

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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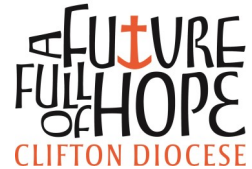
LENT WEEK 1(B)

From Father Anthony...

I was on my way back from a pastoral visit. Ice cold easterly winds buffeted the car. Treetops swayed in the fading light. A cyclist, head down, pedalled hard yet seemed to stand still. The road crested high ground and gave way to a wide unobstructed view. Dark barren patches interlaced with skeletal hedges rolled away to a hazy horizon. Mid distance the Great Spire stood sharp and Purbeck white against the dull red murk of a setting sun. Then a line of trees blocked the view; but, not before I caught sight of a plump of geese, high above, being driven across the barren scene.

'...immediately the spirit drove Him out into the wilderness'. Once again, we are invited to enter the internal wilderness of our being: the realm of our conscious but undisciplined, free roaming, disconnected thoughts. Day dreams and habitual thoughts live here; circular by nature they don't accomplish anything and leave us feeling barren. We are easy prey to anything that comes from our animal nature and selfish thoughts. Unfulfilled, life can feel tough. We may spend a lifetime in this place... not recognising it for what it is. There is also the realm of the subconscious, the place from which these jumbled thoughts are given birth; a place that influences us greatly but is much harder to become aware of.

Lent is a time for practising and experiencing the joy of awareness; a time for living in the wilderness so as to understand and correct it. Awareness effects a transformation. It creates a vantage point and distance from which we can see and understand. From this point the *spirit drives us* back into the wilderness; not as a punishment but because we can enter it with eyes wide open (*live with the wild beasts*). Now we can transform our wilderness rather than letting it rule us. We can rout the 'tempter'. Life now produces a sweeter, more sensible and coherent message (*Angels – messengers - looked after him*). As we release our reliance on the intellectual, rational mind (*John the Baptist arrested*) our Intuition and Imagination are integrated with it. We think and feel differently (*repentance*). Who we truly are (*Kingdom of Heaven*) begins to emerge as, *who we are not*, dies off. Pleasantly, we understand that, *'Death is not extinguishing the light; it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come'*. (Tagore).



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Most Holy Redeemer

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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.

Please register online at:

<https://salisburycatholics.org>

click "Registration/update"

REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

TO DATE : 2707

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER - 22 FEBRUARY

On Monday we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle, which celebrates Christ's choosing of Simon Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church, thus creating the first Pontiff of our Church (Pontiff comes from a Latin word, meaning "bridge builder"). To read more about this feast click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

ANNUAL CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY is this Friday 26 February. Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Please give to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. All the information plus a video is on our website. Just [click here](#) or the image in the 'Top News' box. Envelopes are available at the rear of the churches as you leave.

BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON

If you plan to attend Mass in person, please book by emailing: booking@salisburycatholics.org or, if you are unable to email, please call 01722 562703 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. The Mass schedule for the coming week is on the final page of this newsletter as normal or [click here](#).

Please do come a little early for Mass - at one of our Masses last weekend, nearly 40 people arrived within the 3 minutes of the start of Mass. It is very difficult for the stewards to get everyone seated and still maintain a prayerful environment in the Church prior to the start of Mass. Many thanks.

MEETINGS ON ZOOM Please use the contacts below if you would like to join (all are welcome).

Tuesday at 19:30	Weekly Alabare Christian Community	Deacon John Proctor john@alabare.org
Wednesdays at 14:30	Weekly Rosary Group	Josephine on 01722 328410
Tuesday 2 March 15:00	Holy Redeemer / Whaddon House Mass	Tony on 01722 562703

CHURCHES IN SALISBURY are calling us all to set aside Sunday 28 February as a Day of Prayer & Fasting for the protection of our city and a healing of the sick. At 19:30 you will be able to join a meeting across participating churches on Zoom. You will find the Zoom link by [clicking here](#). The meeting ID is: 885 2020 3054 and the Passcode is: 423050.

PILGRIM VOICES Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever but the world keeps changing. How do we find a vocabulary to express eternal truth in the ever-changing information age? Listen in or join in. Beginning next Thursday 18 February at 19:30 for five weeks on Zoom. Please e-mail John Proctor at john@alabare.org for an invitation and Zoom details. For the full poster click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SCORE UPDATE - A virtual SCORE meeting took place on 8 February 2021. This included feedback from 'The Hope Exchange', a homeless charity in Cape Town, whose Christmas Appeal was supported by SCORE. The next SCORE meeting will be on 3 May 2021 and applications for grants should be submitted by 26 April. Date for your diary: Monday 10 May at 19:00 - a SCORE meeting will be held via Zoom and all parishioners will be invited. A fuller update is available on our website, [click here](#).

PARISH CANTOR TRAINING for OUR PARISHES on ZOOM

These sessions are taking place on Zoom and are led by Rosemary Field. If you haven't used Zoom before don't be put off - we can help you. There are no costs involved for participants. If you are interested to join in, please contact Rosemary on rosemaryfield@rmfield.co.uk

SCORE APPEAL IN ASSOCIATION WITH SALISBURY CATENIANS (LAPTOPS FOR CHILDREN).

For full details of this appeal, how to donate and give unused equipment, click on the button 'Laptops for Children' on the home page or [click here](#).

LENT 2021

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the 'Way of the Cross', is a beautiful devotion to recall and honour the Passion of Christ. This prayer is often prayed on Fridays in Lent and especially significant on Good Friday. There are Stations of the Cross devotions led by our clergy from St Osmund's Church **each Friday during Lent at 18:20** (prior to the 7pm Mass) . You can come along or watch it on live stream and it will also be recorded via our [Church TV](#).

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

These devotions will continue throughout Lent on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Short Guided Lenten Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament

These will be led by our clergy and will take place on Tuesdays starting next Tuesday 23 February at 18:00 (followed by Benediction at 18:40). These will be available to join live or as recordings on our Church TV: [click here](#)

LENT RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE

All our resources for Lent mentioned below can be accessed via our Lent page. Click on the 'Lent 2021' button on our home page or just [click here](#).

There is a video with a Lenten message featuring Pope Francis 'Fast from hurting words and say kind words'. There is also a video of the Stations of the Cross by St Alphonsus Liguori and for children, there is a special 'Stations of the Cross'.

DARE TO DREAM 2020-21

Following on from last week's introductory video and reflection we now have 'Lent Week 1 - The Time has Come'. We have both the reflection and the video 'The Call to be a People of Hope through Lent'. Watch and listen to Fr. Tom Finnegan. The reflections and videos feature on the 'Dare to Dream' page which can be accessed by clicking the 'Lent 2021' button on the homepage or directly by [clicking here](#).

THE POET'S GOSPEL

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) have partnered with John Alan Davis, the writer of The Poet's Gospel (a Gospel in blank verse with rhymed parables), to create a 6 Week Lent Study. This gospel version, written in verse, is the outcome of a deep engagement with God in Christ. To listen to the sound files of this gospel being read out loud is to be taken on a journey with someone who has clearly walked and experienced all of life's contours. Again this can be accessed by clicking the 'Lent 2021' button on the homepage or directly by [clicking here](#).

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS There is another short reflection on video by Fr Jim Golka on the scripture of the first week of Lent Week and is only 3 minutes long. [Click here](#) or on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

SUNDAY HOMILY The latest podcast from Bishop Robert Barron for last Sunday (Ordinary Time Week 6) is on our website. In last Sunday's scripture the Gospel centres around Jesus' healing of a leper. Click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY We have a children's Liturgy of the Word for this weekend; 'Plans and Promises - Lent 1B'. To view click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#)

SAINT PAUL We have the fifth in a seven part series by New Testament scholar Con Campbell as he searches for answers to help him better understand St Paul. Click on the 'St Paul' button the home page or [click here](#).

CREDO We have the 16th podcast in this series: 'the filioque'. Join Fr Andrew as he tries to explain the filioque, the heresy of Arius and the great Schism in 15 minutes. Click on the 'Credo' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Lent Week 1 and Psalter 1

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

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Saturday 20 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Rita Tora RIP

SUNDAY 21 February

09:00 St Gregory MASS

09:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Yasmin RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

Monday 22 February THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, APOSTLE

10:00 St Osmund MASS The welfare of Gerard Hope

Tuesday 23 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Miriam Carney RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Guided Lenten Meditation

18:40 Benediction

Wednesday 24 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bella Gordon RIP

11:30 St Osmund Funeral Service Maria Marchi RIP
Private, Family only

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 25 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

14:00 St Osmund Requiem Mass Barbara Sim RIP

Private, family only - parishioners very welcome to join online.

15:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 26 February

18:20 St Osmund Stations of the Cross

19:00 St Osmund MASS Private Intention

Saturday 27 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS All Souls RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory On request Please contact one of our priests

St Osmund Saturdays 10:30 to 11:30

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Universal: Violence against women

For women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parish of Holy Cross, Bedminster.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please also remember all those who have died: Joyce Knowles, Louise Hilton, Terence O'Sullivan, Jim (Victor) Lever, Sandra Grist, Ethanna Harris, Maria Marchi, Margot Wilson, Anne Sheehan, Bridie Dempsey, Barbara Sim and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalms 24

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

1 Peter 3:18-22

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Mark 1:12-15

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. Watch this space.