

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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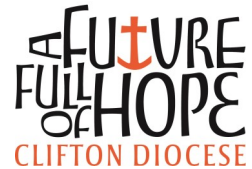
PENTECOST SUNDAY

From Father Anthony...

After thick grey cloud and pouring rain a new day dawned, calm and blue. A light breeze ruffled the trees: sunlight danced on the leaves. It cast long shadows across the lawn and glittered on the dew soaked grass. Sparrows swooped and dived. A pigeon cooed. Blue bellflowers swayed in the green. A baby blackbird, plump and fluffy brown stood beak open and chirping. Its father came bouncing over and, beak to beak, fed it. Beautiful!

Society pays much attention to what we eat and to physical exercise. Yet, little is said of spiritual diet and exercise. The realm of spirit is often spoken of in otherworldly or even magical terms. Conversations about spiritual matters often end with, 'OK, but let's get on with the real world!' Spirit can be portrayed as alien to and far removed from ordinary life; and what we feed ourselves on, mentally, of no consequence. By contrast, the scriptures reveal the spiritual realm as an integral part of who and what we truly are; *the reality out of which this world is but a shadow. To be fully human is to be spiritual (lead you to the complete truth)*. As awakened spiritual beings we are *glorified*, i.e. our true character and origin is revealed to us. Otherwise, we remain 'asleep', living in the fog of an unilluminated sensory world.

Scripture makes much of the *I Am*; that aspect of our being at one with the Father (*issues from the Father*). It is elusive. It can't be *seen* or *understood* because all *seeing* and *understanding* issue from it; it is the seer not the seen. However, during spiritual practice *who we think we are* senses that it is seen. It is seen by *who we truly are... I Am*. It dawns on us that *who we think we are* is not *who we actually are*. *I Am* is experienced as that which gives us the sense of *what we are not (via negativa, Aquinas)*: and now we begin to waken. Awakening gives us sight of who and what we have made of ourselves and the extent to which we have *fallen short of the mark* of Love (God). *Who we think we are* is corrected by the language of love heard from *who we actually are (all He tells you)*. It is as if tongues of understanding burn away the old person and awaken the new.



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Chapel of the Holy Family

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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 : 2744

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES COVID-19 ROUTE MAP: STEP 3 GUIDANCE

Status Quo: The current capacity of our churches, our Mass-booking arrangements, hand-sanitising and wearing of face masks remains unchanged. Thank you for continuing to book to attend Mass and to all of our stewards.

Holy Communion: Under one kind only but the priest/deacon is now permitted to announce 'Body of Christ', to each communicant in turn as they come forward. Please keep your mask in place as you reply 'Amen'; lifting your mask only to consume the host. Many thanks.

Readers: are no longer required to wear gloves but we will continue to have only one lay reader per Mass for now. At Masses where the psalm is sung, cantors will sing from a separate place.

Private Prayer: St Osmund's Church will now be open throughout the day, every day for private prayer. On Tuesdays and Thursdays (when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed), if you arrive for private prayer and the church is locked (as it will be when there is no-one present), simply come to the Newman Room (at the back of the Parish Rooms) and we will open the church for you. When visiting for private prayer, there will be no stewards present and so we ask you to sanitise your hands and check-in on arrival (either using the displayed QR code or by writing your name on the list in the entrance), wear a mask whilst in the building and clean the area around your seat before you leave. A spray bottle and cloths will be in the porch for you to use.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 23 MAY

On Pentecost Sunday, God breathed the Holy Spirit into the apostles; Jesus had died, risen from the dead and ascended into heaven but they were not left alone. Jesus' followers were afraid and unsure of their future. The Holy Spirit came to comfort them even though Jesus wasn't there to physically comfort them any more. There is a short video of the story of Pentecost, a reflection and a question 'Aren't all Christian denominations the same?' All of this can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or by [clicking here](#).

FEAST DAYS THIS COMING WEEK

[Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church 24 May](#) [Saint Bede 25 May](#) [Saint Philip Neri 26 May](#)
[Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest - 27 May](#).

For the story and background of these feast days please click on the title above or the image in the 'Top News box.

Baptism Congratulations With great joy, we welcome Khaleb Bacula into our Church by the Sacrament of Baptism during the 10:00 Mass this Saturday 22 May. Please keep Khaleb, his parents Jay Ann and Antonio and his godparents in your prayers at this wonderful time.

Pray for Peace in the Holy Land and Gaza As violence in the Holy Land continues to escalate, we hear from the Parish Priest of the Holy Family Parish in Gaza, Father Gabriel Romanelli. His community is very small (133 people) but very active and they extend their support beyond the Christian Arab community to their Muslim neighbours. To listen, please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Candle of Justice Prayer Initiative is taking place on Tuesday 25 May at noon. This is a moment for individuals and churches to light a candle and pray for racial justice. On this day and at this time there will be a short prayer service in St Osmund led by Deacon John Proctor to which you are all invited. Later that evening, there will be a service, hosted by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, which airs at 19:00 and can be watched on [CTBI's Youtube channel](#). For more information click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Salisbury City-Wide Pentecost Prayer Gathering Sunday 23 May, 2021, 19:30 – 21:00

To join the Zoom Meeting: [Click here for the Zoom link](#), Meeting ID: 923 2010 5088 Passcode: 018139

SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN will take place on Saturday 29 May between 11:00 & 13:00 opposite Salisbury College on the Southampton Road. Please help our group in this act of silent witness to the Pro-Life cause and raise awareness. Ring Alison on 01722 741681 in the next few days if you can come, to enable her to organise the event.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

If you have a child that is currently in Year 3 at school whom you would like to make their First Communion during the forthcoming year, please complete the online First Holy Communion Application Form at <https://p1.pamis.co.uk/salisbury/onlined01cab> or by clicking the 'Registration' button on the homepage of our website. **Please complete this online form even if you have already expressed interest either by email, telephone call or in person**, so that we can be confident we have not missed anyone out. Once you have completed the online application process, we will get in touch with further details. More details can be found by [clicking here](#).

MONTH OF MAY - DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY

The Rosary - During May, the Rosary will be prayed in St Osmund's Church at 18:00 each Friday evening in May preceding the 19:00 Mass. Led by our Rosary Group, everyone is encouraged to join, please book in the normal way if you would like to attend in person: booking@salisburycatholics.org 01722 562703

Memorare and Marian Anthem - following each Mass in May, the celebrant will sing a Marian anthem and lead the Memorare. Please visit our 'May Devotions' page by clicking on the button on our Homepage or by [clicking here](#) where you will find video and text for the Memorare and the Marian anthems.

Ascension to Pentecost Novena 13 to 23 May - Our bishops are encouraging us to join together in praying a novena – nine days of prayer – for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to engage with those who, for whatever reason, no longer come to Church or have never done so. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) and you will find a booklet to help you pray this novena. There is also a podcast for each day for you to follow and take part.

Dare to Dream 2020-21 We have a reflection on 'Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit' by Mgr Jeremy Rigden. You can find these reflections and all the previous videos with reflections on our 'Dare to Dream' page; click on the 'Dare to Dream' button on the homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Meditation: 'In My Heart Room' We have two meditations from Frances Rolleston this week: My Candle Prayer and My Pentecost Prayer You can access these and all the previous meditations by clicking on the 'Children's Corner' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

The God Who Speaks The reflection on the readings for Pentecost comes this week from Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines. To watch and listen [click here](#) or on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

Sunday Homily - by Bishop Robert Barron. This Sunday we have the marvellous feast of Pentecost, a celebration of the Holy Spirit, the Church, and evangelical preaching. Pentecost reverses the cacophonous confusion at Babel. We see various languages, cultures, and identities come into concordance under God. In the same way, we must find unity in Christ alongside our many distinctions and diversity. To listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy - from Catholic Kids Media. This week we have 'What is Pentecost?' A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for the Pentecost, Cycle B and also from Redemptorist Publications we will introduce a video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection and a final prayer when it is published. To view, click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

Albert Lawes' Ordination to the Priesthood is taking place on 25 June in Plymouth Cathedral. Praise be to God! If you would like to attend in person, please contact the parish office. You will also be able to join the Ordination Mass online - we plan to feature the livestream of his Ordination on our website as we did when he was ordained a deacon last year ([click here](#) if you missed it or would like to watch again). Albert is the eldest of the three Lawes brothers from our parishes to enter preparation for the priesthood - Thomas was ordained priest last year for the Clifton Diocese and Dominic is currently in seminary in Melbourne, Australia. Please keep Albert, Thomas and Dominic in your prayers.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Week 8, Psalter 4 and Proper of Season

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

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Saturday 22 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS In thanksgiving

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SUNDAY 23 May

PENTECOST SUNDAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Keith Summerill RIP
09:00 St Osmund MASS John & Margaret Stone RIP
11:00 St Osmund MASS Patricia Robinson RIP
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS Special Intention

Monday 24 May

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

Tuesday 25 May

Saint Bede the Venerable

10:00 St Osmund MASS Tom Burke

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 St Osmund Racial Justice (Candle of Justice) Service

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 26 May

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

10:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 27 May

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

10:00 St Gregory Requiem MASS Keith Summerill RIP
Booking essential, only a few seats left.

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 28 May

18:00 St Osmund Marian Devotion

19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Saturday 29 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bridie & Harry Clapham RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory	On request	Contact priests
St Osmund	Saturdays	10:30 to 11:00
Holy Redeemer	Saturdays	17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR MAY

Universal: The World of Finance

That those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Charlton Kings).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We also remember in our prayers all those who have died: Keith Summerill, Irene Hayes, Margaret Flanagan, Frances Phelan, Garth Vaughan-Brown and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 103

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Galatians 5:16-25

The Sequence for Pentecost

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!**

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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 by email john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com or on 07802 63196

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 [Click here](#)

CONFIRMATION If you have a child in Year 9 or above, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme [Click here](#)
(Please note that the current programme is already underway and is now full)