need be.

There will then be a reception in Elizabeth Hall afterwards where we hope to see as many of our parishioners as possible. Donations of finger food will be most welcome and can be dropped into St Elizabeth Hall prior to Mass.

## CONSECRATING OUR HOMES AND FAMILIES TO OUR LADY

We have a wonderful opportunity for a statue of Our Lady to be hosted in parishioner homes for a short time. Beginning on Sunday Nov 6th with a blessing of the statue during Mass at St Gregory's, the statue will then move from home to home remaining at each home for a few days to give time and opportunity for those in that home to consecrate themselves to Our Lady and her Immaculate Conception. A Marian consecration prayer book will be circulated along with the statue. Each home that welcomes the statue will pray the rosary and the consecration prayer for the day. The person or family will then take the statue to the next home and this will continue in different homes until the 8th Dec when the statue will be brought to St Osmund's church. If you would like to participate in this prayerful act of devotion, there will be a list at each of our churches this weekend or you can contact Reshma directly on 07774 822176 or email [rthachiladi@gmail.com](mailto:rthachiladi@gmail.com)

This is being coordinated by Nithin and Reshma Thalakkottur.

**First Holy Communion Programme 2022/2023** Dates and times have now been set and have been emailed to all those who have registered their child for the programme. Details are also on our website, please click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then on 'Holy Communion' or [click here](#). The first session is for both parents and children on Saturday 19 November in St Gregory's Church and the programme culminates in First Communion weekend on 10/11 June 2023. It is very important that all sessions are attended. For further information please contact Father Anthony or Deacon John Detain.

**Applications please for Confirmation in 2023.** For young people in school Year 9 or above please apply NOW as we will soon be finalising the programmes. To apply please click on the 'Registration/Update' button on our home page or [click here](#).

**Congratulations** to William Maher who received the sacrament of Confirmation at the 11am Mass last Sunday 30 October. Please keep William in your prayers.

**Day for Readers - 12 November** Fr Joseph is leading a Scriptural 'retreat' day, with short inputs on the Bible and the Reader's role at Mass, plus time for prayer & meditation. New readers would be very welcome indeed! The day begins with the 10am Mass, continues in St Osmund's Parish Rooms and will conclude at 3.15pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be provided. If you plan to attend, please register your interest by contacting the parish office (ideally by email) [office@salisbury Catholics.org](mailto:office@salisbury Catholics.org) or call 01722 562703.

**Candlelight Carols & Benediction Wednesday 21 December 7pm at St Osmund's Church** Fr Joseph is looking for singers to join him and will be organising three rehearsals beforehand: 30 November, 7 & 14 December 7pm - 8pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms [office@salisbury Catholics.org](mailto:office@salisbury Catholics.org) or call 01722 562703.

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Ordinary Time Week 32 and Psalter 4

### Saturday 5 November

12:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased Brothers of  
Salisbury Catenians

### Confessions at 11:00

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Thanksgiving - Joseph Jose  
Vazhappilly

### SUNDAY 6 November

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish  
09:00 St Osmund MASS Chinedum Chimereze  
Ukagwu RIP  
11:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Webb RIP  
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS  
18:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving by the Scoullers

### Monday 7 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

### Tuesday 8 November

10:00 St Osmund Nicola Pearson- Birthday Blessings

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 9 November THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Mark & Albert Wilkinson RIP and  
Alan Dobson RIP

14:30 St Gregory Requiem MASS - Derek Boston RIP  
all Welcome

18:00 Ordinariate Mass is cancelled this week

### Thursday 10 November Saint Leo the Great

12:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Friday 11 November Saint Martin of Tours

10:00 St Gregory MASS Susan, Les, son Keith Burry RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS November Dead List

### Saturday 12 November Saint Josaphat

10:00 St Osmund MASS

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

## RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass

St Osmund Saturday 5 Nov only - 11:00 to 11:30

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

And by appointment with our priests.

## PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

### POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

#### Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection. [Click here](#).

### CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Bernadette (Whitchurch) and St Dunstan (Keynsham).

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Derek Pheby, John Say, Derek Boston, Mary Webb, Beryl Kerley and Vincent Callaghan, who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

Ps 16

**I shall be filled, when I awake,  
with the sight of your glory, O Lord.**

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Stay awake, praying at all times  
for the strength to stand with confidence  
before the Son of Man.**

**Alleluia!**

Luke 20:27-38

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS** For baptisms please register your application [click here](#). For more information 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. 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@cliftondioocese.com](mailto:caroline.williams@cliftondioocese.com)





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CHURCHES WOULD LIKE  
TO WELCOME YOU  
TO . . . . .

# ST GREGORY'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

ON

SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER '22,  
10.00AM TO 1.30 PM

IN

ST GREGORY'S HALL,  
ST GREGORY'S AVENUE,  
SALISBURY

ALL ARE WELCOME!

