

ST OSMUND'S † HOLY REDEEMER † ST GREGORY'S

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FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Year B
 Weekday Cycle 2
 Lent Psalter Week 1

SATURDAY
17 March

9.30 am
 10.30 am
 6.00 pm

ST PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON of IRELAND

St Osmund's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 St Osmund's MASS John Stone RIP and Margaret
 Holy Redeemer MASS Mary Patricia & Dobson family RIP

SUNDAY
18 March

9.00 am
 9.30 am
 11.00 am
 6.00 pm

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St Osmund's MASS Reuben Williams RIP
 St Gregory's MASS Joan Holland RIP
 St Osmund's MASS Simon Thornton, 80th Birthday & Catenians in Thanksgiving
 St Osmund's MASS John and Kathleen McKay RIP

MONDAY
19 March

9.00 am
 8.45 am
 9.00 am
 7.00pm

ST JOSEPH

St Gregory's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer
 St Osmund's Morning Prayer
 St Osmund's MASS Mary Robson RIP
Christ the King Lenten Penitential Service

TUESDAY
20 March

9.00 am
 9.30 am
 9.45 am
 11.00am
 7.00pm

St Gregory's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer
 St Osmund's Morning Prayer
 St Osmund's MASS Teenagers
St Osmund's Requiem Mass Elizabeth Hill RIP
St Osmund's Lenten Penitential Service

WEDNESDAY
21 March

9.00 am
 10.00 am
 7.00 pm

St Gregory's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer
 Holy Redeemer MASS Christine Hopkins RIP
 St Osmund's Ordinarate Stations of the Cross followed by MASS

THURSDAY
22 March

9.00 am
 11.00 am
 12 noon

St Gregory's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer
 St Osmund's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 St Osmund's MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

FRIDAY
23 March

9.00 am
 10.00 am
 6.30 pm
 7.00 pm
 7.00pm

St Gregory's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer
 St Gregory's MASS Intentions of John Hopkins
 St Osmund's Stations of the Cross
 St Osmund's MASS Scarlett's Intentions
Sacred Heart Lenten Penitential Service

SATURDAY
24 March

9.30 am
 10.30 am
 6.00 pm

St Osmund's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 St Osmund's MASS
 Holy Redeemer MASS Shelia Sanders RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory's: Fridays 10.30am St Osmund's: Saturday 11.00am Holy Redeemer: Saturdays 5.40pm
 and also on request, please contact one of the priests.

ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

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Mass: Holy Redeemer, Sundays 11am St Osmund's, Wednesdays 7pm

Evensong and Benediction: Holy Redeemer, Second Sunday of the month 6pm

This week there will be **Evening Prayer** on Thursday 22 March at 7pm at 48 Hamilton Road, all welcome.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year of Mission

Covenant is renewed in this Sunday's first reading. You could say that the Covenant is re-written and re-inscribed but not in a way that God's People had imagined. Remember that image from two Sundays ago and the gift of Law on Mount Sinai. There the Law was written on those two tablets of stone; now it is to be written on the human heart. God plants his law deep within us writing it upon the very core of our being. In doing so God shows mercy, compassion and forgiveness towards his people in giving them a new start. But maybe during this *Year of Mission* we need to take note of the request made to Philip in the Gospel, 'We want to see Jesus'. It may not be articulated in such a way, but is that the request of today? Are there people *looking* for Jesus, wanting to find him and come near to him? The answer is 'yes'. As disciples, we are the ones who can point people to the Lord; we can enable people to find him and encounter him in us if our lives are centred on the law of love planted within us. We mustn't be afraid of allowing others who search to encounter the Lord through us!

BAPTISM COURSES If you have a child that you would like to be baptised, you will need to complete one of our baptism preparation courses; St Gregory's contact Deacon Steve godw5hme@virginmedia.com or 501854; St Osmund's and Holy Redeemer - please contact Deacon John on 340206 or john@alabare.org to book onto future courses.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE Thursday 23 and Friday 24 March, for anyone who plans to marry in the next year. Please email john@alabare.org for information and to book onto the course.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION programme will continue in **St Osmund's Parish Hall** on Saturday 24 March at 3pm. **This session is for children only. Please note change.**

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME continues in St Osmund's Parish Rooms at 6.45pm on Tuesday 27 March

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Perhaps you already attend Mass but would like to know more or know someone that would like to know more. Our Salisbury Journey in Faith group is for those who are interested in exploring the Catholic faith. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 21 March in the Presbytery at 7.30pm. For more information contact Canon Michael, Fr Saji or the parish office.

CALLING ALL SINGERS We will be rehearsing for the St Osmund's Holy week liturgies on Monday 19 March at 6.30 pm in St Osmund's Church. Everyone welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS The children of St Osmund's school are creating a Stations of The Cross journey and reflection in their school hall. Last year was a huge success and it was a very moving experience to travel the journey of Jesus to the Cross as interpreted by our children. Once again, parishioners and family members are very welcome to attend on Tuesday 27 March between 9-11am and 1.30-4pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to join us in prayer and reflection as part of our joint parish/school preparation for Easter

CHRISM MASS - CLIFTON CATHEDRAL Wednesday 28 March

A coach will leave from opposite the White Hart on Wednesday 28 March at 8am, St Gregory's at 8.15am and Amesbury 8.35am from Central Car Park (Opposite the Library) on A345, to go to the 11am Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral. It will return to Salisbury at approximately 3.30pm. We would encourage people to come, this is a beautiful opportunity to see all the priests of the diocese renew their Ordination promises, and to see Bishop Declan bless the sacred chrism and the other holy oils that will be used in parishes for the sacraments during the year. If you wish to come on the coach, please fill in your details on the envelopes provided for this at the back of each church and enclose £10 per person (children free), and return your envelope to Niki in the office. (Please bring a packed lunch.)



OTHER MASSES

Polish Mass:	St Osmund's	4.00pm	Second Sunday of the Month
Syro-Malabar Rite Mass:	Holy Redeemer	5.30pm	First Sunday of the Month

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

Saturday 24 March 6pm Holy Redeemer

Sunday 8 April 9.30am St Gregory's

Outreach Volunteers - Easter Cards for Delivery are now available.

We have had a wonderful response once again from our Outreach volunteers who have agreed to call upon each parishioner household that we have on record. We have also attracted a few new volunteers which is wonderful - thank you for your willingness to join in with this important and rewarding task. The lists and cards are available from the deacons at all of the Masses THIS WEEKEND. Any uncollected lists will be taken to the parish office and can be collected from there. We hope to have all deliveries completed by Palm Sunday. Thank you.



Parishioners - When the volunteer for your area comes to call, please welcome them warmly and take the opportunity to get to know them if you don't know them already! From the Christmas deliveries there were many tales of new friendships forged, mince pies and even the odd tiple shared together! This is a great way to get to know another parishioner from your area.

If you DO NOT receive a visit or a card through your letter box, it may mean that we do not have your full contact details on record so please get in touch with the parish office if this is the case or complete and return one of our yellow 'Parishioner Registration/Update' forms which are available in all the churches and can be handed to priests, deacons or at the parish office.

For further details contact Caroline on 01722 502503 or outreach@salisbury Catholics.org

SECOND COLLECTION This weekend is for SCORE Home projects.

TRAIDCRAFT Stall will be held between Masses this Sunday 18 March in St Osmund's Parish Rooms.

PURSUIT A evening for young adults-18-24, at St Osmund's Church 7pm, Friday 23 March. Starting with Mass. A chance to search for more in our faith, relationships and life. Just come along.

ST GREGORY'S We are going to clean the Church on Sunday 25 March after Mass. Please come along as it has become quite a nice social occasion. Refreshments will be provided.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Gift Aid Envelopes – 2018-2019: Due to changes in the legal status of the Diocese, the envelopes for the year 2018 – 2019 will start in March rather than April. The new envelopes are available for collection. Please do NOT use up any older envelopes after the date printed on them as HMRC will not recognise them and we will not be able to claim the Gift Aid.

EASTER EGG HUNTS will be held on Easter Sunday morning after the 8am Mass at Holy Redeemer, 9am Mass at St Osmund's and 9.30am Mass at St Gregory's. Contributions of wrapped mini-egg donations for all hunts would be very much appreciated, by Good Friday please for this much-loved annual event. Thank you.

Christopher Piggins would also like to thank all those who leapt to his assistance and looked after him until the ambulance took him off to Odstock Hospital. You are a really Christian congregation and I love you all for it. After all the tests I was allowed home again at 4.30pm. I hope to be back next Sunday.

FR KEITH would be enormously grateful if there was someone who could kindly mow the front and back lawns at St Gregory's Presbytery for a small remuneration. Apply to him for further details. Thank you.

ST JOSEPH'S Ofsted Report

As you are aware, we were visited by Ofsted last half term and we are all delighted that Ofsted confirmed all the areas of excellence that we have as a school. The report is a glowing endorsement of the school and is packed full of compliments and positive affirmations of all our efforts. Some highlights from the report include:

- Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural education is a particular strength of the school.
- Pupils speak positively about their school experience because they feel supported and valued.
- Pupils typically receive relevant feedback on how to improve their work. Many pupils benefit significantly from this.
- Pupils behave well. They are courteous, polite and respectful.
- Pupils benefit from very positive relationships with staff because they are based on mutual respect.
- Teachers are keen to engage pupils with their learning and encourage participation. Pupils' contributions to discussions are valued and they enjoy their learning as a result.

Coupled with the report, you may also have seen that our year 11 cohort last year achieved fantastic progress 8 score. Another fantastic achievement for our school. (Progress 8 is a new accountability school performance measure introduced by the government to replace the old 5 A*-C measure).

Many thanks to the whole Parish community for your continued support over the years – it is a real team effort that ensures that the school continues to be the thriving and achieving school that it is.

(If you have not yet seen the report, it is available on the school website <http://www.sjcs.org.uk/>).

Lenten Penitential Services.

7.00pm Monday evening 19 March	Christ the King, Amesbury
7.00pm Tuesday evening 20 March	St Osmund's, Salisbury
6.00pm Friday evening 23 March	Sacred Heart, Tisbury
7.00pm Monday evening 26 March	St Gregory's, Salisbury

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for the parish of St Benet, Kemerton, St Joseph, Tewkesbury and St Nicholas, Winchcombe with Bishop's Cleeve and please say a special pray for all candidates for the sacraments.

SALISBURY CHURCHES TOGETHER This week we pray the parishes of St Mark's Salisbury and St Andrews, Laverstock.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who are sick and in hospital. We remember those who have died recently including Susanna Gordon, Christine Hopkins, Elizabeth Hill, Eileen Robinson and Ray Cope and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

SALISBURY DISTRICT HOSPITAL If you, a member of your family or anyone you know has been admitted to Salisbury District Hospital, please let Canon Michael know in order that he can visit them.

YOUTH

SPIRIT - Girls group from Years 3-6 for craft, games and discussion. Great fun. Mondays 3.15-5pm.

SOURCE - Mondays 5.30-7.15pm. (Note new time) Mixed group for Year 6-8. Plenty of high energy games and times for questions and discussion, please bring a small amount of change for the famed tuck shop.

ROCK -Tuesdays at 3.20-5pm St Osmunds Parish rooms, group for boys years 4,5 and 6. Please book your space by calling Xanthe on 07904 589360.

BRAVEHEART - Thursdays 4-6pm Years 9-11. (Same times, separate groups for lads and ladies). Time for exploring faith, asking questions with some games and activities too. Everyone welcome.

Y DISCIPLE - Thursday evenings with dinner 7.30-9.30pm. Years 10-13. Mixed. For deeper discussion, friendship mixed with banter and madness on occasions too!

Youth Alpha - for girls will take place in our 'Braveheart' group which is for girls in Years 9 &10 in the Parish Rooms at 4.15pm. This is not just for those who currently attend Braveheart, new girls will be made very welcome - come along, bring a friend!

Youth Alpha - mixed will take place during 'Source' which meets at 5.30pm and is for anyone in Years 7, 8 or 9. New members welcome, please encourage your friends/son/daughter to come. along and join in. After Easter we are planning a Youth Alpha for **Sixth Form** years (yrs 11-13) - details to follow.



POPE FRANCIS MESSAGE

Pope Francis dedicated his catechesis on Wednesday to the liturgical rites following the Eucharistic Prayer, which help us "to dispose our souls to participate in the Eucharistic banquet."

Immediately following the Great Amen, the assembly recites together the *Our Father*, which was taught us by Christ Himself. This, the Pope said, is not just one Christian prayer among many. Rather, it is "the prayer of the children of God," in which, as Jesus teaches us, we call God Father. The *Our Father*, recited not only in the Mass, but also in the Morning and Evening Prayer of the Church, gives a Christian character to the whole day, forming in us a filial attitude towards God, and a fraternal relationship with our neighbour. In the *Our Father*, we ask God to give us "our daily bread," a petition that has particular reference to the Eucharist. The Pope emphasised that it is necessary, if anyone has committed a grave sin, to receive absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving Holy Communion – and reminded us that Lent is a good time to make a good Confession in order to encounter Christ in the Eucharist.

The Lord's Prayer also calls us to be reconciled with our brothers and sisters, when we pray for our sins to be forgiven, "as we forgive those who trespass against us." And so, the Pope said, "while we open our hearts to God, the *Our Father* disposes us also to fraternal love."

This reconciliation, with God and with our brothers and sisters, receives a kind of "seal" in the exchange of peace, which in the Roman Rite of the liturgy is "ordered" to Eucharistic Communion. We pray that Christ will give us *His* peace, "so different from that of the world." We cannot approach Holy Communion, the Pope said, echoing Saint Paul, without first making peace with one another. This part of the Mass culminates in the fraction rite, "the breaking of the Bread," which from Apostolic times gave its name to the whole Eucharistic celebration. Pope Francis reminded the faithful that it was in the breaking of the Bread that the disciples recognized the Risen Lord at Emmaus. Likewise, at Mass, "in the Eucharistic Bread, broken for the life of the world, the praying assembly recognizes the true Lamb of God, that is, Christ the Redeemer, and prays to Him, 'have mercy on us, grant us peace.'"

These final invocations before Holy Communion, Pope Francis said, "help us to dispose our souls to participate in the Eucharistic banquet, the source of communion with God and with our brothers and sisters."

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Jerimiah 31:31-34.* I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 50* **A pure heart create for me, O God.**

Second Reading *Hebrews 5:7-9* He learnt to obey and became the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Gospel *John 12:20-30.* If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.