

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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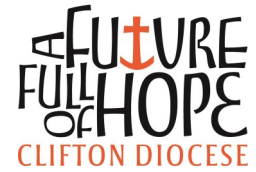
LENT WEEK 2(C)

From Father Anthony

Light spilled across the square and splashed off multicoloured surfaces. Stalls flapped in the breeze. With restrained relish I joined the hustle and bustle. The market buzzed with chatter and calls to buy this, that and the other. Hog roast, curry and spicy noodles perfumed the air. Everywhere I looked the ritual of commerce took place. Purses and wallets emptied; shopping bags filled... an exchange repeated hundreds of times.

In the Gospel, it says of Jesus that, *'having taken Peter, John and James, He went up the mountain to pray'*. Going up the mountain is often a metaphor for leaving the worldly for the spiritual. We might ask how we actually leave the worldly and attain the spiritual. A key to this is given in the Greek word used for 'prayer'. *Proseuchomai* (Προσεύχομαι) comes from two words; *pros* meaning *towards* or *exchange* and *euxomai* meaning *to wish*; properly, it means to exchange wishes. In the context of the scriptures it means *to interact with God by switching our worldly, human wishes and ideas for God's wishes and ideas as He strengthens our faith*. Prayer is an exchange, not of worldly things but of our wishes and ideas for His. It results in transfiguration, as Jesus shows us. To *transfigure* means to transform into something more beautiful or elevated. It is closely related to *'repentance'* which means a *change of mind and heart*.

During Lent shall we choose a time and place to pray, every day? Shall we come to God's market: not to exchange money for goods but our wishes for His? Shall we let Him transform us and therefore the world? It will be a journey of Faith (*Peter*) made with Love (*John*) leading to Understanding (*James*). We will learn to correctly use the law of Denial (*Moses*) and Affirmation (*Elijah*). That is, we will come to deny (*reject*) the power we have given over to the illusions that stem from Envy, Resentment and Pride – mentioned last week. We will affirm (*accept*) God's Love for us as we are in the present moment – however ugly and sinful we think ourselves to be. Increasingly, we will settle into the person we truly are without any frills or embellishments. We will truly inhabit our body, soul and spirit (*three tents*). Living in Truth we will realise that our being is not an accident; we were Chosen and Loved by God eternally.



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Chapel of the Holy Family
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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"

**REGISTERED PARISHIONERS
TO DATE : 2907**



DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH

7AM - 9PM IN ST OSMUND'S CHURCH



Since the war in Ukraine began, we have placed a prayer candle, burning 24hrs a day, before the statue of Our Lady in St Osmund's Church as a focus for our prayers for peace and protection for the people of Ukraine. Everyone is welcome to enter the church or join online to pray at any time. Increasingly, this terrible situation is one that we feel compelled to bring before the Lord. On Wednesday we are holding a special day of prayer for Ukraine and are working to arrange further dates which will enable everyone to join in prayer. It is our hope that parishioners will come forward to help lead these days of prayer.

The schedule for this Wednesday is:	7am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9am	Morning Prayer (Lauds)
	Noon	Midday Prayer (Sext)
	6pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
	7pm	Ordinariate Mass (Mass in Time of War) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until
	9pm	Night Prayer & Benediction

*Everyone is welcome to
join some or all of the day
in person or via the livestream.*

Thanks to all those who attended and cooked for the parish lunch this week which raised £51.70 towards CAFOD's appeal for Ukraine. To donate, go to <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

We have a podcast on our website by Archbishop John Wilson on his visit to witness first-hand how the Polish community was responding to the humanitarian tragedy unfolding in Ukraine. To listen please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

LENT 2022

Thursday Lenten Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament

Will take place on Thursdays starting 17 March until 7 April, all at 7pm followed by Benediction at 8pm. These will be available to join live or as recordings on our Church TV: [click here](#).

The Stations of the Cross in St Osmund's Church **each Friday during Lent at 18:15** (prior to the 7pm Mass). You can also join via our [Church TV](#).

Stations of the Cross in St Osmund's School will be on 5 April and all parishioners are very welcome attend. More details and timings to follow.

Lenten Journey with Fr Denis McBride. A video will be released each week. The first, last weekend, was called 'In the wilderness'. Click on the ['Lent 2022'](#) button on our homepage.

Clifton Diocese Lenten Reflections There are daily reflections on our website to support parishioners on their Lenten journey Click on the ['Lent 2022'](#) button on our homepage.

Annual CAFOD Lenten Fast Day was on Friday 11 March, **there will be a retiring collection this weekend at all of the Sunday masses**. Please give to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. For information click on the 'Fast Day' image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Parishioner Mary Hocking is taking part in the 'CAFOD 200 km walk against hunger' this Lent. Please sponsor Mary if you are able to do so: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/marys-march-against-hunger>.

Coach for the Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 13 April. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated fully once again this year with Bishop Declan surrounded by the priests and deacons of our Diocese on the Wednesday of Holy Week. We hope to book a coach if there is sufficient interest and will be subsidising the cost to encourage you to join with us if you can. Adults will be £10, children can travel free. There will be three pick up points: St Osmund, St Gregory and at Amesbury. To sign up, please contact the Parish Office by email office@salisbury Catholics.org or ring 01722 562703 or use the sign-up sheet in the church porches.

ADOPT-A-STREET IS BACK FOR EASTER 2022!

Back in March 2020 we were in full flow with our plans to deliver Easter Invitation cards to the residents of Salisbury. We had the cards, the volunteers and the organisation to post 18,000 cards through letter boxes throughout Salisbury and the surrounding villages....then came pandemic and we had to stand the operation down. During this past week, we have contacted all of our previous volunteers to invite them to take part once more - thank you very much to all those who have responded. There is now an open invitation to all of us who are fit and able to 'adopt' a street/s: where you live, work or somewhere convenient for you. There is no door-knocking involved, simply posting cards through letter boxes on behalf of Salisbury Catholic Churches to invite the people of Salisbury to join with our Easter celebrations of the Resurrection.

From Monday 14 March you will be able to go our website and click on the 'Adopt a Street' button on the homepage. There you will find a list of all the streets that have already been 'adopted'. If you wish to Adopt-a-Street to deliver to, simply click on the on the first letter of the street you want and you will see if it is already taken. If you don't have access to the internet, no problem: just call us. To claim a street please contact the parish office on 01722 562703 or email outreach@salisburycatholics.org with the name of the street you wish to adopt. By posting cards these cards we are responding to Pope Francis' call to be an 'outward facing' church involved in a process of are continual invitation. *We scatter the seeds and we leave the rest to God.*

SHOUT OUT - to staff and pupils of St Josephs school who had 50 of the 200 participants at Alabarés sleep out for the homeless at Salisbury Cathedral last weekend. Well done.

NO PARKING AT ST OSMUND'S Please be aware that the driveway remains closed until a safety assessment is conducted. Slate tiles are slipping from the church roof and the area is unsafe.

St Osmund & Holy Redeemer Pastoral Parish Council first meeting on Tuesday 15 March. Please pray for guidance and wisdom for this group.

St Gregory's Pastoral Parish Council are meeting on Monday 21 March at 6.30pm St Gregory's Hall. For more information please [click here](#).

My Generation will be holding a St Patrick's Sing-A-Long next Wednesday 16 March at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. All welcome. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Easter Egg Hunt! We are delighted to announce that we will once again be able to host an Easter Egg hunt for children after the morning Masses on Easter Sunday at both St Osmund and St Gregory. Donations of (individually -wrapped) Easter Eggs will be gratefully received if you are able to donate some. Please hand your eggs into the office or to welcomers at St Osmund or to welcomers at St Gregory's. Many thanks.

St Osmund's Garden - given that we plan to have an Easter Egg Hunt for our children, we need to tidy up the garden to make sure that it is safe and accessible for the children and also for us to gather for the blessing of palms and the procession on Palm Sunday. Please join in after the 10am Mass on Saturday 9 April until midday.

The God Who Speaks We have a reflection by Bishop Jim Golka on this Sunday's readings (2nd Sunday in Lent C). He reflects on the first reading where God strikes a covenant with Abram with the splitting of animals, so to with the breaking of Blessed Sacrament at communion the Lord wants to strike a covenant with us. To watch, click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron. Click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: The Transfiguration! A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for this Sunday the 2nd Sunday in Lent Year C. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Lent Week 2 and Psalter 2

Saturday 12 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Michael Bowey RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Ann Brady RIP

SUNDAY 13 March

09:00 St Gregory MASS John & Evelyn Walker RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS John Daly RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Frances Noble RIP

Monday 14 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIIP

Tuesday 15 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 16 March

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Hugh Tierney RIP

07:00 - 21:00 Day of Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Please see Pg 2 for full details and timetable for the day.

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 17 March SAINT PATRICK, PATRON OF IRELAND

10:00 St Osmund MASS John & Margaret Stone RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:30 Downton MASS Jack Thorp RIP

19:00 St Osmund Lenten Meditation

20:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 18 March

10:00 St Gregory MASS Florrie O'Sullivan RIP

18:15 St Osmund Stations of the Cross

19:00 St Osmund MASS John & Margaret Stone RIP

Saturday 19 March SAINT JOSEPH SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 St Osmund MASS V H Mundy RIP

**18:00 St Osmund MASS Catenian Mass of Thanksgiving
50th Anniversary**

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory	Fridays	After the 10:00 Mass
St Osmund	Saturdays	10:30 to 11:00
Holy Redeemer	Saturdays	17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR MARCH

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

For Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parish of St Thomas More, Bradford-on-Avon.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Michael Bowey, Patricia Robinson, Hugh Tierney, Alan Perry, Vincent Urmston, and John Daly who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Please note - Alan Perry's funeral will be in Salisbury Cathedral at 1.30pm on 15 March. All welcome.

Requiem Mass for **Hugh Tierney** will be in St Gregory's at 11am on 22 March.

Requiem Mass for **Patricia Robinson** will be on 23 March at midday in St Osmund's

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Psalms 26

The Lord is my light and my help.

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Luke 9:28-36

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS The next preparation course will be via Zoom on 21, 28 March; and 4 April at 7.30pm. For baptisms at St Osmund or Holy Redeemer please contact Deacon John Proctor and at St Gregory contact Deacon Stephen Godwin.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION weekend will be **21 & 22 May**. The first Children's session is at 2pm this Saturday 12 March at St Gregory's. For the timetable: [click here](#).

CONFIRMATION Bishop Declan will be coming on **5 July** this year to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. For further information please contact Annette at confirmation@salisburycatholics.org

MARRIAGES Please speak to the priest for guidance.

FUNERALS Do your family know your wishes with regards to your funeral? If you (or they) find this difficult to talk about, why not provide the details to the parish office? 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

PROPOSED MERGER OF OUR PARISHES

Thank you to all those who have completed the online questionnaire or submitted a paper copy to the office. Online Questionnaires received to date - **90**. Printed Questionnaire received to date - **5**. This means that we have received a response from 3.27% of registered parishioners.

[We are asking all parishioners to complete the Merger Questionnaire.](#)

The most convenient way for you to complete the questionnaire is using the online form. This is also the most cost-effective and efficient way. [Click here](#) to go directly to the questionnaire. The closing date for submission of the questionnaire is **30 March**.

The first two of our Consultation meetings take place this weekend:

12 March at 4.30pm	Consultation Meeting at Most Holy Redeemer
13 March at 3pm	Consultation Meeting at St Gregory & the English Martyrs
14 March at 7pm	Consultation Meeting for St Osmund's to be held in St Elizabeth Hall (131 Exeter Street).
20 March at 3pm	Online via Zoom , for those isolating/unable to attend meetings in person..

If you would like to volunteer to be a note-taker or facilitator, please contact the parish office.

It is essential to book your place if you would like to attend one of these meetings.

To book your place:

Email **booking@salisburycatholics.org**

Phone **01722 562703** during office hours.

STANDING ORDER/GIFT AID PAYMENTS

Thank you to all former weekly envelope donors who have responded positively to our appeal to convert to giving by Standing Order. Donating to the parish by Standing Order is the most convenient way to support the mission of our parish. If you do not currently give this way, please consider doing so and submit your form as soon as possible. Not got a form? Contact us on 01722 562703 or email volunteer@salisburycatholics.org

To all those who are part of our GIFT AID scheme. If you previously donated via Standing Order to the Clifton Diocese account, we are in the process of moving all these Standing Orders (with your help!) to pay directly into your parish account. **The deadline for achieving this task (set by the Diocese, not by us!) is 31 March.** If you have not yet actioned this request, please do so as soon as possible. Liz will be following up on all outstanding Gift Aid donors next week. Many, many thanks for your cooperation and patience.

This has been an enormous task and with your help we are getting there!

Thanks to everyone who has responded with such generosity and patience.

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