Parish of St Osmund

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND
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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 13(A)

From Father Anthony

A dense foggy morning after the longest day. Sounds outside had woken me during the night and I had gone down to check. All that greeted me was a luminous black sky studded with little jewels. Two of these - satellites - sparkled, as they drifted across the blackness to the other side of the year. I went back to bed expecting another bright morning full of garden colour, avian dynamics and tea! However, the reality was fog; the world I knew was there but covered by a cloying vapour which obscured form and colour, muffled birdsong and cathedral bells, but... couldn't touch the tea!

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me..." Seems harsh. The word used for love is phileó, φιλέω; loosely it means affectionate friendship. It is a quality that I, (subject), feel for you, (object). I see you or feel for you from my standpoint, not yours. I project onto you feelings conditioned by the label I give you... mother, father, sister, etc. This projection is like a fog; it obscures you: it is not you, it is me. This is in contrast to the Love of agapaó, ἀγαπάω; it means to prefer what you prefer; it attempts to understand and accept you from your standpoint; personal subjectivity attempts to blend with the object's subjectivity. The difference between phileo and agape is the difference between the worldly and the spiritual. Agapao is the 'dying to self' that St Paul speaks of: it denies self in favour of the other.

To Love like this we have to 'pick up our cross and follow Christ'. As spiritual beings we are crucified onto the body via the five senses (five wounds). We are its slaves. But, we are called to go beyond the senses to the realm of spirit, i.e. to move from the worldly (cross) to the spiritual (Christ). Then we will see things and others as they are and not as we are. We will see from the standpoint of Christ: we will see Christ in others and not the label we give them... then we will be worthy of Him! Until we do this we get back what we give or value; if we receive someone through the label 'prophet', we get back a prophet! If we attempt to find Christ in everything then it is Christ we will get back.



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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"







SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE (3 JULY)

Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as 'Doubting Thomas' ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: "My Lord and My God!" and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. For the story of Saint Thomas click on the image in the 'Top News' box or click here.

Peter's Pence Collection this weekend This annual collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion. For more on this collection click on the image in the 'Top News' box or <u>click here</u>. Clifton Diocese Gift Aid Envelopes are available in each of our churches labelled 'Peter's Pence', please use one if you are a UK taxpayer. Many thanks.

Wednesday 5 July Ordinariate Mass Cancellation: Due to mandatory Safeguarding training for our clergy in Bristol, there will be no Ordinariate Mass at 6pm. The 10am Mass at Holy Redeemer will take place as normal.

Sunday Mass Time changes: From this Sunday 2 July, the Ordinariate Mass at St Osmund will be at 12.30pm and at All Saints, Wardour Mass will be at 10.30am.

St Gregory's Church Redecoration Thank you to Tony Coyle and Jez Mawdsley and the many volunteers, from all of our churches who have worked hard to enable full decoration to take place of St Gregory's church. The work is now complete and the church looks and feels wonderful! Many, many thanks to the willing army of parishioners who moved everything back into the church last Sunday morning after Mass on what was one of the hottest days of the year. Photos can be found in our Photo Gallery or <u>click here</u>.

Altar Linen at St Osmund's Church. Since the return of Communion under both kinds, we are once again using more altar linen at Mass and would like to re-form our group of parishioners who would be willing once per month to launder and iron a small number of purificators, corporals and cloths on a rota basis. We already have three volunteers and so only need one more so that this task is a 'once-a-month' role. Full instructions as to the correct way to handle the linen will be given. Please contact the parish office if you would like to help office@salisburycatholics.org 01722 562703

Support Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) on 'Sea Sunday' 9 July. Stella Maris is a Catholic charity working to improve the lives of seafarers and fishers both in the UK and around the World through their network of local chaplains and seafarer centres. They provide expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support to all those who provide us with the food we eat and the goods we need. There will be a retiring collection at all the Sunday Masses next weekend 8 & 9 July.

Salisbury Foodbank. During July we are collecting toilet rolls and long life fruit juice for the Foodbank. Donated items can be placed in the box at the back of each church or in the Parish Office.

Youth Work Leader 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. This could be one full-time position or two part-time positions. For further details of the role, please click on the 'Youth Work Leader' button on our home page or <u>click here</u>. Applications should be made in writing with a CV attached. All correspondence and applications should be directed to *john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com*.

My Generation on Wednesday 5 July 2023, there will be no afternoon session as the group will be out for the day. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

DEANERY CONFIRMATION 2023

Congratulations to all the Candidates from our Deanery who were Confirmed in the Holy Spirit by Bishop Declan at St Osmund this week. A big thank you goes to our Catechists who prepared the candidates and also to those who made the evening such a wonderful event. To all those who helped with flowers, music and the setting up and clearing away of the reception afterwards - many thanks to you all. The Mass was recorded and is available to watch by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or click here. Photographs are available on the same webpage. Please keep the newly Confirmed in your prayers.

Sacramental Preparation for 2024

If you have a Child that is currently in **Year 2** (going into Yr 3 in September) or Year 8 (going into Yr 9 in September) and you wish to enrol them in the next First Communion or Confirmation Programme, please register online as soon as possible: Click here to register for either First Communion or Confirmation.



FR ANTHONY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUMMER BBQ/FUN DAY SUNDAY 30 JULY 12 TO 4.30 PM AT ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are all invited to a wonderful afternoon being organised by parishioners from all three Churches. There will be a **free barbecue and drink** and we will be asking parishioners to bring salads and side dishes to share. <u>If you have any food allergies</u>, <u>please bring (and keep separate) your own food</u> as we cannot guarantee that the food provided will be allergen free. Although the event is free, we need everyone planning to attend to claim a **free** ticket so that we can assess accurately how much food and drink to provide and avoid any waste. Tickets will be available after all our Sunday Masses or you can pop into the Parish Office during the week or contact us on 01722 562703 outreach@salisburycatholics.org

The event will feature: A Bouncy Castle, Didicars and Hoppers provided by Salisbury Catenians. Other activities will be Live Music, Face Painting, a Beat the Goalie competition, Giant Jenga and Giant Connect 4 games. There will be a Bottle stall and a Cake stall which volunteers will run with cakes and bottles provided by YOU! Please bring bottles to the Office at anytime and cakes preferably on Friday 28 July. Please do claim your free tickets and support this event which will be an ideal occasion to get to know some of our new parishioners who have joined the parish. Got an idea that you'd like to add? Willing to help? Don't hold back! Contact us, call the Office 01722 562703 or email: outreach@salisburycatholics.org

Date for your Diary - 'Day of Prayer for the Sick of the Parish' Tuesday 25 July. The day will consist of: Mass, followed by Confessions & Anointing, All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and again an opportunity for Confessions & Anointing.

Homily from Bishop Robert Barron In this week's Gospel he reflects that our love for Jesus Christ must go beyond what we feel for those who are close to us and that we should seek our cross in lightening the burden of others. To listen and watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: 'Death?!' A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for this Sunday . Click on 'Children's Liturgy' on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Week 13 and Psalter 1

Saturday 1 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Christiane & Simeon Yamatay

40 years of marriage

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Sean McDermott RIP

SUNDAY 2 JULY

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish
 09:00 St Osmund MASS Jamie Purvis RIP
 11:00 St Osmund MASS Doris & Nick Phelan RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

18:00 St Osmund MASS Mr Lawrence Victor RIP

Monday 3 July SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Jacob Family

Tuesday 4 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS John Stone RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 5 July

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Robin Turvey RIP

No Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 6 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Charles & Mary Yamatay RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 7 July

10:00 St Gregory MASS Private Intentions

13:00 Holy Redeemer Requiem MASS

Peggy (Margaret) Fletcher RIP,

All are welcome

19:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Saturday 8 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Mrs Clare McGarrity RIP

RECONCILIATION

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

And by appointment with our priests.

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for July

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Click here.

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Nicholas of Tolentino (Easton), St Joseph (Fishponds) and St Patrick (Redfield).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ann Gillam, Patricia Thomas, Janet O'Callaghan, Peggy (Margaret) Fletcher, Carlo Campari and Ken McNally. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

Psalm 88

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Matthew 10:37-42

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS For baptisms please register your application <u>click here</u>. 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 2024, 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@cliftondiocese.com