

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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COMMUNION



2019-2020

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 16 (A)

From Fr Anthony...

A cool breeze washed away the heat of the day. Sparrows, Swifts and Blackbirds provided the evening Choir with Rosemary, Sage and Mint the Incense...the Gunslinger trilling top notes. Fading light from the West cast a fringe of orange over the East and monkish shadows in the garden. A helicopter faded away slapping and chopping the air. Then I spotted it. Bind weed. A whole tangle of it! Ham fisted, impatient, all intention and no brain... I plunged into battle. Rip, pull (ouch, a thorn). Away came the bind weed... and two really pretty flowers with their roots. How biblical, how sad. In my haste to rid the world of weed, I rid it also of beauty!

I thought of the tapestry again... pull out the ugly knots and you pull out the picture. Both sides make the whole. My sinful nature is tied to my Godly nature. I am one being with two sides; not two beings. The blessing, is that I can *observe* the being I am. I can observe the dark and the light sides of my nature. The '*I*' (*image and likeness of God*) is the observer. It is outside that which it observes... *me*. Observation is everything!

We are often encouraged to '*resist*' sin. Resistance ties you to what is resisted and gives it power over you. It is always there... but kept at arm's length. You expend energy pushing it away. Push it out the front and it comes in the back! Resistance keeps it alive. Tied together it feeds off your good energy: you receive its dark energy. Resistance causes friction, damage and loss of energy: it is draining. Resistance is not the way.

Observation is about *renouncing* not *resisting*: a subtle difference. Observing both light and dark you choose only to look at the light; you deprive sin of attention and energy. '*Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel*' (*Ash Wednesday*). This 'turning away' is Renunciation. By choosing to turn away you maintain freedom; you freely choose to focus on what is good, wholesome and Holy about yourself and receive back similar energy.... a mirror reflection. Gradually the dark side falls away for lack of energy (*collected and burnt*). Being Spirit the '*I*' feeds by reflection the good in you allowing it to continually grow. The Observer and observed become one... then we are whole and unified: in Christ.

A FUTURE
FULL OF
HOPE
CLIFTON DIOCESE

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OUR CHURCHES

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Chapel of the Holy Family
Southampton Rd, Whaddon SP5 3EB

NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome. Once this current crisis is over, please pop in and say hello. For now, please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org>
click "Registration/update"

**REGISTERED PARISHIONERS
TO DATE : 2642**



FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE, 22 JULY

Mary Magdalene has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost 20 centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all “unofficial” witnesses of the Resurrection. For the full story of Saint Mary Magdalene visit our ‘Blog’ or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/feast-saint-mary-magdalene-22-july>

FEAST OF SAINT BRIDGET 23 JULY

Bridget was the daughter of a wealthy governor who used his riches generously. He donated money for good causes and helped the poor. He worked for the just and fair treatment of all the people. Bridget, who was born in 1303, learned these lessons early in her life. For the story of Saint Bridget, visit our blog or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/feast-saint-bridget-23-july>

FEAST OF SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE 25 JULY

This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had already called another pair of brothers from a similar occupation: Peter and Andrew. “He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him” (Mark 1:19-20). For more on Saint James please visit our blog or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/feast-saint-james-apostle-25-july>

ALBERT LAWES ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE 12 JULY

Albert’s ordination occurred last Sunday 12 July at Plymouth Cathedral. It was a truly beautiful occasion. You can watch a full recording on our website at <https://salisburycatholics.org/lawes> or click on the ‘Our Seminarians’ button on our homepage.

Also, a date for your diary: Albert’s brother Thomas is to be ordained a priest for the Clifton Diocese in our Cathedral on 26 September. There is more on the Lawes’ brothers on the same page as above. Please keep Albert, Thomas and Dominic Lawes (also now a seminarian in Melbourne, Australia) in your prayers.

BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays every week at 10:45 via Skype. All are welcome. For more information and/or to join please contact Michael on 01725 510310.

ZOOM GATHERINGS Please contact outreach@salisburycatholics.org if you need assistance.

Tuesdays at 17:00 Pastoral Team meeting

Tuesday at 19:30 Alabare community meeting

Wednesdays at 14:30 Weekly Rosary Group

Thursday at 19:00 23 July Downton House Mass

Contact Deacon John Proctor on 01722 340206

Contact Josephine on 01722 328410

Contact John by email: jpelliott@btinternet.com

CONGRATULATIONS to Christopher and Anthea Piggins on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 22 July.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Due to the difficulties handling cash at present, our preferred method of receiving offerings is still via your bank (see below). However, after each weekend Mass, there will now be a retiring collection for those that prefer to pay with cash or cheque. There will also be a retiring collection at each weekday Mass to enable those people who are unable to come to Mass at the weekend to make their weekly contribution should they so wish. If you are already contributing through your bank do not feel any need to contribute further.

If you wish to set up a standing order with your bank please email office@salisburycatholics.org for our bank details, including the reference to quote. For more information, please click on the ‘Offertory Giving’ button on our homepage or go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/offertory-giving> where you will find that you can also use PayPal. If you need assistance, ring 01722 562703.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASS

The full list of Mass times in all our churches is on the last page of this newsletter or on our website: click on 'Mass Times' on our homepage or go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/mass-times>

The use of PPE by our Stewards

While doing our best to protect parishioners from any possible transmission of the virus by the use of PPE by our stewards, we are also aware of our need to minimise the use of items that cause damage to the environment.

In line with the message of 'Laudate Si', we are looking to source biodegradable and reusable items to reduce as far as possible any non-recyclable waste while maintaining the hygiene and safety required to protect our parishioners and comply with the guidelines set by the government and the Bishops' Conference.

As a result, we have washable fabric masks available for the stewards and are using biodegradable cloths for the cleaning of the benches after mass. The diocese has now issued reusable rubber gloves that can be washed and sanitised and we will be obtaining biodegradable rubbish sacks for the disposal of used items.

'Booking' to attend Mass

Social-distancing requirements limit the number of spaces permissible for each Mass and so there is still a need to 'book' a place so that we can both control numbers and record those attending for contact-tracing purposes. Please do not arrive at a church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.

To book please call 01722 562703 or email outreach@salisburycatholics.org

Bookings can only be taken on this number and email address.

Those wishing to attend a non-consecutive Sunday Mass please book early in the week. We are not encouraging advance bookings for consecutive Sundays in the interests of fairness but we will open up to all from Thursday onwards so do please ring or email as above to see if there are any spaces remaining. You still need to book for a weekday Mass, spaces are usually available.

Click the 'Opening for Mass' button on our homepage or go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/mass-booking>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER SUPPORTED BY OUR WEBSITE

THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM, TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM IN TRUTH

THE RESURRECTION NARRATIVES Fr Denis McBride, author, speaker and Redemptorist priest, delivers a rich account in three parts of the ways that the Resurrection of Jesus and the life of the early Church have been expressed in scripture. Please click on the button 'Resurrection Narratives' on our home page or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/resurrection>

YEAR OF COMMUNION This week we have two further reflections; from Ruth FitzJohn a parishioner at Sacred Hearts in Cheltenham and from Karen who worships at St John the Evangelist in Bath. Please click on the 'Year of Communion' button on our homepage or go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/year-communion-2019-20>

BIBLE TESTIMONIES Find out what the Bible means for Catholics from the diocese of Portsmouth and how God spoke in their lives through the Scriptures. We have a series of short podcasts, please click on the 'God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/god-who-speaks>

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE On our 'God Who Speaks' page we have an image-based verse from Scripture in the form of a slideshow to enrich prayer and reflection. We will be adding a new image to this each week. Go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/god-who-speaks> or click on the 'God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Ordinary Time Week 16 and Psalter 4

ALL MASSES IN ST OSMUND ARE
LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

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

Limited Congregation Masses

Saturday 18 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Michael Price RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer

SUNDAY 19 July

09:00 St Osmund MASS John and Alessandra Grech RIP
09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish
11:00 St Osmund MASS Jim Rolleston RIP
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS Frances Noble RIP

Monday 20 July

10:00 St Osmund **REQUIEM MASS Paula Elvin RIP**
19:00 St Osmund MASS In thanksgiving Joseph George
& Family

Tuesday 21 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frances Nauta RIP
All Day St Osmund Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:40 St Osmund Benediction
19:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Wednesday 22 July

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

10:00 St Osmund MASS For Tommy Jones having an
operation.
12:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Keith and Bee Fleming 3rd
Wedding Anniversary
19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 23 July

SAINT BRIDGET

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary-Anne Clarke RIP
All Day St Osmund Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:40 St Osmund Benediction
19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Friday 24 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary and Albert Wilkinson RIP
12:00 St Gregory MASS Intentions of the Donors
19:00 St Osmund MASS Tim McCoy RIP

Saturday 25 July

SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

10:00 St Osmund MASS For the Intentions of Kevin Kelly

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Sr Shiela Ruane on her
100th Birthday

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Spiritual Communion is the heartfelt desire to receive Our Lord, even when we are unable. You may wish to use this prayer at Communion as you follow our livestreamed Masses:

I wish my Lord to receive You with the purity, humility and devotion with which your Most Holy Mother received You and with the spirit and fervour of the saints. Come Lord Jesus.

Give me, good Lord, a longing to be with You...give me warmth, delight and quickness in thinking upon You. And give me Your grace to long for Your holy sacraments, and specially to rejoice in the presence of Your very blessed Body, Sweet Saviour Christ, in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.
(St Thomas More)

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POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR JULY

Our Families - that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

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

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Thomas More, Marlborough with Pewsey and St Joseph, Wroughton.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember all those who have died: George Savill Paula Elvin, Jim Rolleston, Anita Wilders-Pratt and Pat Durrant and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER IN OUR CHURCHES

St Osmund will be open for Private Individual Prayer at the following times this week providing we have stewards available. New volunteers for stewarding are always welcome and much needed.

Monday - Friday After 10:00 Mass - 12:00
Saturday After 10:00 Mass - 12:00

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

Ps 85

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Romans 8:26-27:

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!

Matthew 13:24-43

MARRIAGES

Where possible, these must be deferred. Please speak to the priest for further guidance.

FUNERALS

Please speak to the priest for guidance.

BAPTISM

Baptisms should be deferred until such time when the public health advice allows. In the case of necessity, please contact a priest.