

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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2019-2020

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 33 (A)

From Fr Anthony...

High in a clear blue sky, the sun's smile glanced off the school roof and on to the side of the church. Reradiated heat warmed me as I knelt weeding the path. It was welcome after so much rain and cloud. With slinky step Mrs Cat eased along the top path, stopped, gave a withering look and continued with her daily rounds. The Gunslinger tracked my moves, dodging here and there, swooping on unsuspecting grubs! I came across some bulbs, like little onions. Out of something so small will emerge something so big, by comparison. Cells multiply and develop according to a blueprint, extending in size and stature until... a plant, a tree! Amazing.

According to Scripture we have the capacity to develop from worldly to spiritual consciousness. It might begin with intellectual recognition but always leads to felt experience and mystical knowledge that we are spiritual beings. Awareness expands: the 'spiritual seed' within awakens; it produces a new feeling, almost like having a mission we must accomplish. This seed germinates in the desire for something more than the world: it is fed by intention. It develops according to a spiritual blueprint often experienced as remembrance of something lost: an echo within of another homeland. We become the, 'man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them'... where abroad is the realm of spirit, the servants our five senses and the property, our spiritual potential.

Accepting that our senses (five talents) are spiritual in origin we begin to expand their capacity accordingly (trading with them) ... e.g. physical sight expands into perceptual 'sight', as in the difference between saying, 'I see a car' or 'I see what you are saying'. It begins with recognition (one talent). We experience, understand and accept that the world cannot give us what we need (weeping and gnashing of teeth): yet we lack the impetus and courage to leave the comfortable and known; we remain cautious, suspicious and reluctant. We may linger like this for a long time, feeling empty (the talent taken away). But, with perseverance and deepening desire we experience an increase in awareness and consciousness (two talents producing two more) until spiritual consciousness (Kingdom of Heaven) is remembered and flows through all our senses (five talents producing five more). More than just an animated body... the life-giving spirit we truly are now flowers in the world.



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Due to lockdown, the office is currently closed until 3 December.
Emails and phone messages are being picked up and responded to.

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OUR CHURCHES

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Most Holy Redeemer
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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. Pop into the Newman Room and say hello! Please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org>
click "Registration/update"

**REGISTERED PARISHIONERS
TO DATE : 2688**

SAINT EDMUND OF ABINGDON - 16 NOVEMBER

Outstanding priest, administrator, teacher and man of peace and prayer, Edmund was placed in charge of the finances for Salisbury Cathedral, then under construction, in 1220. In 1234, he was consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury. Although politics and administration were not to his liking, he became a notable and reforming bishop. For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/saint-edmund>

SAINT HUGH OF LINCOLN - 17 NOVEMBER

Born in Burgundy, Hugh became a monk at the age of 15. He joined the Carthusian order in 1160 and was ordained in 1165. He became abbot of the first English Carthusian monastery built by King Henry II. He was made bishop of Lincoln in 1181 and died on 16 November 1200. For more on the story of Saint Hugh, please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/saint-hugh>

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 21 NOVEMBER

We are told that Anne and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was three years old. This was to fulfil a promise made to God when Anne was still childless. This emphasises the holiness which was conferred on Mary from the very beginning and continued through her childhood and beyond. For more on this feast, please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/presentation>

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

"The fallen are our friends. We are the friends for whom they fell."

Following this week of national remembrance, we still have the story of 'The Unknown Warrior' on our website, authored by our own Joseph Falzon with an accompanying video. To read and view this beautiful but sad story, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go direct to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/we-will-remember-them> We have also added to the page a thought-provoking reflection on remembrance, war memorials, prayer and what we can learn from the "growing pains" of our shared history by Bishop Paul Mason, Catholic Bishop of the Forces.

TACKLING FOOD POVERTY Food poverty is a real issue just now – especially as many have lost their jobs, the economy is stretched and job security is a major cause of anxiety. Catholic charities, parishes and volunteers have a big role to play. We have a podcast with images of two London foodbanks that are making a big difference. Just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/food-poverty>

BAPTISM PREPARATION courses are currently being run via Zoom. You are invited to participate in a preparation course prior to the baptism of your child. To join a course or for more information, please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email john@alabare.org

GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES If you would like to receive your numbered Gift Aid envelopes, please call 01722 562703 or email office@salisburycatholics.org However, due to the risks involved in handling cash, we would prefer parishioners to make their offerings via bank transfer/standing order quoting Offertory followed by their envelope number e.g. OFFERTORY ENV 10. Call or email the parish office if you need to be reminded of your number or our bank details or need any help to achieve this. If you are a taxpayer and do not currently Gift Aid your donation, please contact us to set this up. Many thanks.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

With each new phase of the government response to the COVID pandemic, new sets of guidelines are produced. From these, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales produce guidelines to be implemented in our churches and during services. The most up to date guidelines from our Bishops are always posted immediately on our website. Find the current guidelines at: <https://salisburycatholics.org/november-20> We have both a parish and a diocesan Health and Safety representative who ensure that these guidelines are translated into practices and protocols in our churches. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please direct them to: HS.salisbury.catholic@cliftondiocese.com

CURRENT GOVERNMENT LOCKDOWN EFFECTIVE FROM THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER - 2 DECEMBER

Due to the most recent government restrictions, we cannot celebrate public Masses. We will continue to livestream Masses on our Church TV system throughout the current lockdown. We are however permitted to open churches for private, individual prayer. Please see the back page for full details of the Mass and church opening schedule. Masses take place in St Osmund and are livestreamed and recorded and can be viewed on our website at: <https://salisburycatholics.org/st-osmunds>

NOVEMBER: PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD During November we pray especially for the Holy Souls. If you would like to have the names of your departed loved ones placed before the altar, please call 01722 562703 or email office@salisburycatholics.org The names placed before the altars at St Gregory and Holy Redeemer have now been brought to St Osmund. Our Friday evening Masses (**19:00, livestream ONLY**) during November will be celebrated for all those named.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS There is a video reflection on last weekend's Gospel (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) on our website. The reflection is just over 3 minutes long and well worth listening to. Click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our Homepage or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/god-who-speaks>

Also on this page is the third in a series of monthly reflections by Fr Henry Wansbrough OSB in which he responds to some of the questions that many people have about the Bible. In this third video reflection by Fr Henry, he discusses the Psalms.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY We also have a children's liturgy on last weekend's Gospel: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and also from previous weekends. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/childrens-liturgy>

PAUSE FOR FAITH We have another timely presentation by Fr Stephen Wang recorded one month ago on 'How to know God's will in times of uncertainty'. Practical advice about how to know the will of God and how to come closer to him, especially in times of stress, anxiety and uncertainty. Please click on the 'Pause for Faith' button on our Homepage or go directly to <https://salisburycatholics.org/pause-faith>

CREDO Fr Andrew Eburne continues his journey through the articles of the Creed. We have the sixth podcast in the series 'God from God, Light from Light... consubstantial with the Father'. For this, and the previous five, (more to follow) just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/credo>

SUNDAY HOMILY We have the latest podcast from Bishop Robert Barron on this Sunday (15 November). He focuses on the first reading from the book of Proverbs 'A perfect wife....' and the theology and spirituality of work implied in this passage. Click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our Homepage or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/sunday-homily>

MUSIC IN ISOLATION We have added two beautiful hymns. 'In Christ Alone' and 'You Raise Me Up'. Just click on the 'Music in Isolation' button on our home page or go to <https://salisburycatholics.org/music-isolation>

SCRIPTURE IN SONG This feature associates an element of scripture with song each month. For November we have 'Kingdom on Earth' (Mt 5:1-12). Previous months are also available: October ('I am with you always' Mt 28:19-20). September (Ps 103), August ('Love one another' Mt 22:36-40), and July ('Do not worry' Mt 6:25-34). Just click on the button 'Scripture in Song' or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/scripture-song>

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Ordinary Time Week 33 and Psalter 1

ALL LITURGIES WILL OCCUR WITHOUT A PUBLIC
CONGREGATION PRESENT
MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED
AND RECORDED FROM ST OSMUND

<https://salisburycatholics.org/church-tv>

Saturday 14 November Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese

10:00 MASS

SUNDAY 15 November

10:00 MASS Lynnet Fatcher RIP
12:00 Ordinariate MASS
18:00 MASS Andrew King in sickness

Monday 16 November Saint Edmund of Abingdon

10:00 MASS Yvonne Fox RIP
19:00 MASS Intentions of the Donors

Tuesday 17 November Saint Hugh of Lincoln

10:00 MASS Peter Duffy RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:40 Benediction
19:00 MASS

Wednesday 18 November

10:00 MASS
19:00 Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 19 November

10:00 MASS Jamie Purvis RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:40 Benediction
19:00 MASS

Friday 20 November

10:00 MASS
19:00 MASS For the Holy Souls

Saturday 21 November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 MASS Yvonne Fox RIP

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Spiritual Communion is the heartfelt desire to receive Our Lord, even when we are unable to be present. The desire to receive him through spiritual Communion is an act of love which prolongs our thanksgiving even when we are not in the Eucharistic presence of Our Lord.

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

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POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Universal: Artificial Intelligence

That the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

<https://salisburycatholics.org/pope-francis>

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for Alexander House / Diocesan Departments / St Ambrose.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember all those who have died: Yvonne Fox, Janet Mair Brown and Sheila Miles and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER

St Osmund

10:30 - 14:00 - the church will be open.
Outside of these hours, please ring on the presbytery door to be given access to the church.

St Gregory

If you would like access to the church for private prayer, please ring the doorbell at the presbytery on St Gregory's Avenue between 12:00 - 14:00 and Fr Jonathan, if at home, will unlock the church for you.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Ps 127

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you
the crown of life.**

Alleluia!

Matthew 25:14-30

MARRIAGES

Under the current guidelines, these must be deferred. Please speak to the priest for further guidance.

FUNERALS

Please speak to the priest for guidance - **current Government guidance imposes a maximum of 30 attendees.**

BAPTISMS

In accordance with government guidelines, all baptisms booked prior 2 December have been postponed. Baptism preparation courses are taking place on Zoom. Contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email john@alabare.org