

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 21 (A)

From Fr Anthony...

A bird feeder dangled from the vines and swayed in the breeze. Sparrows clung to the sides like free climbers. The gunslinger has put on weight! And, after his churchly incarceration, Harry the pigeon, is united with his mate again (ah). The garden is beginning to enter the evening of its days. Leaves are turning brown; bushes and trees have a discernible hunch or droop. Hanging fruits burst with colour, fall and litter the paths. Red roses are still flowering though. One bush seemed unnaturally bowed down. Rain, I thought, but on closer inspection.... bind weed, again!! Binds had coiled round branches, forcing them to face the ground distorting the overall shape. Carefully!!! I cut the binds and watched them straighten and stretch heavenward.

Life is sometimes a bind; we feel trapped or distorted. The experience prompts an important question, 'who am I'? St Francis answers, 'what you are looking for, is what is looking'. The answer is found within not without.

'What is looking' (observer - I am) often misidentifies itself with what is seen (observed - I think I am my name, occupation, nationality, achievements, etc). The observer is permanent; the observed, transient. If we identify the permanent (subject) with the transient (predicate) we experience ourselves as 'legion'... pulled in every direction and bound to everything we think we are. The experience is intolerable. I am... is the state of being (Christ within) not a condition of being.

Understanding this, we begin to value the observed correctly. We become selective in choosing what we bind ourselves to. We occupy the state of Simon (to hear). All exterior impressions speak... they influence or lead us. We learn to accept (hear) only those impressions that are conducive to spiritual development and worthy of Christ within. Now we control and are not controlled; we become firm and confident in the life we lead... we enter the state of Peter (rock, faith). We still take in impressions. Those that help us grow, we bind (affirm) to ourselves. Those that would bind us to them, we deny (loose). We have found (been given) the keys of the Kingdom – the interior state. These keys allow us to lock the doors of our soul to exterior harmful impressions or... open them for the world to receive impressions formed by us in Spirit. We have now found what we are looking for... Christ in us, looking.

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FULL OF
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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. Once this current crisis is over, please pop in and say hello. For now, please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org>
click "Registration/update"

**REGISTERED PARISHIONERS
TO DATE : 2644**

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE 24 AUGUST

'Son of Tolmai' is one of the twelve apostles named in the first three Gospels but said by modern scholars to be referred to in John's Gospel as Nathaniel. He was called by Philip to follow Jesus 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote'. Tradition has him preaching in India and Armenia where he is said to have been flayed alive before being beheaded. You can read the full story of Saint Bartholomew and watch a video by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or by going directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/bartholomew>

MEMORIAL OF SAINT MONICA 27 AUGUST

Today, with Google searches, online shopping, text messages, tweets, and instant credit, we have little patience for things that take time. Likewise, we want instant answers to our prayers. Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine. For the story of St Monica please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go to our 'Blog' or to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/saint-monica>

MEMORIAL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE 28 AUGUST

Augustine (354-430), son of Saint Monica, was brought up a Christian, although not baptised. He went on to virtually renounce his Christian faith and lived for 15 years with a mistress by whom he had a son. Augustine went to Rome and Milan where he met Saint Ambrose who baptised him in 386. Returning to Africa, he was ordained in 391 and four years later became Bishop of Hippo. For the full story of Saint Augustine click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go to our Blog or go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/saint-augustine>

NEWS FROM THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

Stop Uyghur Genocide Bishop Declan Lang, Chair of the International Affairs department of the Bishops' Conference, alongside the Cardinal Archbishops of Yangon (Myanmar) and Jakarta (Indonesia) have joined religious leaders and leaders of belief-based communities in calling for action to stop "one of the most egregious human tragedies since the Holocaust: the potential genocide of the Uyghurs and other Muslims in China." For the full text please go to our Blog or directly at: <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/stop-uyghur-genocide>

Don't lose the people behind the politics as refugees continue to risk lives crossing the Channel. Liam Allmark, Head of Public Affairs for the Bishops' Conference, has written a blog post for *premierchristianity.com* stressing that our fundamental starting point should be the protection of human life as refugees continue to risk their lives crossing the English Channel. You can read the full text by going to our 'Blog' or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/refugees-continue-risk-lives>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Regular Confessions in church have now resumed.

Saturdays in St Osmund following the 10am Mass (10:30 - 11:30)

Saturdays in Holy Redeemer prior to the 6pm Mass (17:30 - Mass)

Fridays in St Gregory following the midday Mass (12:30 - 13:00)

BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays every week at 10:45 via Skype. All are welcome. For more information and/or to join please contact Michael on 01725 510310.

ZOOM GATHERINGS Please contact outreach@salisburycatholics.org if you need assistance.

Tuesday at 17:00

Pastoral Team meeting

Tuesday at 19:30

Alabare community meeting

Contact John Proctor on 01722 340206

Wednesday at 14:00

26 August Rosary Group House Mass

Contact Josephine on 01722 328410

Thursday at 15:00

27 August HR/Whaddon House Mass

Contact Tony 01722 562703

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASS

The full list of Mass times in all our churches is on the last page of this newsletter or on our website: click on 'Mass Times' on our homepage or go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/mass-times>

Please note temporary Mass Time Changes from 24 August to 5 September

Saturday & Sunday Mass Times will remain the same but the weekday Mass times at St Osmund's will be reduced to one per day as reflected on the last page of this newsletter.

Face Coverings. The government has stipulated that face coverings must be worn in places of worship. Please remember that some people are exempt from this requirement by virtue of medical conditions.

'Booking' to attend Mass: Thank you so much for your continued support with this process. Please do not arrive at a church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked a place in advance.

To book please call 01722 562703 or email outreach@salisburycatholics.org

Bookings can only be taken on this number and email address. Emails and messages left on other numbers may well be unknowingly overlooked.

Please only call or email as shown above, please do not call or email the presbytery to book a space at Mass. are Please arrive to Mass in good time to enable our stewards to direct you to your seat without undue haste.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER SUPPORTED BY OUR WEBSITE

THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM, TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM IN TRUTH

LECTIONARY COMMENTARY We have a commentary on the readings for 19th Sunday Ordinary Time written by Dr Joseph O'Hanlon. He comes in the fourth watch, in the darkness of the night, walking on the sea of troubles besetting his troubled little boat of a church. They see a ghost, terrified as they are. Yet in the height of their fear there is a voice that stills their fear: To read just click on 'Lectionary Commentary' on the home page or go direct to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/lectionary>

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS page contains a video reflection on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which we celebrated last weekend. This year we are being invited to engage more deeply with the Bible and our 'God Who Speaks' page contains many resources and Gospel and Psalm podcasts. There are also testimonies from people affected by the Bible and narratives from Fr Denis McBride and Fr Nicholas King SJ. Just click the 'God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/god-who-speaks>

MUSIC IN ISOLATION In this time of turmoil, 50 countries affected by Covid 19 unite in one song, one voice and one message: 'Amazing Grace'. Click on the 'Music in Isolation' button on our homepage or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/music-isolation>

Other opportunities : Just click on the button on the right hand side of the homepage:

RESURRECTION NARRATIVES: with Fr Denis McBride, **MAGNIFICAT:** reflection on Mary's Song

SUNDAY HOMILY: by Bishop Robert Barron, **ADULT & CHILD FAITH FORMATION**

Harry the Pigeon responds...

A response from Harry to our news item of last week has been received. This can be found by clicking on his image in the 'Top News' box or going to our Blog or to <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/harry-responds> The original story if you missed BBC news can be found at: <https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/pigeon-named-harry>. Our friends in the small church across the road have denied all knowledge that Harry is one of theirs and therefore we do not know who he is working for. As a result, our pigeon alert level has moved up from 3 to 4 and there will be an urgent session of the Pastoral Team in six weeks' time to discuss the crisis.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Ordinary Time Week 21 and Psalter 1

ALL MASSES IN ST OSMUND ARE LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

<https://salisburycatholics.org/church-tv>

Limited Congregation Masses

Saturday 22 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Chrissey Pater RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 23 August

09:00 St Osmund MASS P J Chacko RIP

09:00 St Gregory MASS

11:00 St Osmund MASS Daniel Lundy In remembrance

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Johnikutty RIP

Please note only one weekday Mass at St Osmund in this period.

Monday 24 August SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

19:00 St Osmund MASS Michael McIntyre RIP

Tuesday 25 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Michael Dawson RIP

All Day St Osmund Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 26 August

12:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Anne Gray RIP

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 27 August Saint Monica

10:00 St Osmund MASS John Martin RIP

All Day St Osmund Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 28 August Saint Augustine, Bishop

12:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 29 August Passion of Saint John the Baptist

10:00 St Osmund MASS In thanksgiving

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Gregory Fridays 12:30 to 13:00

St Osmund Saturdays 10:30 to 11:30

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

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POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Evangelisation: The Maritime World

For all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

<https://salisburycatholics.org/pope-francis>

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parish of Holy Family, Swindon.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember all those who have died: Rita (Mollie) Halliden, Patricia Dawkins, George Savill, and Paula Elvin and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER IN OUR CHURCHES

St Osmund will be open for Private Individual Prayer at the following times this week providing we have stewards available. New volunteers for stewarding are always welcome and much needed.

Tuesday and Thursday after the 10:00 Mass

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 22:19-23

Ps 137

**Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.**

Romans 11:33-36

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.

And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Matthew 16:13-20

MARRIAGES

Where possible, these must be deferred.

Please speak to the priest for further guidance.

FUNERALS

Please speak to the priest for guidance.

BAPTISMS

For those who have attended the baptismal preparation course a baptism can now be arranged on a Saturday after midday. If you wish to have more detail please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email john@alabare.org