

Welcome to
St Gregory and the English Martyrs
Roman Catholic Parish Church

Parish Information

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1. St Gregory and the English Martyrs Parish Team

a. Clergy:

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St Gregory's ministerial team work closely with the other two Salisbury parishes and the wider Deanery. We often come together for services, trips and furthering our faith.

b. ***Lay Members:*** The names and photographs of most of the current appointees on the various committees and groups are displayed in the Church porch and hall, where most of us can be found after Sunday mass.

c. Letting us know who you are:

Hopefully someone greeted you on arrival and new parishioners are encouraged to complete their details, i.e. name address, contact details and hand in to one of the priests or deacons soon after you arrive in the parish. We like to hold an annual occasion each year and invite new parishioners along to meet with each other.

Our parish has a wide range of volunteers carrying out many activities including, readers, special ministers, and participants in groups, flower arrangers, cleaners, children's liturgy leaders, financiers, altar servers, event organisers, visitors to the sick and many more. Your active involvement or support and prayers for any of these will be welcomed! Points of contact for the activities are listed at:
<http://www.salisburycatholics.org/volunteers.pdf>

2. St Gregory's Service Times

Sunday: 09.00 am Morning Prayer

Sunday: 09.30 am Mass

Monday: 09.00 am Holy Hour

Wednesday: 09.00 am Mass

Thursday: 09.00 am Mass

Friday: 09.00 am Holy Hour

Friday: 10.00 am Mass

Saturday: 09.00 am Holy Hour

Holy Days: 10.00 am

Please Note: For Weekday Masses and Holy Hour, check the weekly newsletter for details, as these may vary slightly from week to week, depending on funerals and other parish events. The newsletter is available online at www.salisburycatholics.org.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Confession*): Friday 10.30 am or by arrangement with any of the priests.

Children's Liturgy: Children attending the 9.30 am Sunday Mass can join the Children's Liturgy held in the Church Hall from September through to July. A parent or guardian is requested to accompany a child on his or her first attendance and register them with a member of the children's liturgy team. They are welcome to continue to accompany their children on subsequent Sundays. The children process from the church with a bible after mass has started and return during the offertory. The format is based on the day's Gospel reading and the activities are suited to ages from around 3 to 11 led by at least two members of the children's liturgy team. See details of Salisbury [Youth Ministry](#) below.

3. Sick at home, unable to travel to church or in hospital?

Canon Michael is chaplain to Salisbury District Hospital at Odstock on the southern edge of Salisbury. He is supported by a ministry team who can take communion to those in hospital as well as elderly and sick people at home. Let the priests or deacons know if you or someone you know of cannot get to mass and would like to receive communion.

4. Preparation for the Sacraments

- a. **Baptism.** Have you a child that you would like to be Baptised? The three Salisbury parishes suggest that you attend a short course of preparation in readiness for your child's baptism. Meet other parents and discuss what Baptism means to you. Regular courses are run in Salisbury, held on 3 consecutive Wednesday's. Further details from any member of the clergy team. If you, an adult member of your family or a friend have not been baptised and are thinking about taking this step any of the Priests and Deacons would be happy to guide you. (*Baptism with other Christian denominations is recognised by the Roman Catholic Church!*).

- b. **First Holy Communion:** Preparing young people is run jointly by the Salisbury Parishes. Children in year 3 are invited to attend Saturday morning sessions and parents are also encouraged to be actively involved for some of the sessions. Further details from the Parish Office: 01722 333 581 or office@salisburycatholics.org. First Communion normally takes place in all of the parishes on the same weekend in June. Older candidates may wish to arrange separate times with our priests.

- c. **Confirmation:** Confirmation classes are run from January to July and annual confirmation takes place in one of the churches in the Salisbury deanery each year on a rotational basis. Further details are available from Office: 01722 333 581 or office@salisburycatholics.org.

- d. **Thinking of getting married?** Short courses for engaged couples and those considering marriage are held in Salisbury. Further details can be obtained from any member of the clergy team.

5. Regular Parish Events

- a. **“Coffee”:** Refreshments and an opportunity to socialise and perhaps meet new people is available nearly every Sunday morning after morning Mass in the hall. Tea, coffee and soft drinks as well as sweets and chocolate bars are available.
- b. **Cake Stall:** Following Mass on the first Sunday of each month (Contributions for the sale are always welcome and can be dropped off on arrival!).
- c. **Senior Moments:** Senior parishioners meet on a roughly monthly basis for social evenings.
- d. **My Generation:** To share past, present and future experiences between the 50ish plus, but less senior, parishioners. We meet at St Gregory’s Hall on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Friendship, social activities and refreshments. Come along and bring a friend.
- e. **Fundraising:** A summer barbeque and Christmas Bazaar are traditional events, both include a variety of stalls and the social committee is always looking for volunteers and new ideas.
- f. **Other:** A variety of other events are held for St Gregory’s parishioners or the wider Salisbury Catholic community. Details are published on the weekly newsletter.

6. Parish Hall Facilities:

Church Hall – Adjacent to the Church on St Gregory’s Avenue. The Hall comprises the main hall area, a store holding high and low folding tables and some 60 chairs, a fully equipped kitchen, toilets, a secure fenced garden area and off road car parking for approximately 20 cars. The hall is used by a variety of Parish and community groups programmed well ahead. At other times it is available to both Catholics and non Catholics for hire for private functions at very reasonable rates. For further information please contact Margaret Godwin on 01722 501854.

7. Collections

St Gregory's along with the other parishes has formed **Salisbury Catholics' OutREach (SCORE)** to coordinate the distribution of our collections. The congregations voted on how to distribute these to support parish funds, local, national and international projects. There are 6 collections for the Home fund and six for the Overseas fund each year. For the other two months, there is the Family Fast Day collection for CAFOD. The various annual retiring collections continue to support specific needs such as Vocations.

8. Collection Options – How to enable recovery of tax.

Parishioners are encouraged to make use of the Government's gift aid / charitable giving tax allowances to increase the value of their contributions by 28p for every £1 collected. Covenant forms, Direct Debit mandates and applications for a weekly collection envelope pack are available at the back of the church or from the Parish Treasurer, Alan Trowbridge. Gift aid envelopes are available for some of the second/retiring collections; please take advantage of these too!

9. APF Red Boxes

The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) assists each and every one of the Catholic Church's 1,062 mission dioceses and territories to provide pastoral care and preach the Gospel effectively. (Web site at <http://www.pontificalmissionsocieties.co.uk/apf/index.php>)

If you would like a Red Box to collect your loose change or donations please contact Alan Trowbridge who is our APF secretary responsible for distributing the boxes, collecting and banking the Red Box contributions. Red Box holders become members of the APF worldwide, the only charity to support ALL mission dioceses on their way to self-sufficiency.

10. St Gregory's Parish Committees and Groups

There are a number of committees and groups that help to run parish life and activities. New members are frequently sought who are able to contribute their time, experience, ideas and skills. Joining one of these groups is an ideal way to become involved in parish life and to make new friends. Have a chat to Father Andrew or Steve to find out more about them:

- a. **Liturgy Group:** St Gregory's has a liturgy group that meet 3/4 times per year to plan future liturgies. They also have an active Parish pastoral council, a social and fund raising group, a property and a finance committee. Perhaps the chair of each of these groups would like to write a few lines about their group.
- b. **Alpha Courses:** The parish runs Alpha courses for those who would like to find out more about the Catholic faith. Tim & Sarah Varney head this up. These are usually held on Sunday evening in St Gregory's hall. The other parishes also run courses.
- c. **Pastoral Parish Council (PPC):** Purpose: To assist in the apostolic work of the Church in the field of either evangelisation and sanctification of the charitable, social or other spheres. (i.e. pretty well anything!). Minutes are published on the Parish webpage.
- d. **Social Committee:** Plans, coordinates and runs most of the regular and annual parish social and fund raising activities from the annual fetes to one off parties.
- e. **Property and Finance Committee:** Manages or oversees all the Parish's physical assets and financial matters from building maintenance to the collections.
- f. **Alabare Christian Community:** Alabare are a Christian lay community based in Salisbury and established for 25 years. Working across the city, the Communities outreach projects were established to support vulnerable and homeless people and have now grown to operate across the South west of England. If you are interested in finding out more about Alabare, contact Margaret or Steve Godwin on 01722 501854 or Lee and John Proctor on 01722 501586

- g. **Toddler Group:** The little Stars Toddler group meets in St Gregory's hall on 3 mornings each week. For pre-school children this is an ideal way to meet other parents and help your child to integrate in the community. Further details from Christine Francis.
- h. **Society for the Protection of the Unborn Children.** SPUC is active in Salisbury. The organisation's members are working to offer pregnant women an alternative to abortion. SPUC promotes itself through its white flower appeal each year. Further details are available from Alison Verian.
- i. **Churches Together Salisbury.** St Gregory's parish, along with the St Osmund's and Holy Redeemer, is a member of CTS in Salisbury. For further details of ecumenical working or to find out about becoming a parish rep, contact any member of the clergy team.

11. Salisbury Deanery

Deanery Pastoral Council:

Chair: John Turley.

Secretary:

Miss Joanna Little

3 Farley Hospital

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12. The Other Salisbury Parishes' Services

a. St Osmund's.

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Mass Times

Sunday: 9.00 am, 11.00 am and 7.15 pm.

Monday: 9.00 am (Preceded by Morning Prayer at 0845)

Tuesday: 9.45 am (Preceded by Morning Prayer at 0930)

Thursday: 9.45 am

Friday: 7.00 pm

Saturday: 10.30 am

Holy Days: 7.30 am, 9.45 am (held at St Osmund's School in term time, all welcomed) 12.45 pm and Vigil 7.00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00 am

b. Most Holy Redeemer.

(Served from St Osmund's)

Canon Michael Fitzpatrick and Fr Tom Dubois

Fotherby Crescent
Salisbury, SP1 3EG
01722 333 581

Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm.

Wednesday: 10.00 am.

Holy Days: 7.00 pm.

Also some Tuesdays at the Odstock District Hospital at 3.30 pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 5.45 pm

c. Chapel of the Holy Family, Whaddon.

Southampton Road, Whaddon
Salisbury, SP5 3EE

Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm.

d. Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Downton.

Barford Lane, Downton
Salisbury, SP5 3QA

Mass

Sunday: 11.00 am.

13. Youth Ministry.

The Salisbury Parishes run a variety of groups and activities for children and young people. These include the weekly “**Source**” group for 10-14 year olds which meets on alternate Monday and Wednesday evenings at Holy Redeemer, the “**Upper Room**” for 14-18s which meets fortnightly, a fortnightly youth prayer group and Youth SVP which meets every Friday to do work in the community. There are monthly youth masses and a number of outings and foreign trips. For more information on youth activities contact the parish office on 01722 333 581 or email office@salisburycatholics.org.

14. Salisbury’s Roman Catholic Schools

St Osmund’s Primary School, Exeter Street, Salisbury SP1 2SG Tel: 01722 322632. <http://www.st-osmunds.wilts.sch.uk/>

St Joseph’s Secondary School, Salisbury SP1 1QY
Tel: 01722 335380. <http://www.st-josephs-salisbury.wilts.sch.uk/>

15. Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection

The parish of St Gregory’s values our children and is committed to their safety and protection. Criminal Records Bureau checks are required for all members of the Parish clerical and lay teams who have contact with young and vulnerable people. Diocesan training sessions are now also conducted to ensure that team members are kept aware off and so remain alert to the risks sadly present in contemporary society. The Roman Catholic Church has strict policies that are enforced rigorously to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are protected. If you have any questions, concerns or worries about child protection contact our parish representative Mrs Christine Francis or phone the Clifton Diocesan Child Protection Co-ordinator Mrs Jane Dziadulewicz Tel: 0117 9540993.

16. Need More Information?

Do speak to any of the clergy, your fellow parishioner's or else:

a. Catholics in Salisbury Magazine:

This professionally produced magazine is published several times a year detailing many activities and news items for the Catholic community in Salisbury. Sean McCarney is the editor, his email address is sean.mccarney@btinternet.com. Budding or veteran journalists are always needed to contribute articles for our parish!

b. Websites.

The website for the Salisbury Catholic Churches, including St Gregory's is www.salisburycatholics.org. The microsite for St Gregory's is at www.salisburycatholics.org/gregory.htm.

The Salisbury Deanery website is at:

<http://salisburycatholicdeanery.org/index.html>

Copies of the latest bulletin/newsletter, which has contact details, all the Salisbury district parish times, more information on groups, activities and much more, can be viewed or downloaded from the "Newsletter" link on the top margin of the web site:

www.salisburycatholics.org.

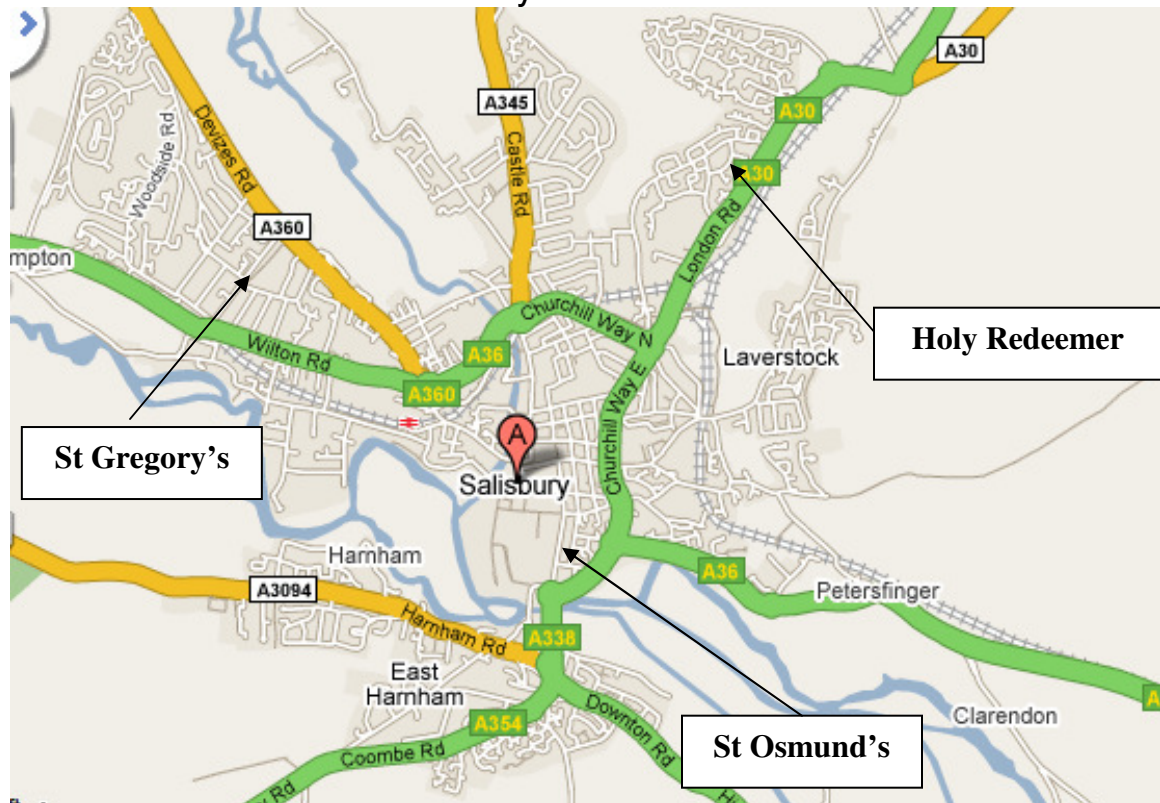
The Clifton RC Diocesan website is at: www.cliftondiocese.com

St Osmund's Primary School website is at: www.st-osmunds.wilts.sch.uk

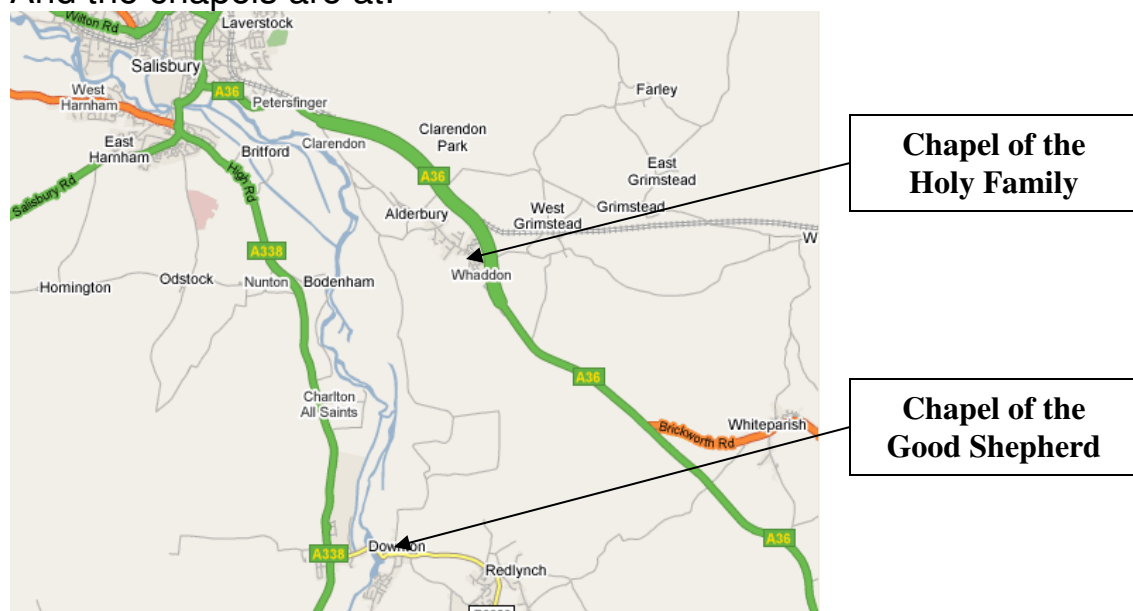
The Youth Ministry Blog is at www.heroesyouthblog.org.uk.

17. Location Maps – Where the churches are.

The three churches in Salisbury are at::



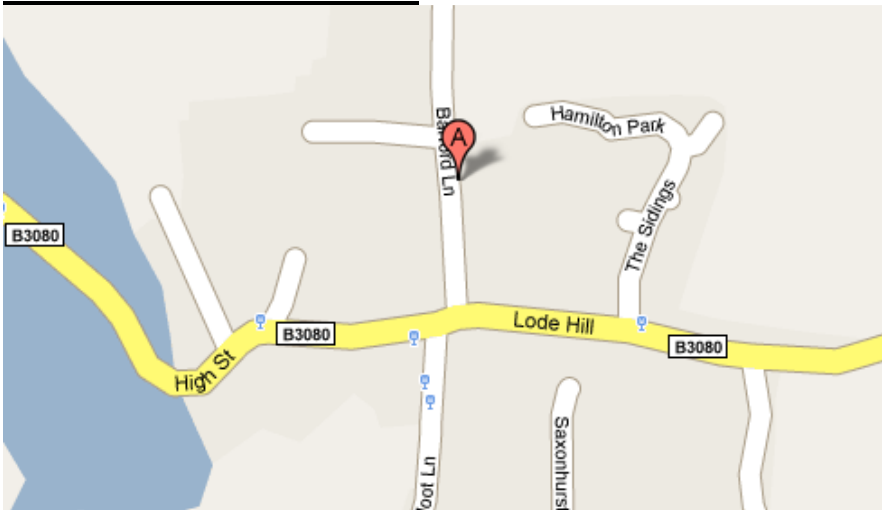
And the chapels are at:



Whaddon: Southampton Road



Downton: Barford Lane



18. Saint Gregory and the English Martyrs – Who they are?

Pope Saint Gregory the Great not only saved the Church, in the 6th century, times so frightful that the men who lived in them were sure that the end of the world was come, but he founded the great civilization which has lasted down to our day and of which we are part, Western Civilization. All alone, in the midst of famine and pestilence, floods and earthquakes, endangered by Greeks and barbarians alike, and abandoned by the Emperor, Pope Gregory, frail and ailing in body but strong and undaunted in spirit, succoured and saved his people, his city, his country, and the whole of Christendom.

Amongst his efforts in saving Christianity in the west after the collapse of the Roman Empire, he dispatched St Augustine to Britain some years after seeing and being told some slaves were Angles and responding "*Angles? Say rather they are angels! What a pity that God's grace does not dwell within those beautiful brows!*".

The English Martyrs are the many hundreds of men and women, both clergy and lay who died for their faith, the majority during the reformation between 1535 and 1680. The side windows in St Osmund's have pictures of several, have a look and find out more about them.