# SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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# Ordinary Time Week 29 (B)

#### From Father Anthony...

I ironed some shirts and gazed out of the bedroom window. The garden looked sleepy in golden afternoon sunlight. Sparrows dived in and out of rusting vines and some beautiful purple flowers have bloomed late. The heady aroma of simmering tomato sauce encouraged me to go down and check on it. The simplest sauce but easy to get wrong. Onions, basil, garlic, tomatoes, puree, salt and pepper all lovingly sautéed in olive oil and simmered until everything blends together. I tasted it; yuck! Something was missing. Not seasoned properly. However, it was easily rectified and when balanced... it was delicious.

This week's gospel passage points to something missing. All the ingredients are there: Jesus, James, John and the Ten. Yet, there was an imbalance *(they were indignant).* Last week we spoke about a turning point in spiritual development from *'what I do'* to *'what God does in me'*. The Gospel enlarges on this theme.

Often, when Jesus is teaching or giving a Sign he is accompanied by Peter, James and John. Spiritually, Peter represents the rock of faith, the faculty within each of us that is able to discern what is of God and listen to and act from that faculty only. This faculty enables us to exercise and balance two great arms of spiritual life. They are James, Judgement *(soul)* and John, Love *(spirit)*. The picture we have this week is of Love and Judgment out of balance. Peter *(faith)* is missing – he is not mentioned. Love and Judgment now seek their own ends being without the equilibrium of Faith. The little *'me'* subtly creeps in, *(master we want you to do us a favour)*. Love without Judgement resulting from Faith becomes unbalanced: it centres on that part of self that would make itself god in place of God *(sit on your right and left)*. This we must watch out for. Our spiritual work *(cup and baptism)* must have as its focus *what God wants for us* not *what we want for ourselves...* although the two will eventually coincide!

Faith is like a bottle containing wine; the bottle is servant to the wine. Crack the bottle and the wine is gone. Faith is servant because it contains and balances all our faculties (*whosoever would be first among you, shall be servant of all*). This is why we practice humility and putting the needs of others first; or do we?



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REGISTERED PARISHIONERS TO DATE : 2815





## Saint Luke, Evangelist - 18 October

Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. His Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles reveal his expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources. There is a warmth to Luke's writing that sets it apart from that of the other synoptic Gospels and yet it beautifully complements those works. For the story of St Luke click on the image in the 'Top News' box or <u>click here</u>.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Christmas Cards on sale again. These are all very sensibly priced in packs of 10, 24 & 25 and all feature the true message of Christmas. Please support the mission of our Church in countries and places where Christians are persecuted. Cards are available (cash or cheque only) after all of the Sunday Masses at St Osmund or from the Parish Office during the week Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm. If anyone from St Gregory's or Holy Redeemer would like to support this initiative and sell cards after those Masses, please contact the Parish Office.

**Please Support** Deacon John P who is sleeping out at the Tower of London on 22 October in support of Homeless Veterans in Alabaré. Donate at <u>JustGiving.com/John-proctor10</u> or use the sponsorship form in the church porch.

**Nine days of prayer to help defeat attempt to legalise assisted suicide -** Our bishops are inviting the faithful to pray a Novena, (nine days of prayer), seeking the intercession of Pope Saint John Paul II, to help defeat the 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021', The 2nd reading of this Bill takes place in Parliament on the 22 October. For more information and the Novena go to our website 'Blog' or <u>click here.</u>

**Harvest Festival at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Downton** At the forthcoming monthly Mass in Downton (Thursday 21 October at 6.30pm) there will be Harvest Festival offerings: usually runner beans, beetroot, apples etc. are brought forward at the offertory and at the end of Mass people take what they would like and leave a donation for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day appeal. Downton can also receive essential toiletries for the parish collection for the Salisbury Foodbank and Christmas Cards will be available to purchase after Mass in support of Aid to the Church in Need. Payment in cash or cheque only, please. Everyone is very welcome.

**Prayers for Justice & Peace** is an ecumenical prayer group that meets for half an hour in the Trinity Chapel in Salisbury Cathedral at midday on the third Wednesday of each month. Each week the prayers are led by individuals from the different Christian denominations. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no need to book.

**Treasure Hunt - next Saturday 23 October** organised by the Salisbury Catenians and open to all parishioners. For the full poster go to our 'Blog' on our website or <u>click here</u>. For registration please contact David Morehead *dmorehead@btinternet.com* or 07598 269709.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2022** Bishop Declan plans to lead a Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2022 (Monday 26 September to Tuesday 4 October 2022). Initial estimated costings indicate a figure of £1,959 per person (based on two people sharing). As this is a popular pilgrimage, the diocese is currently just looking for an expression of interest only. For more information please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or <u>click here</u>

**EdUKaid's Charity Race Night \*NEW DATE**\* This is a fun filled Charity Race Night held in St Elizabeth Hall on Exeter Street from 7pm on Saturday 13 November. All money raised will directly support the most disadvantaged children in rural Tanzania giving them the education they so desperately need. Tickets are £7.50 each - this price includes a Ploughman's Supper and a great selection of raffle prizes as well as a cash/contactless bar on the night. Tickets can be booked at *https://www.edukaid.com/Event/charity-race-night* or by emailing *teresa@edukaid.com* or by calling Teresa on 07592 51078

**St Paul One-Year Sunday Missals** This is the 'last call' to anyone who would like to order one. These missals will come into use on Sunday 28 November so we plan to submit our order next week. Please let us know by Wednesday 20 October if you would like to order one at a cost of £7. Email: *office@salisburycatholics.org* 

**Salisbury Food Bank.** During October St Osmund is collecting toiletries: shampoo, deodorant, shaving gel and toothpaste. Please place contributions in the box provided in the porch. Thank you.

**My Generation -** for senior adults is on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 2 pm in St.Gregory's Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Chris on 01722 321109. Next meeting 20 October.

## For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission

We are invited to journey together, listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the lives of the people we meet. The whole 'Synod' will be a two-year process beginning in every diocese this month and moving on to a national then international listening exercise. We have on our website lots of information including the: The Timeline, Official Handbook, the Synod Prayer and an Approach Document from the Bishops' Conference and some FAQs. You will also find details of information sessions which you can attend both in person and online. Just click on 'Synodal Church' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

**Dare to Dream 2021** The reflection for this Sunday is by Bishop Declan who is launching the Synod this week in our Diocese. Click on the 'Dare To Dream' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

**Baptism Preparation** If you have a child that you would like to be baptised in one of our churches, you will need to attend a parents' preparation course. For baptisms at St Osmund or Holy Redeemer please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email: *john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com* and at St Gregory contact Deacon Stephen Godwin by email *stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com* 

**First Holy Communion 2021** This Saturday 16 October at 2pm is the final session before 'First Holy Communion Day' on the 6 November. Please keep the children in your prayers. Programme details can be found by clicking on the 'First Holy Communion 2021' button on our Home page or <u>click here</u>

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** Join Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders from across the diocese in an ongoing on-line conversation to share ideas and approaches on Wednesday 3 November, 7.30-8.30 pm. To register interest parishioners just need to contact by email: *adult.education@cliftondiocese.com*. A Microsoft Teams invite will be sent out a few days before the session. For the poster please see our 'Blog' or <u>click here</u>.

**'Sharing the Journey'** – there is an opportunity for catechists to be renewed and refreshed by taking part in a series of on-line conversations with a variety of speakers from around the country. Each speaker will offer their own insights into different aspects of catechesis and evangelisation, followed by time to discuss, comment and share ideas. For all the details including how to join, just click on the image in the Top News' box or <u>click here</u>.

**Songs of Praise at Salisbury Cathedral -** you are warmly invited to a special 'Songs of Praise' recording session in Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday the 23 October from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm. All are welcome and they are especially keen for enthusiastic singers to join and lead the viewers at home in the singing.

An invitation to the Nicodemus Group - Whether you are new to the Church, raised as a Catholic or are new to Christianity, you have a place at the table. The start of the first module 'Journeying with Jesus from his birth to his ministry in Galilee' is on 3 November at 7.30pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Please contact us to register to attend: *nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org*. Click the 'Explore Your Faith' item on our main menu or <u>click here</u> for the programme dates for the rest of the year.

**The God Who Speaks** Bishop Jim Golka's short reflection on the Gospel focuses on the final sentence of Mark 10:35-45 'For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many'. To watch and listen <u>click here</u> or click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

**Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron**. "Friends, power and honour, in and of themselves, are not a bad thing, but we wreak havoc when we ask for them in the wrong spirit. When we beseech the Lord with our desires, let us ask for what God wants for us rather than what our egos have determined to be good". To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

**Children's Liturgy** from Catholic Kids Media: Power and Honour? A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B. From Redemptorist Publications there is a reflection and a final prayer. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or <u>click here</u>.

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Week 29, Psalter 1

Saturday 16 October		The Anniversary of the Dedication of Parish Churches		
10:00	St Osmund	MASS	David Palmer RIP	
15:00	Holy Redeemer	Syro Ma	abar Rite	
First Mass of Sunday				
18:00	Holy Redeemer	MASS	John Hickey RIP	
09:00 09:00 11:00	St Osmund St Osmund	MASS MASS MASS Ordinaria MASS	Peter & John Harty RIP Simon Thornton RIP ate MASS - Jane Barnes in sickness Joan Farquharson RIP	
Monday 18 October		SAINT L	UKE, EVANGELIST	
10:00	St Osmund	MASS	In Thanksgiving	
10:00 All Day	<b>y 19 October</b> St Osmund Exposition of the St Osmund	MASS Blessed S Benedict	Sacrament	
Wedne: 10:00 19:00	sday 20 October Holy Redeemer St Osmund		ate MASS	
10:00	<b>ay 21 October</b> St Osmund Exposition of the St Osmund Downton	MASS Blessed S Benedict MASS		
Friday 22 October				
10:00 19:00	St Gregory St Osmund	MASS MASS	Marie Therese Farley RIP	
Saturday 23 October				
10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Josephine Kohlhofer RIP	
First Mass of Sunday				
18:00	Holy Redeemer	MASS	Paddy Hartigan	

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Gregory	Friday after 10:00 Mass:		
St Osmund	Saturday 10:30 - 11:00		
Holy Redeemer	Saturday 17:30 until Mass		

# PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

#### POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR OCTOBER Evangelisation: Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation and available to the mission by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel. <u>Click here</u>

#### **CLIFTON DIOCESE**

We pray this week for Holy Family (Swindon) and St Joseph (Wroughton).

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who have died recently: Jacqueline Sutton, Joan Farquharson, Simon Thornton, David Kennedy, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Please also pray for parishioners who are currently unwell: Patrick Talty, Jane Barnes & Paddy Hartigan.

<u>Advance Notice</u> - The Requiem Mass for Simon Thornton RIP will be at 2pm in St Osmund's Church on Wednesday 3 November at 14:00. All welcome.

#### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalm 32 May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Mark 10:35-45

## **SACRAMENTS**

**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* 

**BAPTISMS** For our next parents' preparation course, please contact Deacon John Proctor by email *john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com* or on 07802 631968 to register for the next course.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Our current programme is full but if you have a child in Year 3 or above, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme which will begin in 2022 <u>Click here</u>

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