

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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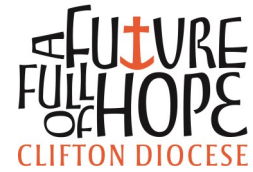
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

From Father Anthony

Early morning and blissfully cool. The sky was pure sapphire. Harry the Pigeon and friends cooed from their *illegal occupation* of the bell tower! Henrietta clucked. As there was little on the roads so I took the car out for a drink of diesel: then on to the supermarket. Mistake! The aisles were crowded with unopened boxes and staff filling shelves... chaos. I gave up, retreated back to the garden... and tea!

The Gospel passage contains the outline of an experience we long for, if we only knew it; liberation, freedom and awakening to the reality of Christ in our lives. At first, this awakening does not bring the 'peace' we might have imagined. There is work to be done. Interiorly, the shelves of our lives have to be emptied and restocked with the produce (*thoughts, feelings and actions*) of Christ. We have relied solely on our worldly senses and reason (*household of five... household is the body: five refers to the senses*). The new feelings and insights that emerge with awakening to Christ are refreshing and desirable: old ways are found wanting. Yet it is difficult to let go of the old; to know what is what! We feel divided, (*Mother against Daughter, Father against Son, etc*). This can be a sign that purification is taking place... 'I have come to bring fire to the earth'. In other words, Christ coming into our lives purifies the old, removes the dross and reorders the way we think, feel and act (*Fire is often a symbol of purification*). We undergo a form of Baptism: old ways of thinking, feeling and acting are immersed in Spirit to emerge transformed as Christ like. It can feel 'distressing'.

The distress is an outcome of understanding and living out the message of the last two weeks: *i.e.* separation from Christ brings a sense of lack: we become selfish in order to survive; this brings interior loneliness and isolation. But, in Spirit there is no lack; here we know God as everything and therefore have everything. Marrying these two *worlds* together so that Spirit is the operative power is our task. The sense of lack is replaced with that of fullness and fulfilment. We sense a new way of being in ourselves and of operating in the world: having found a new heaven we create a new earth... and 'how we wish it were blazing already'!



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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 : 3007

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On November 1 1950 Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. What the pope solemnly declared had already been a common belief in the Catholic Church for centuries. For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Welcoming our new priest - Fr Joseph Meigh will begin celebrating Mass in Salisbury on 10/11 September and over his first three weekends will celebrate each of our Saturday evening/Sunday Masses. To welcome Fr Joseph, we will be having an after-Mass social event following all of his 'first Masses' at each Mass location/time to enable everyone to meet and welcome him. We will be looking to each Mass community to get together to arrange their event and co-ordinate this via the office. Please contact Desiree in the Parish Office on 01722 562703 or email office@salisburycatholics.org if you can help/provide nibbles/drinks/cake etc. Thank you.

St Osmund's Church Building Our property team are working really hard right now to investigate, plan, cost and appoint contractors to effect the necessary repairs to the crumbling plaster in the ceilings of the north and south aisles. We also have a serious pigeon infestation in the bell tower that we have to deal with immediately. The costs are going to be high and we will keep you informed as we know more. The scaffolding required to keep the church open is £100 per week. If, given the current cost of living crisis, you are able to give a donation however small to the Building Fund this would make a difference. Please contact the Parish Office on 01722 562703 or office@salisburycatholics.org for details or tap on 'Building Fund' using the contactless payment machine in St Osmund's porch.

International Mass We are all looking forward to the return of our annual International Mass and it has been decided that this will take place next Spring rather than in the dark of Autumn. More details to follow.

Season of Creation Service Sunday 4 September at 3pm The Season of Creation starts 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 on Sunday 4 September at 3pm. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) for the Holy Father's Message.

Abortion coercion SPUC members will be collecting signatures after our Sunday Masses this weekend for a petition demanding Government research into abortion coercion. Sign online at: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/coercion>.

A new telephone and internet system is being installed across the Presbytery at St Osmund and the Parish Office next week. Some disruption may occur with telephone calls and email responses. Please be patient with us.

Salisbury Catholics Parishioner Lunch Thanks to a kind offer of help, the lunch planned for Thursday 8 September after the midday Mass **WILL** take place. However, this wonderful and well-attended monthly event still needs more cooks and helpers to sustain it going forward. If you can help either regularly or occasionally, please contact Jane by email: jane.waspe@btinternet.com.

Rosary Group are meeting to pray the Rosary for the Feast of the Assumption in St Osmund's Church this coming Monday 15 August at 2.30pm followed by tea and cake. Everyone is welcome to join, simply come along.

Salisbury Food Bank. Thank you for your contributions to the July appeal. A record of 270kg was delivered to the Foodbank. This represents over 550 meals and was gratefully received. Please visit our 'Blog' or [click here](#) for a photo of the collection from Holy Redeemer.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 17 August for a Beetle Drive 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. The role will be to work and develop existing visions for young people in the Salisbury Catholic Churches, to provide opportunities for faith development, engagement and understanding through a variety of activities organised by the Youth Work Leader. The leader will provide support for the whole community of parents in the formation of their children, a model rooted in the African proverb "it takes a village to raise a child". For further details of the role, please [click here](#) Closing Date is 22 August 2022, initial applications should be made in writing with a CV attached. All correspondence and applications should be directed to john.proctor@clifftondiocese.com.

Spiritual Accompaniment Sr Clare Jardine is offering spiritual accompaniment to anyone in the parish who would like to talk and reflect about their life. She is an experienced religious sister trained in this ministry living here in Salisbury. If you would like to talk to Sr Clare confidentially and on an individual basis in her home call 07989 192386. A single session can be arranged with further sessions if and when you feel you need them. Her role would be to listen attentively to the way God is speaking to you through your prayer and to help you to reflect prayerfully.

Journey in Faith Our on-going programme for adults interested in Christianity who are not confirmed Catholics. The next meeting will be held on 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](#) or contact Dave Blake nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org

Saint Bernadette Relic Tour These relics will be at Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 10th September 2022 for one day. In conjunction with Christ the King, Amesbury, **a coach has now been booked**. If you are interested in going please complete the list at the back of Church or call the office on 01722 562703 by 21 August. **Places will be allocated on a first come - first served basis**. Please note there are limited spaces for wheel chair users, please indicate on the list or call the office. For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Ukrainian Refugees Accommodation in Salisbury is sought for: 1. A mother and 15 year old son and 2. A sprightly 82 year old with her daughter and 7 year old grandson under the Government Homes for Ukraine scheme. The government contribute £350 per month for the accommodation. If you can help please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or the parish office.

Congratulations to Grace and Toby who were married in St Osmund's last Saturday 6 August. We pray for Grace & Toby that their home will be filled with happiness and love.

Baptism Congratulations and welcome to Calleigh and Chimamanda who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday 7 August. Please keep Calleigh & Chimamanda and their parents in your prayers at this special time. To see photographs of the celebration, click on the 'Photo Gallery' button on our homepage 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 on the Feast of the Assumption. To listen and watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: 'Why is Mary important?' for this Sunday. Click on the 'Children's Liturgy' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Ordinary Time Week 20 - Psalter 4, Proper of the Solemnity

Saturday 13 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 14 August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

09:00 St Gregory MASS John Brook RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Steven & Jan Fleming 20th
Wedding Anniversary

11:00 St Osmund MASS Elizabeth Kane RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Bishop Mervyn Alexander RIP

Monday 15 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Maria Ngobi

Tuesday 16 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Phillipe & Gamaine Hellman RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 17 August

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Thanksgiving

NO ORDINARIATE MASS

Thursday 18 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Fr Cyril John Edamana SDB

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS Rod Clark RIP

Friday 19 August

10:00 St Gregory MASS

NO FRIDAY EVENING MASS AT ST OSMUND'S

Saturday 20 August Saint Bernard

10:00 St Osmund MASS Arthur & Mary Buck RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Private Intention

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory	Fridays	After the 10:00 Mass
St Osmund	Saturdays	10:30 to 11:00
Holy Redeemer	Saturdays	17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Small Businesses We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities. [Click here](#).

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of Immaculate Conception (Clevedon with Yatton), St Francis of Assisi (Nailsea), and St Joseph (Portishead).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jean Palliser, Michael Cooke, Stasia Stockley, Bridget Villis who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

Ps 44

**On your right stands the queen,
in garments of gold.**

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Mary has been taken up into heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.
Alleluia!**

Luke 1:39-56

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS For baptisms please 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? 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