# SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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## Ordinary Time Week 7(C)

#### **From Father Anthony**

Dark shapes loomed as I stood outside breathing in yesterday's rain. Over the rooftops and into the distance the sky began to lighten. The birdsong was magnificent! I felt an interior movement from *listening* to *hearing*. The difference, for me, is that *listening* is like forming an impression and imposing it on what is heard outside (*the head*). *Hearing* is like letting what is outside make an impression on what is within (*the heart*). The former is active the latter passive, but alert. In this sense one might say, *I listen to you* but *do not always hear you!* Anyway, the birdsong enlivened my soul and I let the day begin.

Jesus says, 'I say to you who are listening', and then speaks about, 'loving your enemies', 'turning the other cheek', and 'not judging'. Can we make sense of this?

Bodies separate us but they are not what we are... we continue after they die! We are Spirit. Spirit, rather like air, condenses and expresses itself through a body but cannot be contained by it. In Spirit, individuality remains but separation goes. Collectively, we are a *diverse unity*. As a part, what one thinks, feels and therefore, does, affects the whole. A physical attack is also a spiritual attack as everything originates in spirit, the motivating force. It might seem a separate event: but we all feel its effects, because we are all one, spiritually. Therefore, to hurt or judge another is to hurt or judge oneself. In this sense Jesus says *turn the other cheek... i.e.* avoid experiencing the effects of paying back an attack with an attack.

Listening can lead to spiritual experience. The word for *listening*,  $\dot{\alpha}\kappa \dot{\omega}\omega$ , (akouo) also means to hear. Spiritually, it has to do with hearing God's voice (Spirit) within and letting it make an impression on our hearts rather than imposing a label on what is listened to. St Paul speaks of an interior movement from 'a living being' to 'a life giving spirit'. The head sees a separate living being (person). It listens and reacts to them in terms of an imposed label enforcing the idea of separation. The heart senses the person as spirit and, in spirit, communicates oneness with them whilst acknowledging (hearing) their individuality. Being heard for who they truly are the separation is dispelled: they experience their unique individuality. In this sense we become a life giving spirit.



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REGISTERED PARISHIONERS TO DATE : 2898





## Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter - 22 February

On Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle, which celebrates Christ choosing Simon Peter to sit as the servant-authority over the whole Church. To read more about this feast, click the image in the 'Top News' box or <u>click here</u>.

### SAINT POLYCARP 23 FEBRUARY

Polycarp was a fortress of faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ. Living among pagans and under a government opposed to the 'new' religion, he led and fed his flock, and like the Good Shepherd, he laid down his life for his sheep. For the story of Saint Polycarp click on the image in the 'Top News' box or <u>click here</u>.

**Parish Get-Together in St Gregory's** will be held at St Gregory's Hall on Sunday 3 April 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 nearer the date.

**The Big Sleep** welcomes those who want to take a stand against homelessness. For the sixteenth year, Alabaré are inviting brave fundraisers to sleep overnight on Friday 4 March 2022 in Salisbury Cathedral Cloisters. For more information and to register click on the image in 'Top News' box or <u>click here</u>.

**SCORE** The next SCORE collection is this weekend 19 & 20 February and will be for local projects. Donations may be made using a marked envelope or via the website (<u>click here</u>).

**A Talk** by the distinguished Bible translator, Fr Nicholas King SJ on St John's Gospel, will take place in the Methodist Hall (High Street, Tisbury) tomorrow Saturday 19 February at 11:30am preceded by coffee. All welcome. There will be a basket for donations to help meet expenses.

**Salisbury Foodbank**. In March our Lent collection for the Foodbank will be potatoes - tinned and instant mash. Thank you for your donations to the January appeal which was equivalent to 160 meals.

**My Generation** will be meeting next on Wednesday 2 March for a Quiz at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

**Parish Synodal Conversations** - the notes from our meetings are currently being condensed and will be submitted and posted on our website soon. Bishop Declan and his Synod Team will then submit a report drawn from all the parishes to the Bishop's Conference for England & Wales. Click the 'Synodal Church' button on the homepage or <u>click here</u>.

**Deanery Lenten Penitential Service with Bishop Declan**: **10 March at 7pm**. Bishop Declan is coming to St Osmund's to celebrate a Liturgy of Reconciliation (with opportunity for individual confessions).

**The God Who Speaks** We have a reflection by Bishop Jim Golka on this Sunday's readings (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time C). We must love our enemies and do good to those who are against us. To watch, click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

**Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron**. Friends, whenever we give or receive a gift, we're always caught in a difficult rhythm of exchange and mutual obligation. The great exception to this rule is God, who is utterly gratuitous in his giving. In Luke's Sermon on the Plain, we are invited to share, by grace, in the very way that God exists and that God loves, giving to those in need without expecting anything in return. To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

**Children's Liturgy** from Catholic Kids Media: Loving your enemies? A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for this Sunday the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or <u>click here</u>.

## IMPORTANT CHANGES To standing order/gift aid payments

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The Clifton Diocese is changing the way in which it processes standing order donations which means that we must ask most parishioners who pay this way to amend their standing order. **During the forthcoming week, we will be contacting affected parishioners by email with instructions as to how to do this.** The email will come from our parish management system, 'PAMIS' and will be customised for each donor. Please look out for this email and do not take any action until you receive it. Quoting the correct reference on your new standing order instruction is vital to enable us to claim the Gift Aid from your donation. If you do not have an email address, you will be contacted by telephone or in person in time.

Why is this happening? At present, most Gift-Aided standing order donations are paid into a central Diocesan bank account and later distributed to parishes. Due to the introduction of new accounting system, all donations paid by standing order must now be paid **directly into the parish bank account** rather than the Diocesan account. This is a change that is being forced upon us and we are truly sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause. Please be assured that our Gift Aid secretaries, treasurers and the parish office will all be on hand to help you.

Donating to the parish by Standing Order is the most convenient way to support the mission of our parish. If you do not currently give this way, please consider doing so. Contact the parish office either by email or telephone. 01722 562703 *office@salisburycatholics.org* Many thanks.

**Confirmation 2022** Bishop Declan will be coming on **5 July** this year to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. For further information please contact Annette at *confirmation@salisburycatholics.org* 

**First Holy Communion 2022** will take place over the weekend of **21 and 22 May.** Preparation this year consists of sessions aimed at assisting parents to prepare their child and separate sessions for the children. The third Parents' session is tomorrow Saturday 19 February. The first Children's session is on 12 March (it is important that the children attend **ALL** of their sessions). All sessions are at 2pm at St Gregory's. The Programme timetable is available on our website: select 'Sacraments' on the main menu and then 'Holy Communion', 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* 

**Congratulations and welcome** to Jocelyn Mary Houston who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism tomorrow Saturday 19 February. Please keep Jocelyn, her parents Rebecca and Andrew and godparents in your prayers at this special time.

**Liturgy – A Call to Love** Our Diocesan Liturgy Office has produced a series of videos, entitled 'A Call to Love' to remind us of the importance of the Mass in our lives. We have the ninth video 'Holy Time for Holy People' by Canon Christopher Whitehead, Parish Priest, St John the Evangelist, Bath. To watch, click on the 'A Call to Love' image in the 'Top News' box on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

**Luke's Gospel** Christopher Piggins continues to read Luke's Gospel with the recording of Chapters 13 & 14: 'The Journey to Jerusalem'. To watch, click on the 'Luke's Gospel' button on our home page or <u>click here</u>.

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Ordinary Time Week 7 and Psalter 3

#### Saturday 19 February

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Simon Thornton RIP
First Mas	ss of Sunday		

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Rita Tora RIP

#### SUNDAY 20 February

09:00	St Gregory	MASS	Florence, Peter, & Antony
			Matthews RIP
09:00	St Osmund	MASS	Ellen Riley RIP
11:00	St Osmund	MASS	John Daly RIP
12:15	St Osmund	Ordinariate	e MASS
17:00	Holy Redeemer	Syro Mala	bar MASS
18:00	St Osmund	MASS	People of the Parish

#### Monday 21 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Anne Gray RI	10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Anne Gray RIF
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Tuesday 22 February THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

10:00St OsmundMASSJosephine Kohlhofer RIPAll Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament18:00St OsmundBenediction

#### Wednesday 23 February Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS In thanksgiving - Mary Fleming Ordinariate MASS cancelled this week

#### Thursday 24 February

10:00St OsmundMASSAll Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament18:00St OsmundBenediction

#### Friday 25 February

10:00	St Gregory	MASS	
19:00	St Osmund	MASS	Doris Phelan RIP

#### Saturday 26 February

10:00	St Osmund	MASS

#### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

## Reconciliation

St Gregory
St Osmund
Holy Redeemer

Fridays Saturdays Saturdays

After the 10:00 Mass 10:30 to 11:00 17:30 until Mass

## Prayer & Scripture

#### POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY For Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times. <u>Click here</u>.

#### **CLIFTON DIOCESE**

We pray this week for the parish of St Peter & St Paul (Bath).

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

John Daly, Tony McMullen and Betty Knight who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

#### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

#### Psalm 102

The Lord is compassion and love.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Luke 6:27-38

## SACRAMENTS

**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 <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>

**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*