# SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND
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# ADVENT WEEK 4 (B) GAUDETE SUNDAY

From Father Anthony...



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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. Pop into the Newman Room and say hello! Please register online at: https://salisburycatholics.org click "Registration/update"

REGISTERED PARISHIONERS TO DATE: 2695





## **Click Here**

## THE 'O'ANTIPHONS

Beginning on the 17 December and for seven days following, a special antiphon is read before the Magnificat during Evening Prayer. These special antiphons express humanity's desire and longing for God, a longing which has existed throughout the history of God's people from the beginning of time through Abraham, Moses and David. A history which was fulfilled on the night when Emmanuel (God with us) was born. Each prayer begins with one of seven Old Testament titles for the Messiah now attributed to Jesus. These are a wonderful prayer resource to help us in our Advent preparations. You will find them by clicking on the button 'The 'O' Antiphons on our home page or go directly to: https://salisburycatholics.org/o-antiphons

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES...instead of Christmas Cards to fellow parishioners. We would like to encourage you, in these COVID times, rather than spending money on Christmas Cards and postage, why not give a donation to our parishes instead and write your message/s to fellow parishioner/s on our new parishioner Christmas Card message board. It is very simple to use and there are some brief instructions above the board on how to use it. You can find it by clicking on the 'Christmas Message' button on our homepage or go to: https://salisburycatholics.org/noticeboard Please do NOT leave Christmas cards for fellow parishioners in the church porches or send them to the parish office. Many thanks.

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCHES!** We are really missing seeing you all at church and children's liturgy and in our children's choir each week. We would like to encourage you to enter our Christmas competition with prizes given to two lucky winners. If you are 7yrs or under we would like you to send us a photo of you in a nativity outfit. If you are 7 and over please write us a poem or a prayer. We would love to then share these with parishioners via the parish website where parents are happy with that. Please could parents confirm or withhold their consent for this when entries are submitted. All entries to be sent to *svarney1@me.com* by 20 December.

**THE ALABARE COMMUNITY** are appealing for food donations this Christmas to support their Care Centre projects for vulnerable people. Donations may be dropped off at John & Lee Proctor's house in Tollgate Road - 01722 501586 or John & Catherine Detain, Roman Road - 01722 415588. Please phone first, thank you.

#### **BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS**

Please send an email to: **booking@salisburycatholics.org** or call 01722 562703 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Please use this email exclusively for Mass booking. The Mass schedule for the coming week is on the final page of this newsletter as normal or can be found by clicking on the 'Mass Times' button on our homepage.

#### ATTENDING MASS DURING THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

We strongly encourage all parishioners who wish to attend in person to book a place at a Christmas Mass as soon as possible, as the Masses are filling up fast! Please see the page below for all the details.

We are also now taking bookings for the Vigil Mass on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th (Feast of Holy Family). Please do book soon as no one will be in the office to take bookings between Christmas and that weekend.

**READING MARK IN ADVENT** is an 18-part podcast series where we upload a chapter of Mark's Gospel each weekday of the season. With a global pandemic sweeping the world and lockdowns and restrictions placed on our everyday living we need to remember that the Word of God is never locked down and isolated. Please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or the '**St Mark's Gospel**' button on our homepage to listen to each chapter.

**DIVINITAS: THE ART OF FAITH**. We have added a new series to our website, an introduction to the Catholic Creed using video commentary and art. It is a succinct ten part overview for anyone interested in learning what Catholics really believe. Fr Marcus Holden and Art Historian Teresa Lane probe the Mysteries of Faith. This week we introduce Part 1: The Creation of Adam by Michelangelo and the School of Athens by Raphael provide the artistic backdrop for a discussion about God, the human person and the meaning of life. Please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go to: https://salisburycatholics.org/divinitas

**ADVENT** We will be providing weekly Advent video reflections on the Sunday Gospel and the life that God can call individuals to. For Advent Week 2:Hannah Vaughan-Spruce. Hannah reflects on the second week of Advent and her own state of life, living as a consecrated virgin. "I knew from the age of 17 that Jesus was calling me to belong to Him in a special way." This can be found by clicking on the 'Advent' button on our homepage or by going directly to: https://salisburycatholics.org/advent-20

**THE GOD WHO SPEAKS** There is another excellent reflection on video by Fr Jim Golka on this weekend's Gospel (3rd Sunday in Advent) on our website. The reflection is just 3 minutes.

Also on this page is the fourth in a series of monthly reflections by Fr Henry Wansbrough OSB in which he responds to some of the questions that many people have about the Bible. In this fourth video reflection by Fr Henry, he reflects on the 'Infancy Narratives'. For all of this click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or go directly to: https://salisburycatholics.org/god-who-speaks

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** We have a children's liturgy of the word for last weekend: 2nd Sunday in Advent. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or go directly to: https://salisburycatholics.org/childrens-liturgy

**SUNDAY HOMILY** We have the latest podcast from Bishop Robert Barron for this coming Sunday (13 December, Third (Gaudete) Sunday in Advent ) on our website. Click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or go directly to: https://salisburycatholics.org/sunday-homily

**MUSIC IN ISOLATION** For the third week of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) we have added 'Hark! A herald voice is calling' by the Kings College Choir, Cambridge Please click on the 'Music in Isolation' button on our homepage or go to https://salisburycatholics.org/music-isolation

**SCRIPTURE IN SONG** This feature associates an element of scripture with song each month. For Advent we have 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'. Just click on the button 'Scripture in Song' on our homepage or go directly to: https://salisburycatholics.org/scripture-song

#### **BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON**

Please note that we have a new email address for taking Mass bookings.

Please ring or email to book to attend Mass on this email address and telephone number only:

# booking@salisburycatholics.org

**01722 562703** (Monday - Friday 9am-5pm)

We now have a dedicated email address for Mass booking ONLY. This enables us to accept help from volunteers and to keep all Mass booking emails separate from other parish matters. When booking to attend Mass, please limit the subject matter of your email to Mass booking only - as these emails may be opened, read and responded to by volunteers assisting in the office. For all other parish, pastoral or confidential matters, please continue to use the existing email addresses as shown on the front page of this newsletter.

# CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

It is ESSENTIAL to book if you hope to attend Mass in person this Christmas. We have several 'extra' Masses this year to help us accommodate everyone and still maintain the required social-distancing in our buildings. Please see below for spaces still remaining:

	DAY 24 DECEMBER MAS EVE VIGIL MA	SSES		DECEMBER S MORNING MAS	SSES
16:00	St Gregory	FULL	08:00	St Osmund	(no music) Plenty of space
17:00	St Osmund	75% FULL	08:30	Holy Redeemer	50% FULL
19:00	Holy Redeemer	80% FULL	09:00	St Osmund	Rear 2 pews only
20:00	St Osmund	75% FULL	09:00	St Gregory	70% FULL
21:30	St Osmund	85% FULL	10:30	St Gregory	(Ordinariate MASS)
24:00	St Gregory	50% FULL	11:00	St Osmund	75% FULL

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS 23:30 (in order that the consecration is at midnight) St Osmund

Please do remember that Christmas is a season not a single day and so you may wish to book to attend Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family (27th December) as your Christmas Mass. This is a Sunday and the 'normal' Sunday schedule will apply. The Parish office will be closed over Christmas so **if you plan to come to Mass between 26th-4th January please BOOK NOW for those Masses also.** 

booking@salisburycatholics.org 01722 562703 (9am-5pm : Monday-Friday)

#### STEWARDS AT CHRISTMAS MASSES - Last call for more volunteers!

Could you be a steward at one of our Christmas Masses? Under the current guidelines, we are obliged to have stewards at Mass to ensure that minimum health and safety standards are met. Stewarding involves greeting Mass attendees as they arrive, directing them to their seat and sanitising the pews once everyone has left, ready for the next Mass. If you are in good health and could help us, <u>please volunteer as soon as possible</u>. This will allow us time to complete the necessary recruitment checklist with you, plan a rota to cover the Christmas Masses and give the necessary guidance regarding the role. Our existing team of stewards is not large enough to cover all the Masses listed above. Thank you.

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Advent Week 3 and Psalter 3

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

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# Saturday 12 December

10:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of the donors with the baptisms of Bella White and Aleksander Struzik

#### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Patricia Dicks

SUNDAY 13 December		GAUDETE SUNDAY		
09:00	St Osmund	MASS	Peter Csak RIP	
09:00	St Gregory	MASS		
11:00	St Osmund	MASS	Jim Rolleston RIP	
12:15	St Osmund	Ordinaria	ate MASS	
16:00	St Osmund	Polish M	ASS	
18:00	St Osmund	MASS	James & Margaret Harley RIP	

# Monday 14 December Saint John of the Cross

10:00	St Osmund	MASS
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12:00 St Osmund Memorial MASS Yvonne Fox RIP

# **Tuesday 15 December**

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Davey Kenny RIP
All Day E	Exposition of the	Blessed Sa	crament
18:40	Benediction		
19:00	St Osmund	MASS	Ellen McNulty RIP

#### Wednesday 16 December

10.00

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	
12:00	Holy Redeemer	MASS	Alan Dobson RIP
19:00	St Osmund	Ordinariate	MASS

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#### Thursday 17 December O Sapientia

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10.00	St Osmunu	IVIAGG
All Day	Exposition of the	Blessed Sacramen
18:40	St Osmund	Benediction
18:30	Downton	MASS

# Friday 18 December O Adonai

10:00	St Gregory	MASS	John Brook RIP
19:00	St Osmund	MASS	

## Saturday 19 December O Radix

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Mrs Carol Carthy RIP (Birthday)
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#### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Gregory Fridays 09:30 until Mass St Osmund Saturdays 10:30 to 11:30 Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

# PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

#### POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

**Evangelisation:** For a life of prayer

That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ may be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer. https://salisburycatholics.org/pope-francis

#### **CLIFTON DIOCESE**

We pray this week for Christ the King, Amesbury.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember all those who have died: Peter Rockett, Imogen Cardew, Michael Dean, Yvonne Fox, Janet Mair Brown, Sheila Miles and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

#### INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER

St Osmund will be open for private prayer. If you find the church closed call into the Newman Room at the back of the Parish Rooms during office hours to gain admittance.

#### **SUNDAY SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Lk 1:46-50, 53-54.

My soul rejoices in my God.

1 Paul 5:16-24

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

John 1:6-8. 19-28

# 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 on 07802 631968 or email john@alabare.org

#### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2021

We will be announcing plans for preparations for these Sacraments as soon as we can in the New Year.