SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND
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ALL SAINTS

From Fr Anthony...

Sunday morning: pouring with rain. I stood by the side door waiting for it to ease. A man shuffled past, arm flailing as the dog took him for a walk. Car tyres squished leaving plumes of spray. The gangsters made an unholy row out back. I looked at the Great Spire nestling among autumn treetops; it looked faded and lost against a heavy dark sky. Suddenly, clouds parted in the East and sunlight flooded into the West. The Spire was illuminated and turned a dazzling white against the darkness. Above it, intense, magnificent and majestic, the beautiful crystal clear colours of a rainbow emerged and spanned the city. It was a moment set apart; light shining in the darkness.

I thought about it on the way to St Gregory's. Holy. In the biblical sense it has the meaning of being 'set apart'... a defining characteristic of the Saint. It is not a pompous, 'holier than thou' notion. For the soul it is a need. Like the Spire, we are often lost and faded against a background; in our case, a background of jumbled thoughts, feelings and conditioning. A background that robs us of spiritual colour and life. The need is to be set apart from this: to stand out as we truly are and not as we think we are or have been led to believe we are. The need is to feel defined more by an experience of Christ within rather than by a world without... that, increasingly, has little to offer us. Deep down it is an acknowledgement that there is only one way, a way set apart... the way to God. The Saints realised this and made it their goal to find and travel this way.

The way is depicted in the Gospel (Jesus takes his disciples away from the crowds and up the mountain). When we truly desire an encounter with Christ, we experience a separation from all that we thought we were... but were not. Through our faculties (disciples) this experience leads us from worldly to spiritual understanding (up the mountain). We increasingly become aware of, yet feel set apart from, our uncontrolled thoughts and feelings and conditioning (the crowds). We begin to learn a way that is set apart from the world, (the beatitudes). To the world Beatitudes seem ludicrous. Yet, it is this teaching that shapes and defines the path we must follow.



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Parish Office Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00

The parish office is now located in the Newman Room (at the back of the Parish Rooms at St Osmund's)

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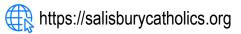
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NEW TO THE PARISH? We wish you a very warm welcome. Pop into the Newman Room and say hello! Please register online at: https://salisburycatholics.org click "Registration/update"

REGISTERED PARISHIONERS TO DATE: 2680







SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - 1 NOVEMBER

This feast first honoured martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today's feast honours the obscure as well as the famous - the saints each of us have known. Please click the image in the 'Top News' box for the story of 'All Saints' or go to: https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/all-saints

ALL SOULS' DAY - 2 NOVEMBER

All Souls' Day is a holy day set aside for honouring the dead. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church, but it is also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Church and a few other denominations of Christianity. The Anglican church is the largest protestant church to celebrate the holy day. Most protestant denominations do not recognise the holiday and disagree with the theology behind it. For the story of 'All Souls' we have a short video and further background, please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go to https://salisburycatholics.org/all-souls

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO - 4 NOVEMBER

Saint Charles Borromeo made his own the words of Christ: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:35-36). St Charles saw Christ in his neighbour, and knew that charity done for his flock was charity done for Christ. Click the 'Top News' box or: https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/charles-borromeo

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

In preparation for Remembrance Sunday on 8 November, we have the story of 'The Unknown Warrior' on our website, authored by our own Joe 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

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will now NOT be going ahead as hoped in November. This will be a real disappointment to candidates and families. We will have to wait a little longer but this WILL go ahead in time. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

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

GARDENING AT ST OSMUND'S

Thanks to all those who volunteered for our planned gardening session - sadly, we will now have to wait until the current lockdown restrictions are lifted again. When they are, we will plan another date to get together in the garden.

Salisbury Foodbank

In December, the Foodbank will be supplying Christmas hampers to over 250 local families. The hampers will include basic food items as well as Christmas treats such as Xmas puddings; boxes of chocolates; snacks and nibbles. Please donate Christmas treats to the Food bank during November. Donations can be placed in collection points at Waitrose, Lidl and Tesco (Southampton Rd). Thank you for your generosity, the Christmas treats will be much appreciated.

GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Gift Aid Envelopes: We are starting to distribute the packs of numbered Gift Aid envelopes to those that usually have them. However, due to the risks involved in handling cash, we would still prefer parishioners to make their offerings via bank transfer 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. Many thanks.

NEW GOVERNMENT LOCKDOWN COMING INTO EFFECT ON THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER

There will be public Masses up to and including Wednesday 4 November. If you would like to attend one of these Masses (times and locations listed on page four of this newsletter), please contact us as soon as possible in the usual way on 01722 562703 or email *outreach@salisburycatholics.org*

We will continue to livestream Masses on our Church TV system throughout the lockdown, keeping us together in prayer whilst we are separated physically.

Masses from St Osmund are livestreamed and recorded and can be viewed on our website at: https://salisburycatholics.org/st-osmunds

SUNDAY OBLIGATION The obligation to attend Mass is suspended at present.

NOVEMBER: PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD During November we pray especially for the Holy Souls. You may place the names of your departed loved ones on a slip of paper or in an envelope and place it in the box/basket in front of the altar in each of our churches **UNTIL** Wednesday 4 November. If you are unable to come to church before the lockdown commences on Thursday but would like a name/s placed, please call 01722 562703 or email: *office@salisburycatholics.org* and we will place all names requested before the altar at St Osmund. Our Friday evening Masses (**19:00, livestreamed ONLY**) during November will be celebrated for those named in all three churches.

ALL SOULS' DAY (Monday 2 November) **The Blessing of Graves.** We will bless the graves of your loved ones in the London Rd and Devizes Rd (inside the gate). Meet at 14:30: by the central Cross in the London Rd cemetery and just inside the gate at Devizes Rd. Masses on that day will be at 10:00 & 19:00 (Ordinariate) at St Osmund, 12:00 at Holy Redeemer and 18:00 at St Gregory.

NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY The Rosary Whirlwind Mission culminates in the 'National Rosary Relay Rally' across all our dioceses and including those of Scotland and Northern Ireland tomorrow Saturday 31 October – All Hallows Eve. From 09:00 to 21:00, many of our bishops are leading a designated Rosary Holy Hour for their dioceses either from their Cathedrals or chapels. The designated hour for the Diocese of Clifton is from 13:00 to 14:00. This will be streamed live on our website at: https://salisburycatholics.org/clifton. For more information click on the image in the 'Top News' box or by going to: https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/national-rosary-rally

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS We have a video reflection on last weekend's Gospel (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time). It is just over 3 minutes long and well worth listening to. To access, please click on the 'The God Who Speaks' button on our Homepage or go directly to: https://salisburycatholics.org/god-who-speaks

PAUSE FOR FAITH As part of the 'Ways of Praying' series we have a video presentation by Fr Stephen Wang, University Chaplain and Vocations Director in the Diocese of Westminster on how we should appreciate 'The gift of praying before the Blessed Sacrament'. 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 fourth podcast in the series 'I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ'. For this, and the previous three, (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's feast of 'All Saints' and what it means to be a saint. Just click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our Homepage or go directly to: https://salisburycatholics.org/sunday-homily

PARENTING FOR FAITH. We have the 7th of 8 video sessions called 'Prayer Ministry for Children'. Sometimes our children need a bit of help connecting with God. This could be because they are having a hard day or because they are struggling to connect. Sometimes they just need someone alongside them. You can find this and the previous sessions by clicking on the 'Adult & Child Faith Formation' button on our Homepage and then on 'Parenting for Faith' or go directly to: https://salisburycatholics.org/parenting-faith

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Ordinary Time Week 31 Proper of the Solemnity and Weekday Psalter 3

ALL MASSES IN ST OSMUND ARE LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED https://salisburycatholics.org/church-tv

Limited Congregation Masses To attend one of these Masses, please email

outreach@salisburycatholics.org or phone 01722 562703

SUNDAY 1 November	ALL SAINTS
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09:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP MASS Mervyn Lloyd Walters RIP 09:00 St Gregory MASS John Kerin RIP 11:00 St Osmund

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Parishioners Intentions

ALL SOULS Monday 2 November

10:00 St Osmund **MASS MASS** 12:00 Holy Redeemer 18:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Tuesday 3 November

10:00 St Osmund **MASS** Tony Radclyffe RIP **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** All Day St Osmund

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

19:00 St Osmund **MASS** Marie Therese Farley RIP

Wednesday 4 November Saint Charles Borromeo

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

MASS 12:00 Holy Redeemer Deceased members of the

Moran and Hughes Family

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Following the announcement of HM Government on 31 October, we can no longer open our churches for public worship. Masses will be LIVESTREAMED ONLY from 5 November onwards

Thursday 5 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Susan, Les & Keith Burry All Day St Osmund **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

19:00 St Osmund MASS For the Holy Souls

Friday 6 November

10:00 St Osmund **MASS** Yvonne Fox RIP 19:00 St Osmund MASS For the Holy Souls

Saturday 7 November

10:00 St Osmund **MASS**



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 the parish of St Luke and St Teresa, Wincanton, with Mere, Milbourne Port, Castle Cary and Bruton.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember all those who have died: Yvonne Fox, Janet Brown, Sheila Miles, Teresa Vanderputt, Felicity Detemple, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER

St Osmund is now open for Private Individual Prayer throughout the day during office hours. Call into the Newman Room at the back of the Parish Rooms to gain admittance to the church when you arrive.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14

Ps 23

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

1 John 3:1-3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened.

and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Matthew 5:1-12

MARRIAGES

Where possible, 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

Sadly, these will now have to be postponed until the current restrictions are lifted.

Baptism preparation courses are taking place on Zoom. Contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email john@alabare.org