

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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LENT WEEK 5(B)

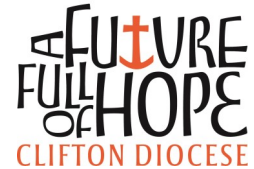
From Father Anthony...

It was a turquoise evening. Fluffy cloud, grey bottoms and pink tops, slid across the sky. Windows reflected the setting sun. Lily of the Valley drifted seductively on a faint breeze. Mrs Cat stretched luxuriously across the tattered shed roof soaking up the last few rays; Henrietta clucked around my feet. The garden was still threadbare but greening over... with the promise of colour to come. I love the yearly cycle of nature; how easy it seems to let go; how easy it returns to its original glory.... and, so biblical!

After our wilderness experience and subsequent encounter on the mountain (*transfiguration*); at some stage our *Intellectual Reason (Greeks)* will waken and begin an internal search. It finds that security, wealth, power and knowledge still leave it seeking. But now it encounters Philip! Philip means *lover of horses (power of the mind)*. It encounters a force (*love*) that will harness and control the disparate forces of the mind (*horses*). This force 'summons' the strength of the Soul (*Andrew*); together they are a formidable. They bring Intellectual Reason to the Essence of its own being (*Jesus*).

In the presence of Jesus, Reason understands that Christ cannot be Glorified; Christ is Glory! But, the Soul (*the son of man*), however distorted, can be restored to the image of Christ that it is and therefore, glorified. The word for Glory ($\delta\omicron\xi\acute{\alpha}\zeta\omega$ – *doxazó*) conveys the meaning of 'ascribing weight by recognising real substance or value'. Glorifying God would mean, *personally acknowledging God in His true Character or Essence*. Going within, Reason recognises and values the Soul for what it truly is; the gateway to Spirit and the Experience of being an Image and Likeness of God. In this recognition the Soul is Glorified (*lifted up*). Its original Glory is restored.

Reason understands that its former ways must die (*as a grain of wheat dies*). The word for *die* ($\acute{\alpha}\pi\omicron\theta\nu\eta\sigma\kappa\omega$ – *apothnέskó*) stresses the 'ending of what is former so as to bring about what naturally follows'. The word does not mean a final ending or oblivion. It is gentler... more positive. The ending of former ways is achieved by what our Intellectual Reason has begun to understand already: that it cannot find the answers it craves from the world... it cannot live for itself (*love your life*). It must brush this aside (*hate its life*) and allow Christ, Glory, to speak and shine from within.



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OUR CHURCHES

St Osmund

95 Exeter Street SP1 2SF

St Gregory & the English Martyrs

St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

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.

Please register online at:

<https://salisburycatholics.org>

click "Registration/update"

REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

TO DATE : 2707

COVID-19: UK NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION TUESDAY 23 MARCH

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have urged the faithful to make the National Day of Reflection on COVID-19 a day of prayer as well as a day of reflection. Tuesday 23 March, the anniversary of the first national lockdown, will be marked with a minute's silence at midday. At 8pm, people are encouraged to create a 'beacon of remembrance' on their doorsteps by beaming phones, candles and torches into the night sky. Prominent buildings and landmarks will also be lit up across the UK. "For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon. So let us make the 23 March truly a day of prayer."

Our churches will be open (with stewards available) at the following times:

St Osmund: 10:00 to 21:00

10:00 Mass followed by Exposition until 21:00; 12:00 - a Remembrance Service. At 20:00 there will be a short Vigil Service followed by Benediction at 21:00. The church will be open all day.

St Gregory: 11:30 to 12:30 and 18:00 to 21:00

12:00 - Remembrance Service, Exposition at 18:00 to 21:00, a Vigil Service at 20:00 and Benediction at 21:00

Holy Redeemer: 11:30 to 12:30

12:00 - Remembrance Service.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS TIMES

The full schedule is now on the last page of this newsletter. Please note some services are already fully booked and these are clearly marked. Where there are still spaces, we do encourage you to book soon. If you have not booked and received confirmation of your place, please do not simply turn up - this is distressing for our stewards who are understandably upset at having to turn anyone away but are ensuring that we adhere to the government guidelines that allow us to remain open.

PARKING at St Osmund - whilst attending services at St Osmund, please do not park on the drive. We had an occasion recently when the priest arriving to say Mass could not get his car onto the drive. Parking on Exeter Street in marked bays has now been reinstated and parking after 18:00 is also widely available in the Friary.

SCORE collection for home projects takes place on this weekend, 20 & 21 March. Please put your pink envelope into the main collection - or use a clearly marked plain envelope. Thank you.

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

Tuesdays at 19:30	Weekly Alabaré Christian Community	Deacon John Proctor john@alabare.org
Wednesdays at 14:30	Rosary Group	Josephine on 01722 328410
Thursdays at 18:30	Downton Service of the Word	michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk
Tuesday at 15:00	6 April HR/Whaddon House Mass	Tony on 01722 562703
Wednesday at 14:00	14 April Rosary Group House Mass	Josephine on 01722 328410
Thursday at 18:30	15 April Downton House Mass	michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk

MURIEL MALONEY RIP

The Requiem Mass for Muriel is taking place at midday on Tuesday 30 March in St Osmund's Church. Sadly, because of the current restriction on numbers attending, parishioner will not be able to attend in person. We know that Muriel was known by many parishioners and her family invite you all most warmly to join them in prayer for Muriel via our livestream: [Click here](#) If you cannot join at the exact time of the Mass, it will be available afterwards on the 'Recordings' tab for approximately 3 days. Please remember Muriel and her family in your prayers.

LENT 2021

Stations of the Cross

There are two more Friday 'Stations of the Cross' devotions led by our clergy in St Osmund's Church 19 & 26 March at 18:20 (prior to the 7pm Mass). You are welcome to attend in person or join on the livestream and they will also be recorded via our [Church TV](#). Please book if you wish to attend in person. Parking is available on Exeter Street.

Also Cardinal Vincent Nichols invites you to join him as he meditates on the 'Way of the Cross' using images from the 'High Stations' on the hill above the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Just Click on the 'Lent 2021' button on our home page or [click here](#).

Short Guided Lenten Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament

Due to the Covid-19 UK national day of reflection and the Penitential Service on the 30 March, the Lenten meditations have now finished.

Lenten Penitential Services - with an opportunity for individual Confession

Holy Redeemer - Tues 23 March 19:00, St Gregory - Mon 29 March 19:00, St Osmund - Tues 30 March 19:00

Please do book to attend these liturgies in the normal way.

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 [click here](#).

Dare to Dream 2020-21

We now have 'Lent Week 5 - Dying and Rising'. You can read the reflection and watch the video 'Rising from the dead – the invitation to new life' with our Parish Priest Fr Anthony. The reflections and videos are on our 'Dare to Dream' page; click on the 'Lent 2021' button on the homepage or directly by [clicking here](#).

Lenten Retreat

We now have 'Facing the Truth' which is part four of Father Denis McBride's online Lenten retreat 'Reflecting with Paintings'. These reflections are on the 'Lent Retreat' page which can be accessed by clicking the 'Lent 2021' button on the homepage or directly by [clicking here](#).

The Poet's Gospel A Gospel in blank verse with rhymed parables. We have 'Week 5: Lazarus Lives'. Access by clicking the 'Lent 2021' button on the homepage or directly by [clicking here](#).

Children's Meditation: 'In My Heart Room' We have the second in a series of lovely audio meditations for children by our very own Frances Rolleston, this week the meditation is called 'My Coin'. You can access it by clicking on the 'Children's Corner' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

The God Who Speaks - There is another short video homily by Fr Jim Golka on the scripture of the 5th Week of Lent that is only 3 minutes long. [Click here](#) or on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

Sunday Homily - by Bishop Robert Barron. One of the most fundamental beliefs of the Biblical Israelites is that God is a covenant-maker. He formed his people through a series of agreements and contracts saying, "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God and they will be my people." 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; 'Sin and the New Covenant! - Lent 5B'. To view click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

Saint Peter We have a new six part series. How did Peter transform from an uneducated fisherman into one of the most celebrated and beloved Jesus-followers in history. New Testament scholar Con Campbell wanted to find out. To view the first episode click on the 'St Peter' button on the home page or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Lent Week 5 and Psalter 1

Please book if you would like to attend Mass in person.
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Saturday 20 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS For the recovery of Prince Philip

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SUNDAY 21 March

09:00 St Gregory MASS

09:00 St Osmund MASS Edna Duffy RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Dorothy Arens RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Monday 22 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mini Francis RIP

Tuesday 23 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS The COVID Deceased

COVID-19 DAY OF REFLECTION & PRAYER

Our churches will be open at these times: St Osmund - All day until 21:00, Holy Redeemer 11:30-12:30. St Gregory 11:30-12:30 & 18:00 - 21:00

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 12:00
Holy Redeemer, St Osmund and St Gregory

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
St Osmund 10:30 and St Gregory 18:00

VIGIL 20:00
St Osmund and St Gregory

BENEDICTION 21:00
St Osmund and St Gregory

19:00 Holy Redeemer Penitential Service

Wednesday 24 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased Members of the Baker Family

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 25 March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mike Dean RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 26 March

18:20 St Osmund Stations of the Cross

19:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

Saturday 27 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR MARCH

Evangelisation: Sacrament of Reconciliation

That we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Filton, St Vincent de Paul, Southmead, Bristol.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We also remember in our prayers all those who have died: Muriel Maloney, Ann Wardlaw, Joyce Knowles, Louise Hilton, Terence O'Sullivan, Jim (Victor) Lever, Sandra Grist and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 50

A pure heart create for me, O God.

Hebrews 5:7-9

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

If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

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

John 12:20-30

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory	On request	Contact priests
St Osmund	Saturdays	10:30 to 11:30
Holy Redeemer	Saturdays	17:30 until Mass

Preparation Programmes 2021

We are now able to move forward with a programme of preparation for Confirmation. Please contact us by email confirmation@salisburycatholics.org if you/your child is in Year 9 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

News on First Holy Communion preparation to follow - please watch this space.

FROM OUR PARISH TREASURERS...

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have asked that at all acts of worship on Good Friday, the opportunity for the faithful to contribute to the Holy See collection for the Holy Places of Palestine should be available. There will be a collection basket at the back of all of our churches on Good Friday and any contributions received on this day will go to this collection. If you are not attending in person, but would like to contribute, please donate into your parish account (details below) online in the usual manner using the reference: HOLY PLACES

Easter Offerings to our priests

Easter Offering envelopes are available at the back of our churches for those able to attend in person. If you are unable to attend or would prefer not to handle cash, you may make your Easter offering via your parish's bank account - please see details below.

Please be sure to quote the reference EASTER OFFERING with your payment so we can keep the money separate from parish funds. **Please, please do not use the 'Donate'/PayPal button our website** or the Diocesan Gift Aid account (ending ****357) as these are managed centrally and there will be difficulties keeping the money distinct from other diocesan funds.

Many thanks.

Parish	Full Account Name	Sort Code	Full Account Number
Holy Redeemer	Clifton Diocese re Parish of Most Holy Redeemer Salisbury	52-10-03	6628 7081
St Gregory	Clifton Diocese re Parish of St Gregory Salisbury	52-10-03	6628 7103
St Osmund	Clifton Diocese re Parish of St Osmund Salisbury	52-10-03	6628 7111

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CELEBRATIONS

Confirmation (2020 Group)

The date is **Thursday 8 April at 19:00** at St Osmund. Prior to this, Fr Anthony will next meet with parents and candidates at 19:00 this coming Wednesday 24 March at St Gregory.

Confirmation (2021 Group)

We are now planning Confirmation preparation for anyone currently in Year 9 or above. If you would like to join this year's programme, please email your child's details to: confirmation@salisburycatholics.org as soon as possible. Many thanks.

First Holy Communion (2020 Group) Masses – 10 & 17 April

Two Masses are now planned to enable those children whose First Communion celebrations were planned for last November to take place this Eastertide. All parents have been emailed with the arrangements, please reply to this email as soon as possible. Please keep our First Communion children and their families in your prayers. For those families who decided to defer until Summer 2021, we will be in touch soon. Thank you all for your patience.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Lent Week 6 and Psalter 2

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

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28 March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

09:00	St Gregory	MASS	
09:00	St Osmund	MASS	
11:00	St Osmund	MASS	Poppy Falzon 20th Birthday
12:15	St Osmund	Ordinariate MASS	
18:00	St Osmund	MASS	

Monday 29 March

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	
19:00	St Gregory	Penitential Service	

Tuesday 30 March

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Alessandra and John Grech RIP
12:00	St Osmund	Requiem MASS	Muriel Maloney RIP Private, Family Only

No Guided Lenten Meditation or Exposition / Benediction

19:00	St Osmund	Penitential Service	
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Wednesday 31 March

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	
19:00	St Osmund	Ordinariate MASS	

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY 1 APRIL MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

19:00 St Gregory 20:00 St Osmund (fully booked)

GOOD FRIDAY 2 APRIL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

11:00 St Gregory 11:00 St Osmund

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD AT 15:00

Holy Redeemer - St Gregory - St Osmund

(St O's is fully booked)

HOLY SATURDAY 3 APRIL EASTER VIGIL

20:00 St Osmund 21:00 St Gregory

EASTER SUNDAY

4 APRIL

08:00	Holy Redeemer	MASS	
09:00	St Gregory	MASS	
09:00	St Osmund	MASS	
11:00	St Osmund	MASS	
12:15	St Osmund	Ordinariate MASS	
18:00	St Osmund	MASS	

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR APRIL

Universal: Fundamental Rights

For those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Gerard Majella, Knowle, Christ the King, Knowle West, Bristol

PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalms 21

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Philippians 2:6-11

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

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

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

Mark 15:1-39

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Exodus 12:1-8. 11-14

Psalms 115

**The blessing-cup that we bless
is a communion with the blood of Christ.**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

John 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Psalms 30

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

John 18:1 - 19:42