

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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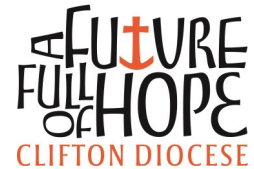
From Father Anthony...

It was cold and damp. Leaves rustled as something moved about. A distant motor bike roared and broke the lengthening silence. A bat skittered about. I sat huddled. High to my right, the moon (*a waxing gibbous*) sparkled as it reflected the hidden sun. A wide shaft of silvery light spilled across the lawn and splashed against the side of the church. Dark cavities gaped where the stained glass was. Devoid of colour I sat amid a world of shadows and outlines with thoughts about direct and reflected light.

The sun brings so much warmth, colour, definition and brightness. And yet you cannot look at it with the naked eye. To see it you must *conceal it* – wear dark glasses or catch its reflection off something else. In a similar way the scriptures and most spiritual writers are unanimous that God cannot be directly ‘seen’ or approached. God is too vast, all encompassing, too bright to take in... *to see God is to die*, (*Exodus 33.20*). In a sense, we can only experience God by concealing God, by reducing God’s vast magnificence to something we can understand and process; the ability to do this is itself, of course, God gift to us. His perfect concealment, and therefore revelation, is Christ (*John 1.18*). And... Christ is found within.

Initially we experience this concealment through intellect: our ability to reason, think and ponder. Intellect, like the moon, operates through reflected light: the light of God. When we confuse reflected light as self generated light, we create interior darkness; we become blind to truth. In spiritual practice - through study, meditation and work on our character - we experience the reality of not being the author of our own being. We are created. In this ‘light’ we extend beyond the intellect, ideas and fantasies to find the perfect concealment of God within... Christ.

Faith urges us to leave Jericho (*פריחת* *fragrant, moon, intellect*). It reveals us as beggars by the wayside of our own lives, like Bartimaeus (*from Aramaic bar , son and tame , טמא, son of uncleanness*). Faith reveals that intellect alone brings ‘uncleanliness’ (*interior blindness*), unless experienced as a reflection of Christ. Then, Bartimaeus’s other meaning is experienced (*bar, son and Greek τιμή, timē, Timaeus*) which means ‘son of honour’: a move from negative to positive. This understanding is an experience of Christ within, our *faith has made (us) whole*.



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OUR CHURCHES

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St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

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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 : 2824**

OUTREACH - CHRISTMAS 2021

MISSION



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES CARD deliveries to all our parishioners will occur again this year during December. Pre-pandemic, our wonderful deliverers would visit, meet and greet every household on our parish database in a defined area close to where they live every Easter & Christmas. This year, because of the ongoing COVID situation we are simply asking for a Christmas card to be posted through letterboxes to let our parishioners know we are still thinking of them and to let them know our plans for Christmas Masses. In this way we can all

join together as a community both in person and via our livestream this Christmas. We will be contacting all of our Outreach volunteers by email this coming week to make sure that they are still happy to join in but we know that **we need more volunteers** to help us if we are to reach every parishioner household. If you would be happy to deliver a few cards to fellow parishioners in your local area as we approach Christmas, do please let get in touch. Contact Caroline Williams on 01722 562703 or email outreach@salisbury Catholics.org We look forward to hearing from you, many thanks.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere. We have a video, a message from Pope Francis and also we hear from Fr Gary Brassington, Diocesan Director for Missio and Dave Wheat, Regional Community Fundraiser for Missio in the South. Just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). Envelopes for donations will be available in our churches this weekend.

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES 28 OCTOBER

Simon and Jude were ordinary men chosen by Jesus to teach others about God's love and to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Their lives help us to understand that even average people can become saints when they decide to follow Jesus. For more on these saints click on their image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Pastoral Parish Council for Holy Redeemer and St Osmund Following the launch of a new PPC at St Gregory, Deacon John Proctor is looking to re-establish a Pastoral Council for both Holy Redeemer and St Osmund. Some Parishioners have suggested a combined council for the two parishes and John would be glad to hear further views. Please email him john.proctor@cliffondiocese.com

Renewal Mass - A Renewal Mass will be held in Holy Redeemer on Tuesday 9 November at 7pm. Frther Anthony will be the celebrant and everyone is welcome to attend. The Masses will contain hymns of praise and there will be a healing ministry following the Mass for anyone in need of prayer. Tea and coffee will be available afterwards.

Christmas Cards at Holy Redeemer Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) cards will be on sale for the next two Saturday evenings after the 6pm Mass (cash or cheque only) or from the Parish Office during the week.

Please Support Deacon John P who is sleeping out at the Tower of London today (22 October) in support of Homeless Veterans in Alabaré. Donate at JustGiving.com/John-proctor10 or use the form in the church porch.

Pater Noster - Ave Maria - Gloria Patri We have been given a number of CDs containing settings of Our Father, Hail Mary (10) and Glory be to the Father. All sung in Latin by Piero Mattei, a former singer with the Royal Opera House. **These are completely free**, just come to the Parish Office between 9 am - 5 pm any weekday.

Salisbury Food Bank During October St Osmund is collecting toiletries: shampoo, deodorant, shaving gel and toothpaste. Please place contributions in the box provided in the porch. Thank you.

Art Group The Salisbury Catholic Churches Art Group will start again on Mondays, on 1 November 10.30am - 12.30pm. Held in St Osmund's Parish Rooms, all are welcome, whether you have painted, drawn before or never, please join us. Contact John and Elizabeth on 01725 510310 for more details.

MEETINGS ON ZOOM Please use the contacts below if you would like to join (all are welcome).

Tuesdays at 7.30 pm	Weekly Alabaré Christian Community	Deacon John Proctor john@alabare.org
Wednesday at 2.30 pm	Rosary Group	Josephine on 01722 328410
*Tuesdays at 6:30 pm	Downton Service of the Word	michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk

***Please note the change of day from Thursday to Tuesday for the Downton Service of the Word**

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION



A two-year synodal process is taking place in the Catholic Church from October 2021 that culminates in a final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. This process was launched by Pope Francis on 10 October in Rome - you can read his homily from that occasion on our website. The following week (last Sunday), Bishops all across the world launched the process in each individual diocese - Bishop Declan's message, opening the period of preparation in our diocese is also on our website. So that we can all fully understand what Pope Francis is asking for with our participation in the Synod, there are a number of information sessions taking place around our diocese from 6 November onwards including two online sessions. Details of these sessions and all of the information on the Synod can be found on our homepage or [click here](#). Prayer cards are available in all Churches this weekend and we ask for your prayers for this process as it unfolds in the coming two years.

Christmas Mass Times All the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day Mass times across all our churches is now available and can be viewed on our website. Just click on 'Mass Times' on our main menu and then click the 'Christmas Mass Times' button or [click here](#).

Red Wednesday This autumn we are asking you, once again, to stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their peacefully held beliefs. Each year, Aid to the Church in Need hold a week of events in November with Red Wednesday as the highlight. Red is the Christian colour of martyrdom and Christians are the most persecuted faith group in today's world. Red Wednesday honours all Christians who suffer and die for their faithfulness to Christ's message of peace and love and we are encouraged to come to Mass to pray for those who do not enjoy the freedom to do so. We have already begun supporting this campaign with the sale of their charity Christmas Cards and will continue it with a special Mass which will be celebrated in the Ordinariate Rite in St Osmund's at 7pm on 24 November. Please put the date into your diary, there will be tea and coffee served afterwards in the Parish Rooms.

Dare to Dream 2021 The reflection for this Sunday is by Fr Richard Elson. Parish Priest at St Francis of Assisi Church & St Joseph's Church Nailsea. Just click on the 'Dare To Dream' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Baptism Preparation If you have a child that you would like to be baptised in one of our churches, you will need to attend a parents' preparation course. For baptisms at St Osmund or Holy Redeemer please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email: john.proctor@clifftondiocese.com and at St Gregory contact Deacon Stephen Godwin by email stephen.godwin@clifftondiocese.com

First Holy Communion 2021 All the sessions are now complete and we look forward to 'First Holy Communion Day' on the 6 November. Please keep the children in your prayers. 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](#)

An invitation to the Nicodemus Group - Whether you are new to the Church, raised as a Catholic or are new to Christianity, you have a place at the table. The start of the first module 'Journeying with Jesus from his birth to his ministry in Galilee' is on 3 November at 7.30 pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Please contact us to register to attend: nicodemus@salisbury Catholics.org. Click the 'Explore Your Faith' item on our main menu or [click here](#) for the programme dates for the rest of the year.

The God Who Speaks Bishop Jim Golka's short reflection on the Gospel focuses on the call to follow Christ just as Bartimaeus was called and by his faith his sight was restored. To watch and listen [click here](#) or click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron. "We hear the marvellous story of the healing of blind Bartimaeus, an icon of tremendous power and a sacred picture of the spiritual life and the process of salvation. We all find ourselves, in our need of Christ, in this image, as our own blindness distorts our vision of spiritual reality and the meaning of life". To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Week 30, Psalter 2

Saturday 23 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Paddy Hartigan

SUNDAY 24 October

09:00 St Gregory MASS Anne Josephine Sheehan RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Judy Hall RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased members of the Rolleston family

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

Monday 25 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS Paddy Hartigan - get well

Tuesday 26 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS John & Nora Gallagher RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 27 October

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Thanksgiving -
Jacob Jose Vazhappilly

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 28 October SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Bogue RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 29 October

10:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Saturday 30 October

10:00 St Osmund MASS K C Philip RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS John Kerin RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Friday after 10:00 Mass:

St Osmund Saturday 10:30 - 11:00

Holy Redeemer Saturday 17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

Evangelisation: Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation and available to the mission by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

[Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for Holy Rood (Swindon).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who have died recently: Jacqueline Sutton, Joan Farquharson, Simon Thornton, David Kennedy, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Please also pray for parishioners who are currently unwell: Patrick Talty, Jane Barnes & Paddy Hartigan.

Advance Notice - The Requiem Mass for **Simon Thornton RIP** will be at 2pm in St Osmund's Church on Wednesday 3 November. All welcome.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 125 **What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

Hebrews 5:1-6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Mark 10:46-52

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](#)