

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

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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Year B
 Weekday Cycle 2
 Psalter Week 1

SATURDAY 6 January	9.30 am 10.30 am 6.00 pm	St Osmund's St Osmund's Holy Redeemer	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament MASS MASS	George & Monica Pickford RIP Christine June Wilson RIP
SUNDAY 7 January	9.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	EPIPHANY St Osmund's St Gregory's St Osmund's St Osmund's	MASS MASS MASS MASS	Brian Boyle RIP Louise & Eric Poulter RIP Jill McIntyre RIP People of the Parish
MONDAY 8 January	9.00 am 8.45 am 9.00 am	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD St Gregory's St Osmund's St Osmund's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer Morning Prayer MASS	Doris Phelan RIP
TUESDAY 9 January	9.00 am 9.30 am 9.45 am	St Gregory's St Osmund's St Osmund's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer Morning Prayer MASS	Billy Murphy RIP
WEDNESDAY 10 January	9.00 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	St Gregory's Holy Redeemer St Osmund's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer MASS Ordinariate MASS	Jenny Walker
THURSDAY 11 January	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.00 am	St Gregory's St Osmund's St Osmund's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and morning prayer Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament MASS	Terence Ackland RIP
FRIDAY 12 January	9.00 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	St Gregory's St Gregory's St Osmund's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer MASS MASS	Intentions of the donors Pauline Burke RIP
SATURDAY 13 January	9.30 am 10.30 am 6.00 pm	St Osmund's St Osmund's Holy Redeemer	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament MASS MASS	Mrs Roberts RIP Mary Reilly 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

Fr Keith Robinson on 01722 504807 or frkeithssm@yahoo.co.uk

Mass: Holy Redeemer, Sundays 11am St Osmund's, Wednesdays 7pm
Evensong and Benediction: Holy Redeemer, Second Sunday of the month 6pm

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME to Maria Katherine Tanasa Uban and Leila Tweddell-Williams, who will be baptised this weekend at St Osmund's. Please pray for Katherine and Leila, their parents and godparents at this special time.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION programme will continue in St Osmund's School on **Saturday 20 January** this session is for **children and parents**. Please arrive at 2.45pm for registration. The session will start at 3pm prompt till 5pm.

DEANERY CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2017/18 Our Confirmation programme will continue on **Tuesday 9 January** in St Osmund's Parish Rooms at 6.45pm and this session is for candidates.

SALISBURY ROSARY GROUP next Get Together is on Wednesday 10 January at 2.30pm at 18 Ashlands, Ford SP4 6DY. Please make a date in your diary. Do come and join this friendly group. All are welcome. Lifts are available where possible. Contact Josephine Falzon on 328410 or Bernardette Petty on 711137.

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. Perhaps you 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. Meetings will begin again on Wednesday evening **17 January** in the Presbytery at **7.30pm**. For more information contact Canon Michael, Fr Saji or the parish office by phone or email

"CONTEMPLATING PRAYER" An opportunity to join an ecumenical group for quiet prayer in the Trinity Chapel of Cathedral one Monday in every month at 10am. Do join us for 45 minutes of gentle silence, act of worship and witness to our life of faith. No experience of silent prayer is necessary. Please join us our next time of prayer on the 8 January. Dates for the next six months are 5 February, 5 March, 9 April, 14 May and 4 June.

MASS FOR THE BEREAVED The 9am Mass at St Osmund's on Sunday 21 January will be offered for the intentions of all our bereaved parishioners who have lost loved ones during the year from November 2016 to November 2017. We invite you to this special Mass to remember your loved ones and to join us for coffee in the parish rooms after the Mass

***** IMPORTANT ******

ST OSMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL — ADMISSIONS 2018 If you wish your child to join the Reception class at St Osmund's Catholic Primary School next September you need to apply now. The Council's Common Admissions Form needs to be returned to Wiltshire Council at County Hall in Trowbridge; and the school's Supplementary Form needs to be returned to St Osmund's Primary School. The closing date for receiving applications is Monday 15 January 2018 for both Wiltshire Council and St Osmund's School. Applications to St Osmund's should be supported by a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.

THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - VOICE YOUR SUPPORT

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it; now we need you to ask them not to turn on their promise to Catholics. The cap was introduced in 2010 and states that some new Catholic schools may only contain up to 50% Catholic pupils if they are oversubscribed.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

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

Sunday 14 January 9.30am St Gregory's

Sunday 28 January 11am St Osmund's



We would like to say “**Thank you**” to all parishioners for their Christmas cards, greetings, kind gifts and generous Christmas Offerings, which are very much appreciated.

Equally importantly, as we enter into the New Year and face new challenges ahead, we would like to thank all those who have given of their time so generously during 2017.

Your commitment is greatly appreciated and is absolutely vital if we are to help our Catholic churches grow and be an effective witness to the mission of Christ here in Salisbury and the surrounding area. We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to it continuing during 2018.

If you would like to get more involved in our churches in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Canon Michael and Fr Saji

A very Happy New Year to you and yours.

EMAIL ADDRESS Please note that Canon Michael has a new email address. His new email address is: michael.fitzpatrick@cliftondiocese.com

SPUC White Flower Appeal will be held outside our churches today 6/7 January. Today is an opportunity for us in the Church to reflect and to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. Please be as generous to the White Flower Appeal.

HOPE AND FRIENDSHIP This group is for those who are bereaved or suffering a loss. The group will next meet on 8 January at 11am in St Osmund’s Parish Rooms. Call the Parish Office for further information.

ART GROUP John and Elizabeth Lester have started a drawing/painting group in St Osmund’s Parish Rooms on Monday mornings from 10-12noon. The group will resume on the 8 January. Please join us, whether you have drawn or painted all your life or not. All welcome. For information phone 01725 510310.

MISSING After the Alpha course on Wednesday 6 December, the cottage pie evening, a much missed and loved oval glass casserole dish (11" long by 9" wide). Please return to the parish office if taken by mistake. Many thanks.

WHISTDRIVE Thank you to Jenni and Co for the very kind donation from the Whist Drive group.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP are meeting on 13 January at Mike Lennard's home. To find out the address contact Mike on 239963. All welcome. Please bring food for a shared working lunch.

TRUSSELL TRUST Food collections. Please place items in the box in the porch in our churches. Only long life items. No home made or out of date items please. Thank you for your support.

CLIFTON DIRECTORY AND LITURGICAL DIARY There are copies of the new 2018 Diocesan Directory for £5 and Liturgical Diary for £6. **ST PAULS MISSAL** for 2018 is now available £5, from the Parish Office.

APPEAL— USED and UNWANTED SHOES for children and people who are barefoot in Uganda. 80% of School children and refugees and displaced people in camps have hardly any shoes. Fr Silvester from a Uganda Catholic organisation is looking for your help. For more information contact Wyn at Christ the King, Amesbury.

RURAL CATHOLICS National Conference. Best Western Country Hotel, Garstang, Lancashire PR3 1YE on 5-7 February. **Programme** includes a panel on Brexit and the Rural Economy (CLA Director Christopher Price, ADHB Chair Sir Peter Kendall, HSBC’s Gordon Whitford); *Laudato Si* (Prof K Kilby, Bede Professor of Catholic Theology - Durham); The Vocation of the Agricultural Leader (Fr Rob Taylerson, Religious Adviser, archdiocese of Birmingham). A presentation on Statistics of Rural Catholic Parishes in England & Wales. The conference visit to a potato farm. Contact Fr Robert at Tisbury parish for booking details.

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.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY is observed from the 18 to the 25 January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.

The theme for this year “**THAT ALL MAY BE FREE**” raise some of the contemporary issues addressed by the churches of the Caribbean. Abuses of human rights are found across the region and we are challenged to consider our manner of welcoming of the stranger into our midst. Human trafficking and modern-day slavery continue to be huge issues. Addiction to pornography and drugs, continue to be serious challenges to all societies. The debt crisis has a negative impact upon the nations and upon individuals – the economies of the nations and people have become precarious. Family life continues to be challenged by the economic restrictions which lead to migration, domestic abuse and violence.

The Caribbean Churches work together to heal the wounds in the body of Christ. Reconciliation demands repentance, reparation and the healing of memories. The whole Church is called to be both a sign and an active agent of this reconciliation.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for the parishes of St Patrick Corsham and St Anthony of Padus, Melksham.

SALISBURY CHURCHES TOGETHER we pray for the elderly, those in residential homes, and for all carers.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who are sick and in hospital. We remember those who have died recently, including Michael Edwards, Charlie Jordan and Michael Coote, those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

YOUTH

SPIRIT - Girls group from Years 4,5 & 6 for craft, games and discussion. Great fun. Mondays 3.30-5pm.

SOURCE - Mixed group for Year 6 to 8/9. Plenty of high energy games and times for questions and discussion, please bring a small amount of change for the famed tuck shop. Mondays 6.30-8.15pm.

Y DISCIPLE - Thursday evenings with dinner 7.30-9.15pm. For deeper discussion, friendship mixed with banter and madness on occasions too!

BRAVEHEART - Thursdays 4.15-5.45pm Years 9 &10. Time for exploring faith, asking questions with some games and activities too. Everyone welcome

POPE FRANCIS WEDNESDAY AUDIENCE

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the Holy Eucharist, today we consider the penitential rite. To prepare ourselves to celebrate worthily the sacred mysteries, we acknowledge, before God and our brothers and sisters, that we have sinned. Significantly, we make this confession as a community, yet in the *Confiteor* each of us speaks personally: "I confess... that I have sinned." Like the humble publican in Jesus' parable, we strike our breast and recognize that we are unworthy of the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We then beg the intercession of Our Lady and all the angels and saints to sustain us on the path of holiness and conversion. The priest then pronounces the absolution – "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life". Unlike the absolution granted in confession, this does not remit mortal sin, yet it expresses our trust in God's promise of forgiveness and reconciliation. We thus join the great line of biblical figures – like David, the Prodigal Son and Saint Peter – who, conscious of their sin, acknowledged it before God with confidence in the transforming power of his grace.

POPE'S NEW YEARS MESSAGE

Pope Francis has recommended jettisoning life's "useless baggage" in 2018, including what he called "empty chatter" and banal consumerism, and focusing instead on building a peaceful and welcoming world, particularly for refugees and migrants.

His advice included setting aside a moment of silence daily to be with God. Doing so would help "keep our freedom from being corroded by the banality of consumerism, the blare of commercials, the stream of empty words and the overpowering waves of empty chatter and loud shouting. At the beginning of the year, we too, as Christians on our pilgrim way, feel the need to set out anew from the centre, to leave behind the burdens of the past and to start over again from the things that really matter."

Pope Francis noted that this year's focus should be a search for peace for migrants and refugees. "I desire, yet again, to speak for these migrants and refugees who invoke for their future a horizon of peace. For this peace, which is the right of everyone, many of them are willing to risk their life in a voyage that is in the great majority of cases long and dangerous, willing to face hardships and suffering. Let us not extinguish the hope in their hearts. Let us not suffocate their expectations for peace." He called for all to make commitments "to assure the refugees, the migrants, everyone, a future of peace."

He then prayed that people "work in this new year with generosity to realize a world that is more united and welcoming."

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6 Above you the glory of the Lord appears.
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 71 All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.
Second Reading	St Paul 3:2-3. 5-6 <i>It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12 We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.