SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND
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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

From Father Anthony...

I stood at my bedroom window. Rain, continuous cloud and, mercifully, warmer temperatures, had replaced clear skies and unseasonably cold weather. The garden looked monochrome and dank. Cathedral bells sounded flat. Then, fleetingly, the clouds parted. A shaft of sunlight lasered the garden, released its colour and revealed gangsters! With squawks and fisticuffs, they hoovered up yesterday's crushed peanuts and mealworm. As always, I felt a wave of affection for them. Once they all seemed the same; but now, I see them as individuals with definite characters and temperaments.

Individuality, character and temperament are hallmarks running through Scripture. Name is very often bound up with innate character. 'I have kept them true to your name', can also mean, 'I have kept them true to their individuality and innate character'. HIS name is 'I Am': and so is ours! Our true character is a unique version of His, expressed through our individuality. There has never been, is not, nor ever will be, you again. The universe cannot be what it is without you and me. It cannot fully flower without us expressing our character and individuality.

This is not necessarily the view of 'the world'. Often it coerces us to define ourselves by some sort of utility. It labels us according to what is deemed useful or despicable. Labelling becomes infectious. We find ourselves segregating and defining others, for better or worse, according to the label the world attaches to them. Labelling blinds us to the individuality and dignity of others as daughters and sons of the Father. It distorts the unique relationship of the individual to the Father. Spiritually, we must pay serious attention to this. We are one with the Father in essence; therefore, to label another is to label the Father who, as Essence, is beyond any label. What a person does must not be confused with who and what they are in essence. It is our uniqueness that brings difference and colour; it shines as a light into greyness and uniformity; it situates us correctly in the world, (I am not asking you to remove them from the world). The world may subtly encourage us to find safety in numbers, like sheep; Christ encourages our uniqueness so that we become good shepherds. We are in the world but not of it. Our being



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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 : 2741





brings the light of God into the world; it reveals the world's true colour.



Pentecost Sunday - 23 May

On Pentecost Sunday, God breathed the Holy Spirit into the apostles; Jesus had died, risen from the dead and ascended into heaven but they were not left alone. Jesus' followers were afraid and unsure of their future. The Holy Spirit came to comfort them even though Jesus wasn't there to physically comfort them any more. There is a short video of the story of Pentecost.

We also have a Gospel reflection by Father Bill Grimm 'The Church exists not to be a club of the saved, but to be the herald of the Gospel. Our first concern must always be with those who are outside, for the men and women who have not yet come to know Christ'. At the first Pentecost our Church was born. In a further video Father Mike Schmidt answers the question 'Aren't all Christian denominations the same?'. All of this can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or by clicking here.

Memorial of St Dunstan, Bishop - Wednesday 19 May.

On Tuesday 19 May, we celebrate the memorial of Saint Dunstan. St Dunstan was born in Glastonbury, England into a noble family. Educated by Irish monks he was sent to the court of King Athelstan at a young age. He eventually became a Benedictine monk and priest being ordained by his uncle, Saint Alphege, the Bishop of Winchester. He was involved in both the restoration of monastic life and the intrigue at court in the 10th century. For the complete story of St Dunstan click on the image in the 'Top News' box or click here.

Baptism Congratulations We welcome Penelope Toledo into the Church by the Sacrament of Baptism at the 10:00 Mass this Saturday 15 May. Please keep Penelope, her parents Phebe and Joseph and her godparents in your prayers at this wonderful time.

Please, Please - do come to Mass in good time. At one of our Sunday Masses last weekend, **half** of the congregation (literally, no exaggeration) arrived after Mass had started. Please keep our volunteers in mind who have to steward as you arrive - they are there to participate at Mass.

Historical Items from St Osmund's - have now been taken to St John the Evangelist in Bath. Our thanks are due to the hardworking team who spent two days bubble-wrapping items, those who helped load the truck (kindly loaned to us by Prestige Builders) and to Kevin & Mike O'N for driving it to Bath. Thanks also to Fr Christopher Whitehead who is kindly storing our items and arranged volunteers in Bath to help Kevin & Mike unload the items. A real team effort - thank you everyone.

SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN will take place on Saturday 29 May between 11:00 & 13:00 opposite Salisbury College on the Southampton Road. Please help our group in this act of silent witness to the Pro-Life cause and raise awareness. Ring Alison on 01722 741681 in the next few days if you can come, to enable her to organise the event.

SCORE update - At the May meeting three grants were made: Wiltshire Family Counselling Trust, Alabaré Hardship Fund and a parishioner seeking support for an internship with the Holy See mission to the UN in New York. For more details and a report on the AGM just <u>click here</u>.

The SCORE collection this weekend (15 & 16 May) is for local projects. Please use a pink envelope or one clearly marked SCORE, and place in the collection. Thank you.

EdUKaid Charity Race Night - St Elizabeth Hall from 19:00 on 25 June 2021. Tickets are now on sale. All money raised goes towards providing a desperately-needed education to the most disadvantaged children in rural Tanzania. Tickets are £7.50 and can be booked at https://www.edukaid.com/Event/charity-race-night or email teresa@edukaid.com or call Teresa on 07592 510784.

Meetings on Zoom	Please use the contacts below if you would like to join (all are welcome).		
Tuesday at 15:00	18 May HR/Whaddon House Mass	outreach@salisburycatholics.org	Tony 01722 562703
Tuesdays at 19:30	'Catch' (towards Pentecost)	john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com	
Thursdays at 18:30	Downton Service of the Word	michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk	

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

If you have a child that is currently in Year 3 at school whom you would like to make their First Communion during the forthcoming year, please complete the online First Holy Communion Application Form at https://p1.pamis.co.uk/salisbury/onlined01cab This form can also be accessed from the homepage of our website by clicking the 'Registration' button. Please complete this online form even if you have already expressed interest either by email, telephone call or in person, so that we can be confident we have not missed anyone out. Once you have completed the online application process, we will get in touch with further details. More details can be found by clicking here. Many thanks.

MONTH OF MAY - DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY

The Rosary - During May, the Rosary will be prayed in St Osmund's Church at 18:00 each Friday evening in May preceding the 19:00 Mass. Led by our Rosary Group, everyone is encouraged to join, please book in the normal way if you would like to attend in person: booking@salisburycatholics.org 01722 562703

Memorare and Marian Anthem - following each Mass in May, the celebrant will sing a Marian anthem and lead the Memorare. Please visit our 'May Devotions' page by clicking on the button on our Homepage or by <u>clicking here</u> where you will find video and text for the Memorare and the Anthems. You will also find recordings of the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of The Holy Rosary.

Ascension to Pentecost Novena - 13 to 23 May - Our bishops are encouraging us to join together in praying a novena – nine days of prayer – for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to engage with those who, for whatever reason, no longer come to Church or have never done so. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or <u>click here</u> and you will find a booklet to help you pray this novena. There is also a podcast for each day for you to follow and take part.

Dare to Dream 2020-21 - We have a reflection for the Ascension by Fr. Tony Pazhayakalam entitled 'Go and Proclaim!'. We also have a reflection on 'Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit' by Mgr Jeremy Rigden. You can find these reflections and all the previous videos with reflections on our 'Dare to Dream' page; click on the 'Dare to Dream' button on the homepage or <u>click here</u>.

Children's Meditation: 'In My Heart Room' - The weekly meditations are paused this week. Frances Rolleston will be producing a mediation based on 'Pentecost Sunday' next week. You can access all the previous meditations by clicking on the 'Children's Corner' button on our homepage or by <u>clicking here.</u>

The God Who Speaks - The gospel reflection this week comes from Father Al who in three minutes describes how the feast of 'the Ascension' is really a feast of 'explosive love'. To watch and listen <u>click here</u> or on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

Sunday Homily - 'Jesus is the way, the truth and the life' by Bishop Robert Barron. In today's Gospel, Jesus makes extraordinary observations about discipleship. He speaks about being enraptured by God, having exuberant joy, accepting scorn from persecutors, and being consecrated into truth. To listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

Children's Liturgy - from Catholic Kids Media we have 'The Ascension?!' A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for the Solemnity of the Ascension, cycle B and also from Redemptorist Publications we will introduce a video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection and a final prayer when it is published. To view, click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or <u>click here</u>.

Albert Lawes' Ordination is taking place on 25 June in Plymouth Cathedral. If you would like to attend in person, please contact the parish office.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Easter Week 7, Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

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

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Saturday 15 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Elizabeth Rossetti RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Donal Ellis RIP

SUNDAY 16 May

09:00 St Gregory MASS

09:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP11:00 St Osmund MASS Julie Diffey in sickness

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Buck RIP

Monday 17 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Arthur Buck RIP

Tuesday 18 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS K V Mathai RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 19 May St Dunstan, Bishop

10:00 St Osmund MASS Brian & Feithlinn Whitehead RIP

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 20 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Eileen Butterfield RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:30 Downton MASS 18:40 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 21 May

18:00 St Osmund Marian Devotion

19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Saturday 22 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS In Thanksgiving

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

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 MAY

Universal: The World of Finance

That those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers. Click here

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for St Gregory the Great / St Thomas More (Cheltenham).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:15-17. 20-26

Ps 102

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

1 John 4:11-16

Alleluia, alleluia!
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!

John 17:11-19

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 by email *john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com* or on 07802 63196

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION If you have a child in Year 3 or above, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme Click here

CONFIRMATION If you have a child in Year 9 or above, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme Click here

(Please note that the current programme is already underway and is now full)