

# SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## LENT WEEK 3(C)

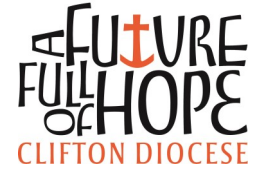
### From Father Anthony

I sat outside and listened to the evening birdsong. Daffodils, Bluebells and Crocuses dotted the garden and the trees are beginning to bud. A hint of warmth lingered on the breeze; the sky began to fade. I took it all in; the Mineral Kingdom, the Plant Kingdom and the Animal Kingdom. It made me think about the Kingdom of Man and the constant call of the scriptures for us to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Among other things, what differentiates us from earthly Kingdoms is that we can repent; we can have a *change of mind and heart*. Nature can restore and repeat itself and, like us, reflect the magnificence of God. But only we can consciously and creatively transform ourselves. Already the image of God, we can become like Him in His creative ability. We can transform from being an *'animated body'* into a *'life giving spirit'*.

We have *family resemblance* with God. To experience each other and our self is to see and experience God, (*'Philip, to have seen Me is to have seen the Father'*). God is truly a mystery and beyond: yet God is very close. He has not left us orphans: He operates in and through us, as us... that's how close He is. He is in our DNA, so to speak. This closeness is the Kingdom of Heaven in us. We are His image and likeness. And yet we speak, think and often feel as if God is remote. We feel He has abandoned us and left us alone.

Lent is the season to go into the wilderness of our own being and learn that it is not *'why does God stay away'* but, *'what is it about us that prevents us from recognising and experiencing His closeness'*. We might find inordinate preoccupation with self: fixed ideas and thought patterns that make us rigid and unpliant, intolerant and overbearing... 'won't grow and won't let others grow'; we will come up against the walls of Envy, Resentment and Pride. This is the Kingdom of Man characterised by *'missing the mark'* (*sin*); like the Galileans mentioned in the Gospel we all miss the mark: like the fig tree sin leaves us barren... but we can change (*repent*). How? By digging round the weeds of our being and feeding it, not with manure, but with Love. We will produce Love and feel His closeness as that Love.



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**St Gregory & the English Martyrs**  
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**Most Holy Redeemer**  
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**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.  
Please register online at:  
<https://salisburycatholics.org>  
click "Registration/update"

**REGISTERED PARISHIONERS  
TO DATE : 2906**

## SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



So far, 9 parishioner households (that we are aware of) have registered on the Government website to host Ukrainian refugees. Salisbury Catholic Churches has also registered as a 'Group/Organisation'. Details are not completely clear yet as to how the 'Group/Organisation' process will work but it is our hope that we may be able to act in this together in order that, as well as receiving our support, those who come will have a Ukrainian group to be part of and we, by acting together, will be strengthened and supported by our parishes.

**How can you help?** If you have registered to host, you will have been given a Reference Number. Please contact the office and let us know that number if you wish to be part of our group. Not everyone can offer accommodation but if our plans come to fruition then we will need people who can help in other ways - in teaching English, helping refugees navigate British bureaucracy & job applications, befriending, transport etc. Deacon John Proctor has established some contacts in Europe and we will keep all those who have registered to host informed as to where we're at. The government process is unclear but we are stating clearly our willingness as a Catholic community to help wherever we can. We have also established a channel via SCORE through which you can direct financial support to Ukraine if you would like to. Please give any donations in an envelope clearly marked 'SCORE - Ukraine' or alternatively pay directly into our SCORE Account Name: Clifton Diocese re Salisbury Catholic Outreach, Account Number: 89047419, Sort Code 52-10-03. Please use reference 'UKRAINE'. Many thanks.

If you can offer to assist in any way or have any questions, contact Caroline in the parish office. [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org) 01722 562703.



Thank you to everyone who took part in our Day of Prayer last Wednesday. The midday prayer was especially well supported and so from **Wednesday 30 March** in St Osmund we will be having midday prayer each Wednesday for all those suffering in Ukraine. Everyone is invited to join in person or via the livestream.

## LENT 2022

**Final Call for the Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 13 April.** The Chrism Mass will be celebrated fully once again this year with Bishop Declan surrounded by the priests and deacons of our Diocese on the Wednesday of Holy Week. At present, there is not sufficient interest to warrant booking a coach. The deadline to sign up is Friday 25 March. We will assess the numbers interested and decide whether to go ahead. We are subsidising the cost to encourage you to join with us if you can. Adults will be £10, children can travel free. There will be three pick up points: St Osmund, St Gregory and at Amesbury. To sign up, please contact the Parish Office [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org) or ring 01722 562703 or use the sign-up sheet in the churches.

### **Thursday Lenten Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament**

Will continue on Thursdays until 7 April at 7pm followed by Benediction at 8pm. These will be available to join live or as recordings on our Church TV [click here](#).

**The Stations of the Cross** in St Osmund's Church **each Friday during Lent at 18:15** (prior to the 7pm Mass).

**Stations of the Cross in St Osmund's School** will be on 5 April and all parishioners are very welcome.

**Lenten Journey** with Fr Denis McBride. Videos are being released each weekend. The second in the journey was called 'At the Well'. Click on the '[Lent 2022](#)' button on our homepage.

**Clifton Diocese Lenten Reflections** There are daily reflections on our website to support parishioners on their Lenten journey Click on the '[Lent 2022](#)' button on our homepage.

**Parishioner Mary Hocking** is taking part in the 'CAFOD 200 km walk against hunger' this Lent. Please sponsor Mary if you are able to do so: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/marys-march-against-hunger>

**Salisbury Catholic Churches Afternoon Tea on Sunday the 8 May 3pm at the White Hart Hotel.** The Parishioners of the Salisbury Catholic Churches are cordially invited to an Afternoon Tea & Talk on the 'Stories of Salisbury'. Please book your place with the White Hart Hotel by telephone (01722 327476) or in person at reception. The cost per person is £14.50, for more information click the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#)

**Synodal Conversations.** The summary document and associated appendices produced as result of the conversations within our parishes and Christ the King, Amesbury have been sent to the Diocese. These are now published on our website. To view click on the 'Synodal Church' button on our homepage or just [click here](#).

**SCORE update.** At the committee meeting in March grants totalling £3,500 were made as follows: Home-Start South Wiltshire £1,500; Salisbury Street Pastors £1,000; Rise:61 £1,000. Further details can be found on our website - [click here](#).

**Parish Get-Together** will be held at St Gregory's Hall on Sunday 3 April 2022 after the 9am Mass. Everyone is welcome. For more information click the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Holy Redeemer & St Osmund's Joint Pastoral Council** held its inaugural meeting this week - thank you to everyone who attended. Details of the meeting and members will appear on our website soon.

**St Gregory's Pastoral Parish Council** are meeting on Monday 21 March at 6.30pm St Gregory's Hall. For more information please [click here](#). Although an appointed group, this is an open meeting and anyone can attend.

**Easter Egg Hunt!** We are delighted to announce that we will once again be able to host an Easter Egg hunt for children after the morning Masses on Easter Sunday at both St Osmund and St Gregory. Donations of (individually-wrapped) Easter Eggs will be gratefully received if you are able to donate some. Please hand your eggs into the office or to the welcomers at St Osmund or St Gregory's. Many thanks.

**St Osmund's Garden** - given that we plan to have an Easter Egg Hunt for our children, we need to tidy up the garden to make sure that it is safe and accessible for the children and also for us to gather for the blessing of palms and the procession on Palm Sunday. Please join in after the 10am Mass on Saturday 9 April until midday.

**My Generation** will be meeting next on Wednesday 6 April for Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

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

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

**Rosary Group** meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for information. Everyone is welcome to join.

**The God Who Speaks** We have a reflection by Bishop Jim Golka on this Sunday's readings (3rd Sunday in Lent C). He reflects that when we allow God's presence to invade our lives we receive a life which we cannot achieve on our own. To watch, click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron** is now released over the weekend, late on Saturday. To watch click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Children's Liturgy** from Catholic Kids Media: The Burning Bush and the Figless Tree! Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

**Liturgy: A Call to Love** - In the eleventh video, Canon Christopher Whitehead explores 'The Shape of the Mass' and in the twelfth video, Fr Michael McAndrew explores 'The Table of the Word'. To watch click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#)

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Lent Week 3 and Psalter 3

## Saturday 19 March

### SAINT JOSEPH SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 St Osmund MASS V H Mundy RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS Catenian Mass of Thanksgiving  
50th Anniversary

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

## SUNDAY 20 March

09:00 St Gregory MASS James & Margaret Harley RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Michael Wykeham RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS John Daly RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

17:00 Holy Redeemer Syro Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Private Intention

## Monday 21 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Carol & Graeme  
Golden Wedding Anniversary

## Tuesday 22 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Tim O'Brien RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:00 St Gregory Requiem MASS Hugh Tierney RIP

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Wednesday 23 March

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Brian Shepherd RIP

12:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Patricia Robinson RIP

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

## Thursday 24 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mini Frances RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

19:00 St Osmund Lenten Meditation

20:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Friday 25 March

### THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

10:00 St Gregory MASS Edna Duffy RIP

18:15 St Osmund Stations of the Cross

19:00 St Osmund MASS Michael Dean RIP

## Saturday 26 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Edna Hillier RIP

## 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 MARCH

### A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

For Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action. [Click here.](#)

## CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Joseph, Bridgwater and Our Lady & the English Martyrs, Burnham on Sea.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Edna Hillier, Ann Rusalen, Michael Bowey, Patricia Robinson and Hugh Tierney who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Exodus 3:1-8,13-15*

*Psalms 102*

**The Lord is compassion and love.**

*1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12*

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

Repent, says the Lord,  
for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

*Luke 13:1-9*

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS** The next preparation course will be via Zoom on 21, 28 March; and 4 April at 7.30pm. For baptisms at St Osmund or Holy Redeemer please contact Deacon John Proctor and at St Gregory contact Deacon Stephen Godwin.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** weekend will be **21 & 22 May**. The second Children's session is at 2pm this Saturday 19 March at St Gregory's. For the timetable: [click here](#).

**CONFIRMATION** Bishop Declan will be coming on **5 July** this year to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. For further information please contact Annette at [confirmation@salisbury Catholics.org](mailto:confirmation@salisbury Catholics.org)

**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](mailto:caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com)

## ADOPT-A-STREET EASTER 2022!

There is an open invitation to all of us who are fit and able to 'adopt' a street/s: where you live, work or somewhere convenient for you. There is no door-knocking involved, simply posting cards through letter boxes on behalf of Salisbury Catholic Churches to invite the people of Salisbury to join with our Easter celebrations of the Resurrection. Thank you to all those who have already stepped forward.

**To date our volunteers have adopted 352 streets with 12,129 addresses.**

We would love to increase these numbers just click on the '[Adopt a Street](#)' button on the homepage. There you will find a list of all the streets that have already been 'adopted'. If you wish to Adopt-a-Street to deliver to, simply click on the on the first letter of the street you want and you will see if it is already taken. If you don't have access to the internet, no problem: just call us. To claim a street please contact the parish office on 01722 562703 or email [outreach@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:outreach@salisburycatholics.org) with the name of the street you wish to adopt. We are also looking for volunteers to help to count the cards into envelopes in the week beginning 28 March, **please let us know if you can help.** *We scatter the seeds and we leave the rest to God.*

## PROPOSED MERGER OF OUR PARISHES

Thank you to all those who have completed the online questionnaire or submitted a paper copy to the office.

Online Questionnaires received to date - **105**. Printed Questionnaire received to date - **7**.

This means that we have received a response from **3.85%** of registered parishioners.

[We are asking all parishioners to complete the Merger Questionnaire.](#)

**The most convenient way for you to complete the questionnaire is using the online form.** This is also the most cost-effective and efficient way. [Click here](#) to go directly to the questionnaire.

The closing date for submission of the questionnaire is **30 March**.

The last of our Consultation meetings takes place this weekend:

Sunday 20 March at 3pm **Online via Zoom**, for those isolating/unable to attend meetings in person.

The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84342066961?pwd=cDgxCHFNL0ZWbi8reGRXK2g0ZHlrZz09>

Meeting ID: 843 4206 6961 and Passcode: 016900

## STANDING ORDER/GIFT AID PAYMENTS

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**Thank you to all former weekly envelope donors who have responded positively**

**to our appeal to convert to giving by Standing Order.** 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 and submit your form as soon as possible. Not got a form? Contact us on 01722 562703 or email [volunteer@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:volunteer@salisburycatholics.org)

**To all those who are part of our GIFT AID scheme.** If you previously donated via Standing Order to the Clifton Diocese account, we are in the process of moving all these Standing Orders (with your help!) to pay directly into your parish account. **The deadline for achieving this task (set by the Diocese, not by us!) is 31 March.** If you have not yet actioned this request, please do so as soon as possible. Liz will be following up on all outstanding Gift Aid donors next week. Many, many thanks for your cooperation and patience.

**This has been an enormous task and with your help we are getting there!**

**Thanks to everyone who has responded with such generosity and patience.**