

# SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 6(B)

### From Father Anthony...

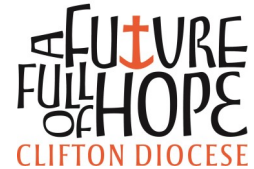
A bag of shopping in both hands I cut through the Close on my way home. A helicopter tracked along the skyline; it crabbed into the wind and thumped the air. An empty crisp bag fluttered across the Cathedral lawns. A couple passed by, arm in arm, faces affectionate, words blown around them. I unpacked, put the kettle on, and went to check the computer. Mrs Cat sprawled underneath the Sage bush. Elegant as always, she held her head at an impossible angle gracefully moving it up and down, grooming her fur; she gnawed at dainty little paws and then scratched vigorously behind her ears. She got up, stretched luxuriously, blinked and sashayed off.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Lent is upon us; a time for internal grooming; a time to re-establish our elegance and gracefulness as images and likenesses of God. To do this effectively, we need awareness and confidence. Awareness that something is not as it should be in our lives (*where we miss the mark, sin*) and confidence that it can be put right.

Spiritually, leprosy refers to a set of thoughts and feelings that consciously or subconsciously create dysfunction in our lives: that leave us on edge and affect the way we act and behave. Awareness of this is a first step - being gentle and careful, as always, with anything that involves shame. Then we need confidence to hand it over to Christ... and this can be a sticking point. How will we be received by Him? Will he look at us in the same way that we shamefully look upon ourselves? Will He judge or condemn us?

He looked upon the leper with compassion. The word used is *splagnízomai* (σπλαγγνίζομαι). It derives from 'splanxna', meaning inner parts: the heart, lungs, liver, and kidneys... denoting the seat of the *affections*. In other words, He loves and understands us from His '*guts*'. Like the couple arm in arm, He only has affection and love for us. Not condemnation. Lent is a time, not of introspection, self-recrimination and dwelling upon our sins; but a time of 'clearing the decks' so as to rest in His love. It is this Love that is purifying (*cleansing*), that heals the leprosy within.

We will know when we have experienced it. Our first reaction will be an intense feeling of liberation, gratitude and thanks to God (*show yourself to the priests*).



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#### OUR CHURCHES

##### St Osmund

95 Exeter Street SP1 2SF

##### St Gregory & the English Martyrs

St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

##### Most Holy Redeemer

Fotherby Crescent SP1 3EG

##### Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Barford Lane, Downton SP5 3QA

##### Chapel of the Holy Family

Southampton Rd, Whaddon SP5 3EB

#### 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 : 2709

Every night, Father Anthony and some friends say a simple prayer at 10pm. You might like to join them. It only takes a minute or so and creates a little web of prayer over the country before bed:

*Father, you are the beginning and the end, the Alpha and Omega.*

*In you we live and move and have our being.*

*Keep the eyes of those who Govern us, fixed on You.*

*Let those who research and seek for answers, find You.*

*In illness, bring us health.*

*In anxiety, shower us with your peace.*

*In loneliness, give us your company.*

*In uncertainty, point out the way.*

*As we keep our distance, teach us how to reach out.*

*As we cover up, teach us how to open up.*

*As we care for others, let us be cared for.*

*As we lose livelihoods; bring us wealth and prosperity.*

*As schools and universities close; teach us everything.*

*As we wash and sanitise our hands, remind us of our Baptism  
and that we are immersed in you.*

*Prompt all our thoughts, our words and actions with your grace  
and complete them with your all-powerful help. Amen.*

## **PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP DECLAN**

A pastoral letter from our bishop will be read out at all Masses this weekend. If you would like to download a pdf of the letter to read or listen to/watch Bishop Declan deliver it himself [click here](#).

## **BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON**

If you plan to attend Mass in person, please book by emailing: [booking@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:booking@salisburycatholics.org) or, if you are unable to email, please call 01722 562703 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. The Mass schedule for the coming week is on the final page of this newsletter as normal or [click here](#).

## **ASH WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY - MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES - MASS TIMES:**

10:00 St Osmund, 12:00 Holy Redeemer, 12:30 St Osmund, 18:00 St Gregory, 19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Rite. Please do book as normal and **early** because of the limited capacity due to the requirement for social distancing. The distribution of ashes will occur under guidelines directed by the Bishops' Conference for England and Wales.

## **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ASH WEDNESDAY - by Father Mike Schmitz**

They may just be ashes but Fr Mike points out that what they represent goes far beyond mere dust of the earth. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box to listen to Fr Mike's heartfelt words or [click here](#).

**MEETINGS ON ZOOM** Please use the contacts below if you would like to join (all are welcome).

Tuesday at 19:30	Weekly Alabare Christian Community	Deacon John Proctor <a href="mailto:john@alabare.org">john@alabare.org</a>
Tuesday at 15:00	16 February HR/Whaddon House Mass	Tony on 01722 562703
Wednesdays at 14:30	Weekly Rosary Group	Josephine on 01722 328410
Thursday at 19:00	18 February Downton House Mass	<a href="mailto:michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk">michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk</a>

## **PARISH CANTOR TRAINING for OUR PARISHES on ZOOM**

These sessions are taking place on Zoom and are led by Rosemary Field. If you haven't used Zoom before don't be put off - we can help you. There are no costs involved for participants. If you are interested to join in, please contact Rosemary on [rosemaryfield@rmfield.co.uk](mailto:rosemaryfield@rmfield.co.uk)

## **SCORE APPEAL IN ASSOCIATION WITH SALISBURY CATENIANS (LAPTOPS FOR CHILDREN).**

The Catenians have donated 20 computers to Christ the King Primary school. They have also given five monitors but still need fifteen monitors plus 20 keyboards and mice. Do you have any of these unused? If so please contact Michael Presley on 07771 803876. Donations are now looking to exceed £5,000, we wish to thank all those who have given so generously. For full details of this appeal, how to donate and give unused equipment, click on the button 'Laptops for Children' on the home page or [click here](#).

# LENT 2021

**Ash Wednesday Reflection** - available now on our website for you to view/listen: click the 'Lent 2021' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

## **Stations of the Cross**

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the 'Way of the Cross', is a beautiful devotion to honour the Passion of Christ. This prayer is often prayed during Lent on Fridays and especially remembered on Good Friday. There will be Stations of the Cross devotions led by our clergy from St Osmund's Church **each Friday during Lent at 18:20** (prior to the 7pm Mass) commencing this Friday 19 February. These will be available to join live and recorded via our Church TV.

We also have a video file of the Stations of the Cross by **St Alphonsus Liguori** [click here](#).

For children, there is a special '**Stations of the Cross**' which can be found by clicking on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#)

## **All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction**

These devotions will continue throughout Lent on Tuesdays on Thursdays.

## **Short Guided Lenten Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament**

These will be led by our clergy and will take place on Tuesdays commencing Tuesday 23 February at 18:00 (followed by Benediction). These will be available to join live or as recordings on our Church TV: [click here](#)

## **DARE TO DREAM 2020-21**

Following on from this weekend's pastoral letter from Bishop Declan, we are invited by him to take time to reflect on the life of our Diocese as we move forward out of the pandemic. Inspired by the writings of Pope Francis, 'Dare to Dream' encourages us to think about God's invitation to each one of us to shape the future of the Church. Throughout Lent, a reflection will be accompanied by a video which we encourage you to watch before engaging with the scripture offered.

The introductory video and reflection for 14-19 February is by Fr Tom Smith and this will help to orientate us for the weeks ahead. Each week will have a similar framework to follow. The reflections and videos will appear on our website as soon as they are realised by the Clifton Diocese. They will feature on the 'Dare to Dream' page which can be accessed by clicking the 'Lent 2021' button on the homepage or directly by [clicking here](#). There is also a key resource which we encourage you to read before setting out on this journey.

**CHURCHES IN SALISBURY** are calling us all to set aside Sunday 28 February as a Day of Prayer & Fasting for the protection of our city and a healing of the sick. At 19:30 you will be able to join a meeting across participating churches on Zoom. More details will follow but please do put the date in your diary for now.

**PILGRIM VOICES** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever but the world keeps changing. How do we find a vocabulary to express eternal truth in the ever-changing information age? Listen in or join in. Beginning next Thursday 18 February at 19:30 for five weeks on Zoom. Please e-mail John Proctor at [john@alabare.org](mailto:john@alabare.org) for an invitation and Zoom details. For the full poster click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**THE GOD WHO SPEAKS** There is another short reflection on video by Fr Jim Golka on the scripture of 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time. To view click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

**SUNDAY HOMILY** The latest podcast from Bishop Robert Barron for this Sunday (Ordinary Time Week 6) is on our website. In this Sunday's scripture the Gospel centres around Jesus' healing of a leper. Although there aren't many lepers around today, there are plenty of people that we treat as outsiders or pariahs. We should welcome them as Jesus does. Click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** We have a children's Liturgy of the Word for this weekend; Be made clean! '6th Sunday in Ordinary Time'. To view click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#)

**SAINT PAUL** We have the fourth in a seven part series by New Testament scholar Con Campbell as he searches for answers to help him better understand St Paul. Click on the 'St Paul' button the home page or [click here](#).

**CREDO** We have the 15th podcast in this series: 'the Holy Spirit'. Is the Holy Spirit really a person? And if so, why doesn't He look like one? Click on the 'Credo' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Ordinary Time Week 6 and Psalter 2

**Please book if you would like to attend Mass in person.**

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## Saturday 13 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Elizabeth & Lawrence Kennedy RIP

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Sandra Grist RIP

## SUNDAY 14 February

09:00 St Gregory MASS

09:00 St Osmund MASS In Thanksgiving - Mary Fleming

11:00 St Osmund MASS Lily Campbell RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Annie Harten RIP

## Monday 15 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

**14:00 St Gregory Funeral Halstead Knight RIP**

**Private, family only**

## Tuesday 16 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Julia Ryan RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 Benediction

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

10:00 St Osmund MASS

12:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

12:30 St Osmund MASS

18:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

## Thursday 18 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

## Friday 19 February

**18:20 St Osmund Stations of the Cross**

19:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

## Saturday 20 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Rita Tora RIP

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory On request, contact priests

St Osmund Saturdays 10:30 to 11:30

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

# PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

## POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

**Universal: Violence against women**

For women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded. [Click here](#)

## CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parish of St Bonaventure, Bishopston, Bristol .

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please also remember all those who have died: Louise Hilton, Terence O'Sullivan, Jim (Victor) Lever, Sandra Grist, Halstead Knight, Ethanna Harris, Maria Machi, Margot Wilson, Anne Sheehan, Bridie Dempsey, Barbara Sim and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46*

*Psalms 31*

**You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

*1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
Alleluia!**

*Mark 1:40-45*

# 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](mailto:john@alabare.org)

## FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2021

We will be announcing plans for preparations for these Sacraments as soon as we can. Watch this space.