

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 3(B)

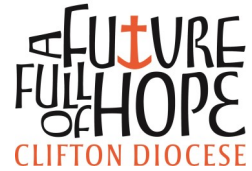
From Father Anthony...

I had just fed Henrietta (*blackbird*) and her friends. The Gunslinger had looked on disapprovingly! The Gangsters had not yet arrived. It was a tall sky, a mass of thick black, grey and white twisted smudges. Rain fell like water from an open tap. Wrapped and hatted I headed for the market. The light was subdued: shop fronts reflected off wet pavements. The market looked bedraggled but cheery. I waited... socially distanced. A little girl was agonising over an iced cinnamon bun. She didn't want to hand over her money: her mother coaxed gently. I stood getting soaked. Eventually, she handed over her money, giggled and went off with her iced bun... in a bag almost as big as her! Ahh.

'After John had been arrested'; the word translated as 'arrested' (παραδίδωμι, *paradidomi*) has the meaning of, 'handed over'... like the little girl handing over her money. It was not taken from her: she handed it over for something she wanted. 'Handing over', rather than 'being arrested' better reflects the felt spiritual experience the Gospel wants to communicate.

John the Baptist (*forerunner*) represents a state of being prior to Christ rising within. In this state we perceive ourselves as 'what we are not', but don't yet recognise 'what we are'. Our intellect is now very close to Spirit but still bound to the material plane. A further step is required. It is, perhaps, the most difficult step; mysterious and very personal... to hand ourselves over to Christ. Once we do, the effects of Christ within become apparent. We begin to experience ourselves more as a spiritual rather than physical being (*Kingdom of Heaven*). We begin to understand the world as a function of mind and heart; a change of mind and heart changes the world (*repentance*). Our faculties (*calling the apostles*) waken; where they worked in service of the world (*paying out their nets*) they now work in the service of Spirit.

Enlivened by the Spirit we continue our work in the world; but we are no longer worldly. As a spiritual being in the world we recognise the spirit in everyone. How we are, what we do and say becomes a spiritual 'net' that never breaks; that is cast, not over water, but over the soul of our sister or brother. Without trespass we become a catalyst for others to awaken to Christ within. We become 'fishers of men'.



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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 : 2706

BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON

If you plan to attend Mass in person, please book by emailing: booking@salisburycatholics.org (it is very helpful to us if you use this email address **exclusively** for Mass booking) 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 can be found on our website: click the 'Mass Times' button on our homepage.

Gentle Reminder: Please do not come to Mass if you feel at all unwell.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptism preparation courses are being run via Zoom. You are invited to participate in a preparation course prior to the baptism of your child. The next course on Zoom will commence at 19:00 on 28 January, 4 & 11 February. To join the course please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email john@alabare.org

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 Thursday 18th February at 19:30 for five weeks on Zoom. Please e-mail John Proctor at john@alabare.org for an invitation and Zoom details

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

We have children in our Catholic schools who do not have devices on which to access their online learning. We can help in two ways:

1. If you have a unused laptop or iPad, these can be donated to the schools to re-purpose for the children. The schools can sanitise them, then remove any data etc. The point of contact for this is Michael Presley on 07771 803876.
2. We are able to purchase pre-used devices, from an approved supplier, for approximately £150.00. Donations can be made on line through SCORE to, **account name:** Salisbury Catholic Outreach Business Current Account, **account number:** 89047419 **Sort Code:** 52-10-03

Please do not use the Parish Account number that you may use for your offerings or the "Donate" button on our website as we will not be able to differentiate the purpose of your gift.

If you already Gift Aid donations to your parish, please send a note to Deacon John Proctor with the amount you have donated and we will reclaim the Gift Aid. If you do not already Gift Aid but wish to on this occasion, please contact John and he will send you a Gift Aid form. Email john@alabare.org

If you wish to donate by cheque or cash please insert in a plain envelope and write SCORE Lap Tops on the envelope and post through the presbytery door or post cheques to SCORE Appeal, Alabare House, 15 Tollgate Road, Salisbury SP1 2JA. Please include your name and address and indicate on the reverse of the cheque if it is to be Gift Aided. The full appeal can be accessed by clicking on the button 'Laptops for Children' on the home page or [click here](#).

URGENT: CALL TO ACTION - SALISBURY DISTRICT HOSPITAL NEEDS EXTRA VOLUNTEERS

They are looking for assistance in two volunteer roles:

Ward Buddies

To support ward staff to enable them to concentrate on their clinical tasks. Tasks may include answering the phone, running errands, providing drinks and food to the patients etc.

Mass Vaccination Centre Volunteers

There is a new Mass Vaccination Centre opening up in the City centre which will operate until the summer. There is a need for volunteers to help marshal people through this hub. The recruitment process for each role will include a health risk assessment. For a much fuller description and contact details please click on 'Volunteer Appeal' on our home page or [click here](#).

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE 25 JANUARY

In the long history of the Church, no conversion has been more consequential than that of St Paul. Paul had not been ambivalent toward the Church before he converted; he had actively persecuted it and was present at the stoning of St. Stephen. But God changed him on one particular night. And on that night, Christianity changed too. The transformation of St Paul intrigued New Testament scholar Con Campbell so much that he decided to trace Paul's life and missionary journeys in a seven-part series. We have the first episode of this travelogue-style adventure on our website so you can better know Paul and the profound effect he had on Christianity. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SAINTS TIMOTHY AND TITUS - 26 JANUARY

Two of St Paul's most loyal disciples, Timothy and Titus seem to have attended the Council of Jerusalem with Paul and both died toward the end of the first century. Timothy represented Saint Paul to various communities and, according to tradition, was eventually placed by him in charge of the Church at Ephesus. Titus was asked to organise the Church in Crete. They are honoured as leaders to whom St Paul sent pastoral letters in the New Testament. For the stories of these saints, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS - 28 JANUARY

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the pre-eminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church. For the story of this saint, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

JOURNEYING WITH JONAH talks by Fr Denis McBride. The prophet Jonah is a sympathetic partner, albeit a curious one. To help us review our lives we have the third in the series of talks by Fr Denis just click on the button 'Jonah' on our homepage or [click here](#)

DIVINITAS: THE ART OF FAITH. Fr Marcus Holden and Art Historian Teresa Lane probe the Mysteries of Faith. This week we introduce: Part 8 'The Catholic Church'. To view this reflection please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS There is another excellent reflection on video by Fr Jim Golka on the scripture of 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. The reflection is just 3 minutes. We also have the next in a monthly series of reflections by Fr Henry Wansbrough. This month reflection five: Fr Henry talks about 'The Passion'. To view both click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY We have a children's liturgy of the word for this weekend; Jonah, Jesus and the New World '3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time'. To view click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#)

MUSIC IN ISOLATION We have added 'Here I am Lord' by John Michael Talbot. Please click on the 'Music in Isolation' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

CREDO Fr Andrew Eburne continues his journey through the articles of the Creed. We have the thirteenth podcast in this series: 'The Last Judgement'. Worried about the Day of Judgement? Join the club! But when will it happen, and how can we prepare? Join Fr Andrew for the latest episode of Credo. For this, and the previous twelve, click on the button on our homepage or [click here](#).

SUNDAY HOMILY We have the latest podcast from Bishop Robert Barron for this Sunday (Ordinary Time Week 3) on our website. In today's first reading, we find the story of Jonah, a narrative about the acceptance (or rejection) of God's mission. We are all called to difficult things, and so most of us sinners, most of the time, do everything we can to avoid our mission. Click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Ordinary Time Week 3 and Psalter 3

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

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Saturday 23 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Norah O'Reilly RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Rita Tora RIP

SUNDAY 24 January

09:00 St Gregory MASS Chiara Joy Campari- Moss
(05-01-2010 to 21-01-2014)

09:00 St Osmund MASS Yamatay Family: Charlie and Marie

11:00 St Osmund MASS Francis Conio RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Shaun Quinn RIP

Monday 25 January CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Tuesday 26 January Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

10:00 St Osmund MASS George Presley RIP

12:00 St Osmund Requiem Mass - Anthea Piggins RIP

Only family members may attend Anthea's Requiem Mass in person as numbers are limited due to COVID Guidelines but the Mass will be available live and as a recording on our livestream system:

[Click here](#)

13:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 Benediction

Wednesday 27 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Ann & Maurice Williams' Intentions

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 28 January Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest

10:00 St Osmund MASS Michael, Susan & Peter Leyden RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 29 January

19:00 St Osmund MASS Young Person in illness

Saturday 30 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Keith Fleming's Intentions

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Gregory Fridays 09:30 until Mass

St Osmund Saturdays 10:30 to 11:30

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Evangelisation: Human Fraternity

That the Lord will give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

[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

Please also remember all those who have died: Anthea Piggins, Robin Barnes, Anne Sheehan, Bridie Dempsey, Barbara Sim, Margot Wilson, Anne Watson, Peter Rockett, Imogen Cardew and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

Psalms 24

Lord, make me know your ways.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand;

believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

Mark 1:14-20

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.