

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ADVENT WEEK 4 (C) & CHRISTMAS



From Father Anthony

I wrapped up and sat outside. It was cold and dark. A startled blackbird shrieked and chattered away into the gloom. A slice of the moon shone brightly amid a sprinkle of stars. I listened. Rustles in the hedge, a jet high overhead; someone coughed; a door slammed. I responded to each sound with a mixture of intrigue, escapism and irritation. It led me to awareness of sounds within... my chattering mind! I alternated listening between outside and inside and eventually found stillness and quiet. As always, it brought a gentle wave of peace.

In the Second Reading it says, "... *Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me, in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said... 'behold, I come to do your will, O God.'*" We were created and given individuality (*a body prepared for me*) so as to learn to do His will, (*we, His image, seeking to become His likeness*). Deep listening helps with understanding what motives us. Are we motivated to do His will or our own? Do we live as He would live? Are we becoming like Him? Or, are we attempting to *appease* and *bargain* with Him (*sacrifice and offering*) whilst remaining entrenched in our own will? In Advent we attempt to discern our thoughts and actions to see if they accord with what God would think and do in our place. We ask, 'what is the quality of experience that distinguishes His will from ours?'

In the Gospel we read, "*For the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears the child in my womb leapt for joy*". To hear Mary is to hear the *sound* of one who carries the Lord within her. The effect of hearing this is to make the child within (*the soul*) leap for joy. Interior listening makes us aware of whether or not the thoughts behind our actions *contain* the Lord. If they do we *experience a quality of Joy*... whatever the world throws at us. If Joy is not present we may still be rooted in our own will... but this we can modify (*repentance*).

As we acquire the skill of interior listening we learn to listen to others in whom the Lord is also contained. We learn to discern Christ in them. Christ hears Christ in the other and our souls leap for Joy.

Advent Penitential Service
with the opportunity for individual confession
St Osmund - 7pm Tuesday 21 December

**A FUTURE
FULL
OF HOPE**
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OUR CHURCHES

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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 : 2850**



As we busily prepare for our second 'Covid' Christmas, I pause to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to all those who have enabled us to keep our churches open and our parishes running in these extraordinary times. I remain enormously grateful to those who steward and clean for us and those who organise them. Without them we could not open the churches for Mass. As we have returned to something a bit more like normal life, we have also slowly returned to using sacristans, readers, organists and singers, altar servers, home visitors, coffee crew, and children's liturgy leaders, and I am hugely grateful to them also. During this time the work of Parish treasurers, counters and helpers, repository keepers, grounds helpers, those involved in the quinquennial review, many other volunteers and those in the office have carried on behind the scenes, and I am deeply thankful to all those concerned.

I am grateful also to all of you who have continued to come to Mass or to view Mass online. Our live-streaming of Mass is one of the success stories of the pandemic, and I am sure that this will have implications for how the Church goes forward, not just in Salisbury, but around the world.

Fr Jonathan, and Deacons John, Steve and John join with me in wishing you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas, and a holy and happy New Year.

THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU ALL
Fr Anthony

CHRISTMAS MASSES

FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm	Carols and Vigil Mass at 4.30pm	St Gregory*
5pm	Carols and Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	St Osmund
7pm	Carols and Vigil Mass at 7.30pm	Holy Redeemer
9.30pm	Carols and Vigil Mass at 10pm	St Osmund
11.30pm	Carols and Vigil Mass at Midnight	St Gregory

*Children are very welcome and may wish to come in their Nativity Outfits

SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DAY

9am	Christmas Day Mass	St Osmund
9am	Christmas Day Mass	St Gregory
11am	Christmas Day Mass	St Osmund
12.15pm	Ordinariate Christmas Mass	St Osmund

FEAST DAYS DURING THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or click on the title below.

[Saint John, Apostle - Monday 27 December](#)

[The Holy Innocents - Tuesday 28 December](#)

[Saint Thomas Becket - Wednesday 29 December](#)

[Mary the Holy Mother of God - Saturday 1 January](#)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - THURSDAY 6 JANUARY

On this feast of the Epiphany we celebrate the revelation of who Christ is. The visit of the three wise men reminds us that Jesus came as the Saviour of all nations, including ours. For more on this feast, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). Masses as below:

10am	St Osmund	12noon	Most Holy Redeemer
7pm	St Osmund (Ordinariate)	7pm	St Gregory

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Synodal Conversations - As part of the Pope's request that everyone become involved in these conversations the three Salisbury parishes with Christ The King Amesbury will combine to run some open sessions. The sessions are planned for varied times and days to allow everyone to attend:

Thursday 20 Jan 10.30am to 12.30pm	All these sessions will take place in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Different (already established) groups within the parishes will also be organising additional sessions for their attendees.
Saturday 22 Jan 3pm to 6pm	
Wednesday 26 Jan 2pm to 4pm	
Sunday 30 January 3pm to 6pm	
Monday 31 Jan 7pm to 9pm	

Today we are seeking Facilitators and Notetakers for these meetings. If you can help please contact the office as soon as possible. The Diocese are offering a further preparation session on 12 January on how to facilitate for those facilitating Synod Listening Conversations in the parish. This and all of the information on the Synod including explanatory videos are on our website by clicking the 'Synodal Church' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Prayers for our world On Tuesday 4 Jan after the 10am Mass at St Osmund, there will be 2 hours of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the world in this coming year of 2022. There will be a short guided meditation followed by silent prayer, to make space to listen to God, to be in His Divine Presence, so we can become aware of how He wants us to use the gifts He has given us in the year ahead to fulfil His purpose. Let our New Year's Resolution be to daily offer ourselves to God to do His will. Please join us in the church or online as we pray for our troubled world in the year ahead.

Liturgy - A Call to Love Our Diocesan Liturgy Office has now produced a series of videos, entitled 'A Call to Love' to remind and encourage us of the importance of the Mass in our lives as Catholic Christians. The third video 'Christ at the heart of the Liturgy' is by Fr Michael Fontaine who is Parish Priest at St Mary's, Chippenham and St Patrick's, Corsham. To watch click on the 'A Call to Love' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Dies Domini to promote the vital, indispensable and irreplaceable place of the Eucharist in our lives, the Bishops' Conference have produced a series of conversations for Advent called 'Dies Domini – Keeping the Lord's Day Holy'. The third discussion in the series 'The Mass gives us our weekly Easter and Pentecost' is with Michele Thompson of the Diocese of Plymouth. To listen and watch click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Luke's Gospel We have a recording of Chapters 1 & 2 'The Infancy Narratives' read by Christopher Piggins on our website. The next recording 'Prelude to the Public Ministry of Jesus' will be published after Christmas. To watch and listen just click on the 'Luke's Gospel' button on our home page or [click here](#).

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS We have three excellent reflections by Fr (now Bishop) Jim Golka. One on this weekend's Gospel (4th Sunday in Advent), another on the Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday 26 December) and the third on the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (Thursday 6 January) on our website. The reflections are just 3 minutes each. Click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY from Catholic Kids Media: Messiah! A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for the Fourth Week of Advent Year C. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron. Friends, most of us are stuck in the boring and narrow confines of the ego-drama. Mary is not playing an ego-dramatic game; she is playing a theo-dramatic game. We hear of how she sets out 'with haste' the sign of the saints and it's because she knows her mission and her purpose in God's story. To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

St Joseph's School Carol Service. - Due to Covid restrictions St Joseph's School were unable to have their Carol Service in their School Hall. However they have produced a video in which we too can share virtually. Just click on the button on our homepage or [click here](#)

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

Congratulations and welcome to Levi Musamadya who joined the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday 12 December. Please keep Levi and his parents and godparents in your prayers at this special time

The Nicodemus Group The programme now continues in the new year on the 12 January 2022. Please contact us to register to attend: nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org. For more information click the 'Explore Your Faith' item on our website main menu bar or [click here](#).

Art Group: Which meets on Mondays between 10.30am - 12.30pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms starts again on 10 January, all are welcome, whether you have painted or drawn before or never. Contact John and Elizabeth on 01725 510310.

Date for the diary: A parish get-together will be held at St Gregory's Hall on Sunday 23 January 2022 after the 9am Mass. Everyone is welcome; if you have joined us in the last couple of years you are especially welcome to come and meet the community. This is a good opportunity for us all to meet new people and catch up with friends you may not have seen for a while. Watch out for further details in the New Year.

Bible Book Club meets on Tuesdays in the Parish Rooms 10:45am - 12:30pm and starts again on 11 January. Please join us as we read and study the Psalms. For further details contact John Lester 07899 244072.

Bridge Club The St Osmund's Bridge Club which meets every Tuesday from 1 to 4pm in the Parish Rooms. Reconvenes in the New Year on the 4 January. For further information, contact Gill on 01722 329341.

Salisbury Catholics Parishioner Lunch is on the second Thursday of each month. The next lunch with fellow parishioners will be after the midday Mass on Thursday 13 January in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Donations are welcome to cover costs.

My Generation - Meetings will recommence on Wednesday 19 January 2022, and then on the following 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For information please contact Chris on 321109.

Rosary Group meets again to pray the Rosary via Zoom on the 12 January. Please contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for information.

Christmas Messages... If you would like to leave a Christmas message for fellow parishioners whom you may not have seen for a while in these COVID times, why not use our online Christmas Card message board. Please only use the message board for fellow parishioners only. You can find it by clicking on the 'Christmas Message' button on our homepage or [click here](#). Please do NOT leave Christmas cards for fellow parishioners in the church porches or send them to the parish office. Many thanks

UPDATED GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON FACE-COVERINGS

The government have announced that face coverings are compulsory once again from Friday 10 December in most indoor venues in England and this includes places of worship. Please wear a mask when you enter our churches unless you are exempt from doing so. Many thanks.

Last few days.... We now have just 4 packs of 'Aid to the Church in Need' (ACN) Christmas Cards left

Thank you very much to Angela Moore and Gill & John Turley who sold them in St Gregory's & Holy Redeemer churches. It would be great to sell the last 4 packs - pop into the parish office if you need any!

The parish office is open until midday on Thursday 23 December.

Start the New Year with a diary - We have 2022 Clifton Diocese Liturgical Diaries (£6.50) and Directories (£5.00) which can be purchased from the Parish Office.

FROM OUR PARISH TREASURERS...

Christmas Offerings to our priests

Envelopes are available at the back of our churches for those able to attend Mass in person. If you are unable to attend or would prefer not to handle cash, you can make your Christmas offering via your parish's bank account - please see details below.

Please be sure to quote the reference **CHRISTMAS** with your payment so we can keep the money separate from parish funds. Please do not use the 'Donate' page on our website or the machine in the porch at St Osmund for Christmas Offerings to our priests to avoid confusion with the normal offertory collection.

Many thanks.

Parish	Full Account Name	Sort Code	Account Number
Holy Redeemer	Clifton Diocese re Parish of Most Holy Redeemer Salisbury	52-10-03	6628 7081
St Gregory	Clifton Diocese re Parish of St Gregory Salisbury	52-10-03	6628 7103
St Osmund	Clifton Diocese re Parish of St Osmund Salisbury	52-10-03	6628 7111



PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

The Parish Office will close at 12:00 on Thursday 23 December.

After this time, there will be no one to answer telephone calls or respond to emails until Tuesday 4 January when the Parish Office will reopen.

*From all of us in the office to all of our parishioners - we wish you a very
Happy and Holy Christmas.*

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Advent Week 4 and Psalter 4

Saturday 18 December

10:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP
15:00 Holy Redeemer Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

SUNDAY 19 December

09:00 St Osmund MASS Carol Carthy
Birthday Remembrance
09:00 St Gregory MASS John Brook RIP
11:00 St Osmund MASS Francis & Lydia Conio RIP
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Keith & Bee Fleming
18:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

Monday 20 December 'O Clavis David'

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mathew Muricken RIP

Tuesday 21 December 'O Oriens'

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

19:00 St Osmund Penitential Service

Wednesday 22 December 'O Rex Gentium'

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Repose of the soul of
Mrs Josephine Finnegan nee Hogan RIP
19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 23 December 'O Emmanuel'

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bridie & Harry Clapham RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 Benediction

Friday 24 December No Morning Mass at St Gregory

CHRISTMAS EVE

16:00 St Gregory Carols followed by MASS at 16:30
17:00 St Osmund Carols followed by MASS at 17:30
19:00 Holy Redeemer Carols followed by MASS at 19:30
21:30 St Osmund Carols followed by MASS at 22:00
23:30 St Gregory Carols followed by MASS at Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS
09:00 St Osmund MASS
11:00 St Osmund MASS
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

NO EVENING MASS

SCRIPTURE AT MASS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Micah 5:1-4

Psalm 79

**God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

Hebrews 10:5-10

Lk 1:38

**Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!**

Luke 1:39-45

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All Vigil Masses & Christmas Midnight Mass

Isaiah 9:1-7

Psalm 95

**Today a saviour has been born to us;
he is Christ the Lord.**

Titus 2:11-14

**Alleluia, alleluia!
I bring you news of great joy:
today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the
Lord.
Alleluia!**

Luke 2:1-14

Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 97

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

Hebrews 1:1-6

**Alleluia, alleluia!
A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light has shone upon the earth.
Alleluia!**

John 1:1-18

LITURGY CHRISTMAS WEEK 1

Year C-2 Christmas Week 1
Proper of the Solemnity

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

SUNDAY 26 December

09:00	St Osmund	MASS	Anthea Piggins RIP
09:00	St Gregory	MASS	The Murray Family of Ballycroy
11:00	St Osmund	MASS	Julie Diffey RIP
12:15	St Osmund	Ordinariate MASS	
18:00	St Osmund	MASS	Brian & Feithlinn Whitehead RIP

Monday 27 December SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Mary Buck RIP
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Tuesday 28 December HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Marie Therese Farley RIP
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All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00	Benediction
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Wednesday 29 December SAINT THOMAS BECKET

10:00	Holy Redeemer	MASS	Brian & Feithlinn Whitehead RIP
19:00	St Osmund	Ordinariate MASS	Mary Robson RIP

Thursday 30 December

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Doris Phelan RIP
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All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00	St Osmund	Benediction
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Friday 31 December

10:00	St Gregory	MASS	Peter McLoughlin
19:00	St Osmund	MASS	Mary Robson RIP
23:30	St Osmund	MASS	

Saturday 1 January MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Mooney Family & Elizabeth Kane RIP
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First Mass of Sunday

18:00	Holy Redeemer	MASS	Daniel Quirk RIP
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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 DECEMBER

Evangelisation: Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for St Luke and St Teresa (Wincanton with Milbourne Port and Castle Carey)

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

We will be using the Scripture assigned for Year A at our Sunday Masses.

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14

Psalms 127

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!**

Colossians 3:12-21

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;
let the message of Christ find a home with you.**

Alleluia!

Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23



LITURGY CHRISTMAS WEEK 2

Year C-2 Christmas Week 2 and Psalter 2

SUNDAY 2 January

09:00 St Osmund MASS Patricia Moore RIP
09:00 St Gregory MASS
11:00 St Osmund MASS Norah Burke
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Monday 3 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Adelina Buffone RIP

Tuesday 4 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Helen Savage RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 Benediction

Wednesday 5 January

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS
No Ordinariate Mass (moved to tomorrow for Epiphany)

Thursday 6 January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10:00 St Osmund MASS George & Monica Pickford RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12:00 Holy Redeemer MASS
19:00 St Gregory MASS
18:40 St Osmund Benediction **NB - Changed time**
19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Friday 7 January

10:00 St Gregory MASS Bridie & Harry Clapham RIP
19:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Saturday 8 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased members of the
Dobson and Wilkinson families

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

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 JANUARY

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for Religious Communities

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who have died recently: Sr Eileen Healey, Peter Phillips, Simon Mostyn, Elizabeth Grundy, Agnes Pace, Margaret Safe, Michael McStravick, Heather Voce, Paddy Hartigan, Kath Quinn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2. 8-12

Psalm 147

**The Word was made flesh,
and lived among us. !**

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans;
Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.
Alleluia!**

John 1:1-18

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 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 [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](#)