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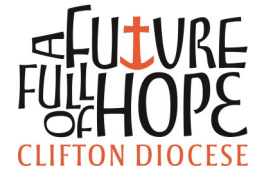
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

From Father Anthony

Amid the everyday hardships, ugliness and dysfunctions of the world, I still marvel at its beauty. The garden, adorable creatures and tea: the market, surrounding countryside and cathedral bells, all clothed in changeable weather. It always warms my heart. And yet, how often I forget the Author of it all; the gentle King, presiding over His creation, often relegated to an *idea*: the chief player in a *passion play*: an *also ran*. "*All things came into being through Him, and without Him came into being nothing that has come into being. In Him life was, and that life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot comprehend it*" (Jn 1: 3-4). In my own darkness I fail to comprehend the Author of everything!

If we let the above verses from John's Gospel come alive within us we will surely come to an understanding: that all of this – *the universe and all it holds* – originates from and is sustained in and through Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity. And, He is accessible to us individually; He created us, loves us, understands us and, in a strange way, is not complete without us. Later, in the same chapter it says, *He came among His own and His own received Him not*. Isn't that sad! His own, perhaps you and me too, received him not. It doesn't say, *talked about him, theorised about him, speculated about him*; no, it speaks about *receiving* him; a tangible action, heartfelt, vibrant and alive. And this they did not do. To Pilate, Jesus says, "*... or have others told you about me*". And here is an important point. Not only must we receive and experience Jesus personally but we must find a way of communicating Him to others as a *real Person*. We must tell others about Him.

Where do we find Him? *The word became flesh and dwelt among us*; the word translated as *among* means *in* or *within*. Jesus is found dwelling within each one of us; a permanent guest in our soul; so, we do not have to look far. His Kingdom is not *of this world*, but *in* the world of our hearts; a mystical Kingdom attached to Heaven here on earth. Find this place and we will recognise our true King ... the one we rejected for a while but found for ever.



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We wish you a very warm welcome.

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to “thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law” out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. For more click on the image in the ‘Top News’ box or [click here](#).

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY - LET YOUR KINGDOM COME!

It is truly wonderful that once again we are seeing the beginnings of a vibrant Youth ministry in our parish! Fr Anthony is strengthening links with St Joseph’s School and Fr Joseph will be taking our Confirmation candidates on a residential Retreat again this year. We have youth events, walks and trips that have already happened and more are planned for 2025. Furthermore, it is our hope that our young people will become more involved in our Sunday liturgies as they gain in confidence in their faith. Thanks to dedicated parishioners, our Wednesday evening Youth Group is proving really successful and we hope to keep you more informed as to what they’re up to as soon as we find the time! At the **6pm Sunday Mass** this weekend, our young people will be joining and the Mass will have more of a youth ‘vibe’. If you have a young person who has *not* yet tapped into what’s going on in the parish, why not bring them along on to the Sunday evening Mass this weekend?

Retiring Collection Today - As you leave Mass today there will be a retiring collection in support of our Youth Ministry - this will help us to provide resources, transport, input, retreats (and snacks, of course!) Please be generous if you can. Every penny you give will be directed to Youth Ministry in **our** parish. Please use an ‘Ad Hoc’ Gift Aid envelope if you are a tax payer. Donations can also be made via our donation machines in the church porch, choose ‘Youth Ministry’ or via our website. Many, many thanks.

Assisted Dying - during the coming week, a vote will be taken on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, in Parliament that could legalise human euthanasia in the UK. Whilst many people may be inclined to support the bill out of compassion for those suffering, most remain unaware of the hidden implications which would follow from this change in law. Last week, Professor Julian Hughes gave an insightful talk into this complex issue which is now available on our website, click on the Assisted Dying button or [click here](#).

There is also a podcast from Cardinal Nichols: ‘Be careful what you wish for’, and the video ‘Do no harm - the slippery slope of assisted dying’. Please contact our MP John Glen - cards available in our churches.

Parish Christmas Bazaar: Do come along to the Parish Christmas Bazaar, being held in St Gregory’s Hall this Sunday 24 November from 10-1200hrs.

International Day St Gregory’s Hall 8th December - Following the 9am Mass there will be International snack tasting, traditional Catholic hymns, national dress & dance and a cultural exchange. All are invited.

Celebrating Anthony Gilder’s 50 Years of Service Fr. Anthony presented Anthony Gilder with the St. Stephen’s Altar Servers Gold Medal during Mass this week marking his 50 years of dedicated service. Anthony began serving at the Church of the Holy Redeemer in 1964, shortly after its opening, following in the footsteps of his father, who was both a server and MC at St. Gregory’s. We thank Anthony for his remarkable commitment to our parish community. There are photos in our website Photo Gallery or you can [click here](#).

Liturgical Diaries for 2025 (Year C) and Directories are now on sale in the Parish Office. The price of the diaries is £6.50 and the directories is £6.00. These run from Advent 2024 to Christmas 2025 and are a very useful guide to the church year as well as a good clear, practical size desk-diary.

ADVENT - A TIME OF PREPARATION

Advent Talks: On the 'Four Last Things' (Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell) commence next Friday 29 November 7pm at our Parish Centre. For more information see our Parish Planner button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Upcoming Advent Liturgies: Sung Vespers Sunday 1 December 5pm and Advent Penitential Service Thursday 5 December 7pm, both at St Osmund.

Singers needed - Advent Carol Service Tuesday 17 December 7pm at St Osmund's Church Fr Joseph is once again organising an Advent Carol Service and is calling for singers to join him. He has organised three rehearsals which will take place on 26 November, 3 & 10 December 6pm-7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms and everyone is most welcome. Email office@salisburycatholics.org or call 01722 562703.

Preparing for our CHRISTMAS MASSES - HELP NEEDED It takes the contributions of many, many parishioners to make our Christmas Masses welcoming, inclusive, vibrant, beautiful and worthy of all that we are celebrating. Everyone is busy at this time of year but if we all do a little then it becomes easy! Perhaps you've never joined in before, then maybe this is the year! Please go to our on-line questionnaire to give us an idea of the ways in which you (and your children) could help. [Click here](#) to complete the questionnaire. On 15 people responded last week and most of those were the people who help every year.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND - CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Without tourism, Bethlehem's lifeblood which supports 80% of the population, unemployment has surged. With the borders closed, there is no option to seek work in Israel. Prices have skyrocketed, residents are traumatised by the constant fear and anxiety.

In support of this appeal we have on sale in the Parish Office a beautiful Advent prayer resource at a price of £7.99. Published by 'Friends of the Holy Land' a charity supporting the most-needy Christians in the Holy Land. For more on the book and an animated promotional video click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SALISBURY FOODBANK - CHRISTMAS APPEAL

As in previous years, there is a box at the back of each of our Churches for the Salisbury Foodbank for donations of special Christmas 'treats' for those in our city who are struggling to afford any of the nice 'extras' that we all enjoy at this time of year. Mince pies, chocolate selection packs for children, nice nibbles Please donate by the 7 December. If you do not have time but would like to contribute, there is a 'Salisbury Foodbank' button on the donation machines in the Church porches and on our website. Many thanks for your generosity.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

Family of Faith The next gathering will be next Sunday 1 December at our Parish Centre. This is open to families with children in Years 2 to 5 and will include, but not be limited to, those preparing to make their **First Holy Communion**. Sunday mornings *every other week* during term time after the 9am Masses, finishing at 12 noon. [Click here](#) or on 'Family of Faith' on our homepage which includes the opportunity to register.

Youth Group - Meet on Wednesdays at the **Parish Centre** at 6.30pm. **Do you want to join?** This is for anyone in Years 8-11 to meet up, relax, play games, chat about faith, ask questions, and pray. [click here](#).

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Radiant A group for women looking to deepen their prayer life, build supportive friendships and grow in faith. Meets again this evening Friday 22 November. Join us for Mass at 6pm (St Osmund) followed by food, conversation and faith sharing till 9.30pm in the comfortable setting of the Parish Centre. For more information contact Xanthe on 07904 589360 or click on 'Radiant' on our homepage or [click here](#)

Young(ish) Catholic Adults Group for those in their 20s, 30s, 40s...?! We will gather again on Tuesday 3 December at 8pm in person in the St O's Parish Rooms (Green door), or join us online via Zoom. Contact Fr Joseph for the link. We meet on alternate weeks.

The Bible Timeline Our last stop will be next Wednesday night, meeting back where we started, with Stuart Ford from the Bible Society. Stuart will show how the Biblical narrative continues into the age of the Church. The remaining books in the New Testament (the Book of Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation) are all about the Apostles' mission to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth... and of course, that mission is still ongoing. We are living in the time of the Worldwide Covenant (ie, the Catholic Church), continuing the same story which began with Adam & Eve on the very first page of the Bible. Wednesday 27 November 7pm St Osmund's Parish Rooms. For more please click on Bible Timeline on our home page or [click here](#).

SHARING OUR FAITH

Journey in Faith These sessions are for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. The next session is this Sunday 24 November at 10.30am at the Parish Centre. Do contact Dave Blake via the Parish Office office@salisbury Catholics.org if you are interested in joining. For more click on 'Journey in Faith' on our home page or [click here](#)

Confirmation 2025 If you have a child that is in Year 9 or above and are interested in joining the programme, please click on 'Confirmation' on our homepage or [click here](#).

Baptism Preparation Course - Commenced last Sunday 17 November at St Osmund. The next course is again at St Osmund starting 9 February 2025. To request a Baptism for your child, click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

NEW LECTIONARY EXPLAINED

Do you want to know more about the New Lectionary that will be used at Mass, from the 1st Sunday in Advent Year C (1st December) and the English Standard Version of the Bible upon which it is based.

We have three videos from the Bishop's Conference

- What is the New Lectionary and why it is important.
- Introduction into the English Standard Version of the Bible
- Proclaiming the Word: a practical session for readers who will use the new Lectionary for the first time in Advent

To view click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#) .

Blessing of our New Lectionaries & Missals - Special Mass next Friday 29 November at 6pm which will include the Blessing of all of our new editions of the Lectionary, Book of Gospels and all of the individual Sunday Missals that parishioners have ordered. It is our hope that everyone who has ordered a Sunday missal will come to this Mass if they can and collect their new Missal after it has been blessed.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 34
Proper of the Solemnity and Weekday Psalter 2

Saturday 23 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Yvonne Tabona RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS The Kenny Family RIP

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

09:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Muricken RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

11:00 St Osmund MASS Alf Bowley RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Youth of our Parish

Monday 25 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Barry Shrimpton RIP

Tuesday 26 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mai Lee & Family

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 27 November

10:00 St Gregory MASS Nicholas Phelan RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 28 November

10:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS - Delphine Hughes RIP
All welcome.

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18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 29 November

10:00 St Gregory MASS Holy Souls

18:00 St Osmund MASS The Lectionary Donors Intentions

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

10:00 St Osmund MASS Annette Grennell RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after the 10am Mass & Saturdays
17:30 until Mass

St Osmund: On the first Saturday of the month from 9am to 12
noon, and on other Saturdays after the 10am Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for November

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit. - [Click here](#)

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fiona Ross, Veronica Fulton, Annette Grennell, Delphine Hughes, and Fr Michael Derrick who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We also pray for all those in our parish currently facing ill-health that they will be granted comfort, healing and strength.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:

Daniel 7:13-14

Psalms 92

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Apocalypse 1:5-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes

in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom

of our father David!

Alleluia!

John 18:33-37

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 is coming to Mass regularly, for whom preparation for First Communion may be appropriate, please use our online form to register your interest. [Click here](#)

CONFIRMATION If you have a child who is in Year 9 or above from Sept 2024, please use our online form to apply to join our 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 Desiree for more details: