SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

From Father Anthony...

Some time ago I gave a talk at an online video meeting. I started by explaining the use of certain terms that were liable to cause misunderstanding or confusion. About ten minutes into the talk someone joined late. He was welcomed and we continued. Using his intellect and critical faculties he was soon asking questions about terminology... to the annoyance of others! In fairness he had not heard what the others had and therefore needed clarification. I stopped the talk and explained again... and all was well. Remembering this made me think about today's Gospel.

The doors were closed for fear of the Jews. To experience Christ within (he stood among them) we must use our faculties (disciples) to close the doors on those influences (the Jews) that would cloud the experience. The Intuitive and Feeling aspects of our faculties are the first to accept the experience (he showed them his hands and feet). It brings a deep peace (peace be with you) and opens the life of Spirit within (he breathed on them).

However, Thomas was not with them. Thomas represents the Intellect. It is slower than Intuition and Feeling; it is the last to experience and understand Christ within. The name Thomas means twin or double. Spiritually he represents two sides of the intellect. Positively, he represents understanding: negatively, doubt and constant guestioning. Both are necessary for discernment. Intellect demands the same experience as the other faculties and will not accept second hand accounts - after all, Jesus showed the others His hands and feet. The Intellect maybe last but it is the faculty that connects the inner and outer world: it is vital that it understands the supremacy of spirit and connects it to the natural world. It has to be rigorous in discernment and free from error. When it has discerned correctly it becomes devoted to Spirit (my Lord and my God).

Understanding that Spirit is in everything we doubt no more. What our other faculties experience through Intuition and Feeling our Intellect discerns through reason. Reason is now brought into the service of Intuition and Feeling. What we now know and understand as true of ourselves we know and understand is true of everyone. Imbued with Spirit, reason, serving Intuition and Feeling, looks beyond what others do... to what they are (forgives). It acknowledges sin but retains judgment so that others experience love and not condemnation.



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REGISTERED PARISHIONERS TO DATE : 2711



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. On this Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. To read the story of Divine Mercy Sunday and how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy click on the image in the 'Top News' box or <u>click here.</u>

Triduum and Easter with Pope Francis

Pope Francis made the point in his homily at the Easter Vigil Mass "In the hour of darkness when humanity is grappling with the pandemic and other ills, Christians need to take to heart the Easter message of the angel not to be afraid, assured that in Galilee, where the Lord precedes them, their expectations will be fulfilled, their tears will be dried and their fears will be replaced by hope". We have the complete set of recordings beginning on Holy Thursday through to the Easter Blessing on Easter Sunday. Just click on the image in our 'Top News' box or <u>click here</u>. There is also a permanent link on our 'Church TV' page.

Cardinal: Make "Sacrifice" and "Service" your Easter Keywords

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has sent us an Easter message describing his joy at being able to celebrate and commemorate the key moments of Holy Week and Easter with the faithful in our churches. To view the video or read the text just click on the image in our 'Top News' box or <u>click here</u>.

Chrism Mass 2021

On Wednesday 31 March the Chrism Mass was celebrated at Clifton Cathedral. Although different from usual due to the current restrictions, a socially-distanced congregation was there along with many Priests. Bishop Declan blessed the three oils — the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and Sacred Chrism which will be used in the administration of the Sacraments throughout the diocese during the forthcoming year. You can view the photographs and listen to Bishop Declan's Homily by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or by <u>clicking here</u>.

Rosemary Field

We were very sorry to say 'goodbye' and 'thank you' to Rosemary on Easter Monday. Rosemary has now left Salisbury and moved to a new position in Lincolnshire. During her time here she has had a remarkable impact on our music ministry - giving incredibly generously of her time to establish and train our children's choir and training, improving and motivating many others involved in our music ministry. During this past year, Rosemary has directed the music ministry across our three churches with tremendous grace and skill - regularly playing at 2 or 3 Masses a weekend whilst we have been managing with fewer organists due to the pandemic. We wish Rosemary much happiness and fulfilment in her new post - please keep her in your prayers. We yearn to restart congregational singing and the return of a full-strength music team. Hopefully it won't be too long now!

Catch! (towards Pentecost)

Following the very successful 'Pilgrims on the Way' programme, the Alabaré Community are launching another series of five online meetings called "Catch" to run on Zoom between Easter and Pentecost. These will be on Tuesday evenings starting at 19:30 on 20 April. To obtain the meeting code contact: *john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com*

SCORE. The next collection will be on 18 April and will be for overseas projects. Please use a pink envelope or one clearly marked 'SCORE' and place it in the general collection. Date for your diary: Monday 10 May at 19:00: a special meeting will be held via Zoom. Details to follow soon.

MEETINGS ON ZOOM	Please use the contacts below if you would like to join (all are welcome).		
Tuesdays at 19:30	Weekly Alabaré Christian Community	Deacon John Proctor john@alabare.org	
Wednesdays at 14:30	Rosary Group	Josephine on 01722 328410	
Thursdays at 18:30	Downton Service of the Word	michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk	
Tuesday at 15:00	20 April HR/Whaddon House Mass	Tony on 01722 562703	
Wednesday at 14:00	21 April Rosary Group House Mass	Josephine on 01722 328410	
Thursday at 18:30	22 April Downton House Mass	michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk	

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020 CONFIRMATION 2020

The Confirmation Mass for last year's candidates was held on Thursday 8 April at St Osmund. Our congratulations go to all the Candidates confirmed from our Deanery. Photographs will soon appear on our website, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or <u>click here</u>.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Congratulations to Zoe, Sophie, Gabriel, Pablo, Alejandro and Szymon who were part of our preparation programme during 2019-2020. These children are (finally!) making their First Holy Communion in St Gregory's Church this weekend. Thank you to all the families involved for your patience and perseverance.

Please keep both the Children and the Young Adults in your prayers.

Easter Triduum As part of the Catechists on-line formation programme currently running, Fr Tom Dubois offers us four reflections on the Easter Triduum. They were filmed before the pandemic prevented us from being in our churches last year. To watch please click the 'Easter Triduum' button on the homepage or <u>click here.</u>

Dare to Dream 2020-21 We have a reflection for Easter with Sarah Adams, Director of Adult Education. You can watch this video and all the previous videos with reflections on our 'Dare to Dream' page; click on the 'Dare to Dream' button on the homepage or by <u>clicking here</u>.

Lenten Retreat We now have 'Letting Go' which is part seven of Father Denis McBride's online Lenten retreat 'Reflecting with Paintings'. These reflections are on the 'Lent Retreat' page which can be accessed by clicking the 'Lent 2021' button on the homepage or directly by <u>clicking here</u>.

The Poet's Gospel A Gospel in blank verse with rhymed parables. We have the last recording in this series 'Final Instructions'. You can access the recordings by clicking the 'Lent 2021' button on the homepage or by <u>clicking here.</u>

Children's Meditation: 'In My Heart Room' We have the fifth in a series of lovely audio meditations for children by our very own Frances Rolleston, this week, the meditation is 'Easter Meditation'. You can access it by clicking on the 'Children's Corner' button on our homepage or by <u>clicking here.</u>

The God Who Speaks - There is another short video homily by Fr Jim Golka on the scripture of the 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) that is only 3 minutes long. <u>Click here</u> or on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

Sunday Homily - by Bishop Robert Barron. Sunday's Gospel reveals the dawning of Christianity. With his wounds bared to his disciples immediately upon his arrival in their midst, Christ shows to us our greatest sins in those nail and spear scars. God came, and we killed him—but no sin is greater than the Lord's love, and so he arose, offering us peace and forgiveness beyond all understanding. Click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

Children's Liturgy We have a children's Liturgy of the Word for this weekend; 'Peace be with you!'. To view click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or <u>click here</u>.

Saint Peter How did Peter transform from an uneducated fisherman into one of the most celebrated and beloved Jesus-followers in history? New Testament scholar Con Campbell wanted to find out. To view the fourth episode 'What Peter did after Jesus returned to heaven' click on the 'Saint Peter' button on the home page or <u>click here.</u>

Music in Isolation For Easter we have added a rendition of 'Jesus Christ is risen today' by the King's College Choir, Cambridge. Just click on the 'Music in Isolation' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Easter Week 2 and Proper of Season

Please book if you would like to attend Mass in person. booking@salisburycatholics.org 01722 562703

Saturday 10 April

10:00 St Osmund

MASS Thanksgiving - Golden Wedding Anniversary David & Elizabeth Briggs

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SUNDAY 11 April

St Gregory	MASS	People of the Parish	
St Osmund	MASS	MASS Justina Ingram in sickness	
St Osmund	MASS	Breda for John Joe RIP	
St Osmund	Ordinaria	Ordinariate MASS	
St Osmund	Polish M	Polish MASS	
St Osmund	MASS	Doris Phelan RIP	
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Monday 12 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Tuesday 13 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	David Eugene Clarke RIP
	Joe & Josephine	Falzon V	Vedding Anniversary
All Day	Exposition of the	Blessed	Sacrament

18:40 Benediction

Wednesday 14 April

 10:00
 St Osmund
 MASS
 Leonard Hirst RIP

 19:00
 St Osmund
 Ordinariate MASS
 CANCELLED

Thursday 15 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Fr Bernard Swinhoe OSB
All Day	Exposition of the	Blessed S	Sacrament
18:40	St Osmund	Benedict	ion

Friday 16 April

19:00 St Osmund MASS George and Monica Pickford RIP

Saturday 17 April

10:00

MASS Muriel Maloney RIP

First Mass of Sunday

St Osmund

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

Prayer & Scripture

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR APRIL Universal: Fundamental Rights

For those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis. <u>Click here</u>

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Patrick, Brockworth, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We also remember in our prayers all those who have died: Frances Phelan, Garth Vaughan-Brown and Muriel Maloney and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Acts 4: 32-35

Ps 117 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

1 John 5:1-6

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

John 20:19-31

SACRAMENTS

MARRIAGES Please speak to the priest for guidance.

FUNERALS Please speak to the priest for guidance.

BAPTISMS Can now take place in accordance with government guidelines and preparation courses are taking place on Zoom. Please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email *john@alabare.org*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory	On request	Contact priests
St Osmund	Saturdays	10:30 to 11:30
Holy Redeemer	Saturdays	17:30 until Mass

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CELEBRATIONS

First Holy Communion (2020 Group)

Two Masses are taking place this weekend and next to enable those children whose First Communion celebrations were planned for last November to take place this Eastertide. Please keep our First Communion children and their families in your prayers. For those families who decided to defer until Summer 2021, we will be in touch soon. Thank you all for your patience.

CONFIRMATION (2021/New Group)

Key Information

Candidates for Confirmation are eligible if they: are in School Year 9 or above are a baptised Catholic (please supply baptismal certificate) wish to be Confirmed

Details

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on candidates from this (new) group on **24th June 2021 at 7pm in St Gregory's Church.** Given the uncertain nature of the times, preparation sessions will be limited to six (6) sessions commencing on 15 April at St Gregory's Church at 7pm.

As the number of sessions are fewer than normal, candidates must be prepared to attend all six sessions with parents and sponsor attending two of the sessions.

Date	Session	Theme	Attendance
Apr 15	1	Introduction. Who do you say I am? Name	Candidates, Parents and Sponsors
Apr 29	2	Where do you live? Come follow me. Where do I live in my heart?	Candidates
May 13	3	He sent them out 2 by 2 Community, friendship Mission	Candidates
May 27	4	They know my voice. Who do I listen to? What attracts me?	Candidates
June 10	5	Feeding the 5 thousand A commitment to the poor A commitment to one another.	Candidates, Parents and Sponsors
June 17	6	You are the light of the world Ambassadors for Christ How do I keep my light shining?	Candidates
June 22	Rehearsal	Practice Liturgy	Candidates, Parents and Sponsors
June 24	Confirmation Day	Celebrate Confirmation	Candidates, Parents and Sponsors

Details of each Session will follow. If you would like to join this year's programme, please email your details to: *confirmation@salisburycatholics.org* as soon as possible. Many thanks