

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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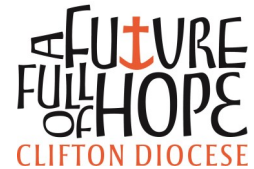
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

From Father Anthony...

High above, a vapour trail dissipated like steam as it unzipped a cold blue sky. Blobs of ink stained cloud scudded low across the horizon. Wind curled round my neck and snaked down my back. Treetops swayed gracefully. A Collared Dove, caught by a gust, swooped alarmingly towards me but flared in time, angel wings magnificently backlit by the sun. Blackbirds bobbed up and down on the lawn as if suspended on wires. The power of wind can be awesome yet we never see it. It is only known by its effects.

The same can be true of us. As an unseen spiritual being we are only known by the effect we have on and our attitude towards others and the world. Effect and attitude become an important test for those engaged in spiritual practice. 'As above, so below': does the outer match the inner? Is our subvocal voice a function of our Essence or a function of the world! If we 'look to the Lord' but are in awe of the rich and powerful, despise the poor and lowly, judge other by nationality or creed, etc... we are probably falling short of the mark. Our attitude towards nature and the inanimate world also reflects our spiritual maturity because, 'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it...' (Ps24-1). What we do to the world and each other we do to Him; and, as He is our Essence, we do it to ourselves!

The first reading reminds us that we should bow to no person. God has no favourites; we are all loved equally by Him. How He views us is the model for how we should view one another. The temptation to judge *surface expressions* runs very deep; yet Scripture constantly reminds us that it is only the inner quality of a person that is of importance, i.e. the quality of 'I Am' (*Essence*) which reflects who we truly are... the quality we share with the Father. It may temporarily or erroneously express itself as *this, that or the other*. But, the quality of expression should not arrest our attention. Spiritually, we must sense beyond the expression to the reality... 'I Am' sensing another 'I Am'; *like senses like*. It is this sensory gaze that is healing; it is this gaze that *loves the Love* that it is looking at. To love another is to experience loving the Father.



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St Osmund

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St Gregory & the English Martyrs

St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

Most Holy Redeemer

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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 : 2737

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - THURSDAY 13 MAY.

The Feast of the Ascension is the fortieth day after Easter Sunday (Mk 16:19, Lk 24:51, Acts 1:2). This feast commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven. In the Eastern Church this feast was known as *Analepsis*, 'the taking-up', and also as *Episozomene*, 'the Salvation', denoting that by ascending into His glory, Christ completed the work of our redemption. The terms used in the West, *Ascension* and, occasionally, *Ascensa*, signify that Christ was raised up by His own powers. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth. For more and a video entitled 'Why the Ascension of Jesus matters' by Bishop Robert Barron, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Masses on The Feast of the Ascension (Thursday 13 May) will be celebrated at:

09:00 St Gregory, 10:00 St Osmund, Midday Holy Redeemer and an Ordinariate Mass at 19:00 St Osmund.

Please book to attend in the usual way: booking@salisburycatholics.org or call 01722 562703.

FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE - FRIDAY 14 MAY.

On Friday 14 May we celebrate the feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle. After Judas had betrayed his ministry, it was necessary, Peter said, to fulfil the scriptural recommendation that another should take his office. "*Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us become, with us, a witness to his resurrection*" (Acts 1:21-22). Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Historical Items from St Osmund's - Many thanks to our hardworking team who came in for two days bubble-wrapping items ready for transportation to Bath this week. We are also grateful to Mike Presley for the loan of a truck, to Kevin & Mike O'N for driving it to Bath and to Tilly for providing cake! We have some pictures of our wonderful volunteers in action. Just click on the Photo Gallery button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Offertory Envelopes - For those who are tax-payers, your offertory envelopes are currently being distributed by your church. For those attending Mass at St Osmund we will be making envelopes available in the porch. If you are not currently attending Mass in person and would like to collect your envelopes from the Parish Office during the week, please let us know - phone 01722 562703 office@salisburycatholics.org. If you are not a tax-payer but would still like to use an offertory envelope please enquire via the Parish Office.

SCORE - There is a special SCORE meeting this Monday 10 May at 19:00 via Zoom. The meeting will include feedback from projects supported by SCORE: Laptops for schools; Maridi, Sudan; Hope Exchange, Cape Town. All are welcome to attend [Click here for the Zoom link](#), the meeting ID is: 829 2402 7876 and the passcode is: 861002. Or you can contact john.proctor@cliffondiocese.com. For more details of the meeting [click here](#).

EdUKaid Charity Race Night - St Elizabeth Hall from 19:00 on 25 June 2021. Tickets are now on sale. All money raised goes towards providing a desperately-needed education to the most disadvantaged children in rural Tanzania. Tickets are £7.50 - which includes a Ploughman's Supper. There will be a great selection of raffle prizes and a cash and 'contactless' bar on the night. Tickets can be booked at <https://www.edukaid.com/Event/charity-race-night> or email teresa@edukaid.com or call Teresa on 07592 510784.

Meetings on Zoom	Please use the contacts below if you would like to join (all are welcome).	
Tuesday at 15:00	18 May HR/Whaddon House Mass	Tony on 01722 562703 outreach@salisburycatholics.org
Tuesdays at 19:30	'Catch' (towards Pentecost)	john.proctor@cliffondiocese.com
Thursdays at 18:30	Downton Service of the Word	michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

If you have a child that is currently in Year 3 at school whom you would like to make their First Communion during the forthcoming year, please complete the online First Holy Communion Application Form at <https://p1.pamis.co.uk/salisbury/onlined01cab> This form can also be accessed from the homepage of our website by clicking the 'Registration' button. **Please complete this online form even if you have already expressed interest either by email, telephone call or in person**, so that we can be confident we have not missed anyone out. Once you have completed the online application process, we will get in touch with further details. More details can be found by [clicking here](#). Many thanks.

MONTH OF MAY - DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY

The Rosary - Starting Friday 7 May, the Rosary will be prayed in St Osmund's Church at 18:00 each Friday evening in May preceding the 19:00 Mass. Led by our Rosary Group, everyone is encouraged to join, please book in the normal way if you would like to attend in person: booking@salisburycatholics.org 01722 562703

Salve Regina and the Memorare - After each Mass in May, the celebrant will sing the Salve Regina and lead the Memorare. Please visit our 'May Devotions' page by clicking on the button on our Homepage or by [clicking here](#) where you will find video and text for both the Salve Regina and the Memorare. You will also find recordings of the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of The Holy Rosary.

Ascension to Pentecost Novena - 13 to 23 May - Our bishops are encouraging us to join together in praying a novena – nine days of prayer – for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to engage with those who, for whatever reason, no longer come to Church or have never done so. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) and you will find a booklet to help you pray this novena. There is also a podcast for each day for you to follow and take part.

Dare to Dream 2020-21 - We now have the reflections for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (by Mgr. Liam Slattery 'United in Faith') and also for this Sunday (by Fr Frank Wainwright 'Bear Fruit'). You can find these video reflections and all the previous videos with reflections on our 'Dare to Dream' page; click on the 'Dare to Dream' button on the homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Meditation: 'In My Heart Room' - We have the next in a series of lovely audio meditations for children by Frances Rolleston. This week, the meditation is called 'Mary Meditation'. In May we remember Mary the mother of Jesus and that Jesus gave his mother to be our mother too. You can access it by clicking on the 'Children's Corner' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

The God Who Speaks - The gospel reflection this week comes from the Society of Our Lady. We are reminded that Jesus calls us to rest in him and embrace his love. To watch and listen [click here](#) or on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

Sunday Homily - 'What does God want for me' by Bishop Robert Barron. With these fabulous readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter, we discover an embarrassment of riches through the exploration of God's care and concern for us. Bishop Barron explains three fundamental truths: God is love, God has loved us first, we are invited to participate in God's love through our own love and self-gift to him and one another. Click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy - from Catholic Kids Media we have 'Unconditional love!' for this Sunday and also from Redemptorist Publications we will introduce a video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection and a final prayer when it is published. To view, click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Easter Week 6, Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Please book if you would like to attend Mass in person.

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Saturday 8 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of the Donors

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SUNDAY 9 May

09:00 St Gregory MASS Keith Summerill RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS The Nunn Family

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

Monday 10 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

**14:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Irene Hayes RIP
Family Only**

Tuesday 11 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Special Intention

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

**14:00 St Gregory Requiem MASS Margaret Flanagan RIP
Family Only**

Wednesday 12 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Ordinariate Mass transferred to Thursday for Ascension Day Mass.

Thursday 13 May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

09:00 St Gregory MASS

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanks for prayers for J P Pearson

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Friday 14 May SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

18:00 St Osmund Marian Devotion

19:00 St Osmund MASS Special Intention

Saturday 15 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Elizabeth Rossetti RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Donal Ellis RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR MAY

Universal: The World of Finance

That those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for Our Lady, St Mary of Glastonbury (Glastonbury), St Michael (Shepton Mallet), Our Lady Queen of the Apostles (Cheddar), St Joseph and St Teresa (Wells).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We also remember in our prayers all those who have died: Keith Summerill, Irene Hayes, Margaret Flanagan, Frances Phelan, Garth Vaughan-Brown and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Ps 97

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

1 John 4:7-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!'

John 15:9-17

SACRAMENTS

MARRIAGES Please speak to the priest for guidance.

FUNERALS Please speak to the priest for guidance.

BAPTISMS Can now take place in accordance with government guidelines and preparation courses are taking place on Zoom. Please contact Deacon John Proctor by email john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com or on 07802 63196

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 [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](#)
(Please note that the current programme is already underway and is now full)