

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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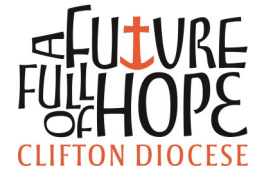
LENT WEEK 4(C) LAETARE SUNDAY

From Father Anthony

Early afternoon. The sky was clear with a few whiffs of cloud. I sat outside with a sandwich and a cup of tea. The Gunslinger flitted over for some crumbs, Henrietta followed and Gangsters hovered overhead. A breeze swirled around my neck and I smiled back at the sun. It was lovely. With warmer days the garden has burst into life: colour has rioted and the perfumes are heavenly. I felt an interior joyfulness and the words of St Paul rang in my head, *“For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here”*.

We are at the midpoint of Lent. This Sunday is a day of rejoicing, of being happy and glad (*Laetare*). St Paul makes it clear that our rejoicing is born of the knowledge, experience and acceptance that we are reconciled to God... *there is nothing to fear*. We must pass this joy on because, *“He gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation”*. This joy is not secular or transitory: it is a gift of God embedded in spirit as an underlying state of being. We become the Joy of God and by passing it on to others we sustain it in ourselves. We become a Joyful people. We rest in Him; not in ourselves. Easy said!

The pursuit of happiness is normal and desirable. Paul warns us to discriminate about where and how we seek and find it. We can pursue happiness through the purchase of things, striving for better jobs, having more lovers, etc: yet many find these *‘secular joys’* leave them empty and sad. Our western society, has more money, more food, bigger houses, more vacations and travel than ever before: it also experiences more mental health issues, especially depression and anxiety, more drug and alcohol addiction and more suicides than ever before. We are lured by and often succumb to a secular creed based on the lie that *‘we are not created’* and will be truly happy if we simply *‘do what we want’*. Scripture tells us the opposite. We are created in Love to Love and serve God through Love of self and one another. We are created to do *and be* His will: to be rid of the little our *‘ego’s’*. When we realise this, like the prodigal son, we will have come to our senses.



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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 : 2909**

CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

PRAYER

On Friday 25 March at 5pm (4pm GMT) Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during a Celebration of Penance in St Peter's Basilica. Bishops and priests around the world were asked to pray the Act of Consecration simultaneously on that day. Our Mass was recorded and can be viewed by clicking on the recordings tab on our Church TV or [click here](#). Please visit our Blog for more information on the Papal event and the prayer for The Act of Consecration. [Click here](#).

Starting this **Wednesday 30 March** in St Osmund there will be **midday prayer each Wednesday** for all those suffering in Ukraine. Everyone is invited to join in person or via the livestream.

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

So far, 12 parishioner households (that we are aware of) have registered on the Government website to host Ukrainian refugees. Salisbury Catholic Churches has also registered as a 'Group/Organisation'. **How can you help?** Not everyone can offer accommodation but if our plans come to fruition then we will need people who can help in other ways - in teaching English, helping refugees navigate British bureaucracy & job applications, befriending, transport etc. The government process is unclear but we are stating clearly our willingness as a Catholic community to help wherever we can. We have also established a channel via SCORE through which you can direct financial support to Ukraine if you would like to. Please give any donations in an envelope clearly marked 'SCORE - Ukraine' or alternatively pay directly into our SCORE Account Name: Clifton Diocese re Salisbury Catholic Outreach, Account Number: 89047419, Sort Code 52-10-03. Please use reference 'UKRAINE'. Many thanks. If you can offer to assist in any way or have any questions, contact Caroline in the parish office. office@salisburycatholics.org 01722 562703.

ALMSGIVING

LENT 2022

Chrism Mass Coach is now booked. Fr Anthony, Fr Saji and Fr Jonathan are all travelling on the coach and we can accommodate a further 4 parishioners if anyone would like to join us. The subsidised cost for adults is £10. There will be three pick up points: St Osmund, St Gregory and the Central Library, Amesbury. The lists have now been removed from the churches. To book a place contact the Parish Office 01722 562703.

Thursday Lenten Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm followed by Benediction at 8pm. These will be available to join live or as recordings on our Church TV [click here](#).

Stations of the Cross in St Osmund's Church each Friday during Lent at 6.15pm (prior to the 7pm Mass).

Stations of the Cross in St Osmund's School will be on 5 April and all parishioners are very welcome.

'**Lenten Journey**' with Fr Denis McBride and daily **Lenten Reflections** from Clifton Diocese are on our website. Click 'Lent 2022' on the homepage.

CONFESSIONS 'NOW is the acceptable time....' to start planning when to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation! There will be extra Confessions in the week **before** Holy Week i.e. w/c 4 April every weekday immediately after Mass as well as the normal weekly times listed on the back of this newsletter. Please help our priests by NOT leaving it until the last minute. Many thanks.

My Generation meet on Wednesday 6 April for Bingo 2pm St Gregory's Hall. Contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Art Group Mondays 10.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome. Contact 01725 510310

Bible Book Club Tuesdays 10:45am-12:30pm in the Parish Rooms. Contact John Lester 07899 244072.

Zoom Rosary Group Wednesdays at 2.30pm. Contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for information.

OUTREACH FOR EASTER 2022!

The cards have arrived and we now need to count them into envelopes for distribution. We are doing this on **Monday 28 March at 9.30am** in the Parish Rooms and really need help. **Please simply turn up if you can help.** (You are welcome to help for a short while or join us after you have attended the morning Mass). The cards will then be available for collection at all of our Sunday Masses on 2 & 3 April. If you need them earlier or plan to pick them up from the Parish Office please let us know.

To date, volunteers have adopted 375 streets with 12,965 addresses.

At present, we will have a few thousand cards going to waste! If you are fit and able, please 'adopt' a street/s: there is no door-knocking involved, simply posting cards through letter boxes and you can do as little or as much as you want. One street or twenty! Thank you to all those who have already stepped forward.

To claim a street please contact the parish office on 01722 562703 or email outreach@salisburycatholics.org with the name of the street you wish to adopt. *We scatter the seeds and we leave the rest to God.*

Proposed Merger of our Parishes Thank you to all those who have completed the online questionnaire or submitted a paper copy to the office. **The most convenient way for you to complete the questionnaire is using the online form.** This is also the most cost-effective and efficient way. [Click here](#) to go directly to the questionnaire. The closing date for submission of the questionnaire is **30 March**.

Standing Orders/Gift Aid - thank you to everyone who has responded thus far. If you have amended/set up a new standing order yourself directly with the bank, do please let us know so that we are aware and will take you off our list for follow-up! Many thanks. If you are yet to do this, the deadline of 31st March is looming, please contact us if you have any questions or need any assistance. Email: volunteer@salisburycatholics.org

Salisbury Catholic Churches Afternoon Tea - Sunday 8 May 3pm at the White Hart Hotel. Everyone is invited to Afternoon Tea & Talk on the 'Stories of Salisbury'. Book your place with the White Hart Hotel on 01722 327476 or at their reception. £14.50 per person. For more information [click here](#)

Synodal Conversations The summary documents produced as result of the conversations within our parishes have been submitted to the Diocese and are available to read on our website. [Click here.](#)

Parish Get-Together at St Gregory's Hall Sunday 3 April 2022 after the 9am Mass. Everyone is welcome. For more information click the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Holy Redeemer & St Osmund's Joint Pastoral Council Notes from the meeting and photos of council members are on our website [click here](#).

Easter Egg Hunt! Donations of (individually-wrapped) Easter Eggs will be gratefully received if you are able to donate some for our Easter Egg hunts. Please hand your eggs into the office or to the welcomers at St Osmund or St Gregory's. Many thanks.

St Osmund's Garden Tidy-up - Please join in after the 10am Mass on Saturday 9 April until midday.

Luke's Gospel Christopher Piggins continues to read Luke's Gospel - the latest recording is Chapters 19 & 20 'The Jerusalem Ministry'. Click on the 'Luke's Gospel' button on our home page or [click here](#).

The God Who Speaks Bishop Jim Golka reflects on this Sunday's readings (4th Sunday in Lent C) [click here](#).

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron is now released over the weekend, late on Saturdays. [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy: The Prodigal Son! Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

Liturgy: A Call to Love - Canon Christopher Whitehead explores 'The Table of the Eucharist' [click here](#)

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Lent Week 4 and Psalter 4

Saturday 26 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS John Redvers RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Edna Hillier RIP

SUNDAY 27 March

LAETARE SUNDAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Joan Holland RIP
09:00 St Osmund MASS Michael Bowey RIP
11:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Keith & Bee Fleming
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 28 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Roberta Tibon RIP

Tuesday 29 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 30 March

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS In thanksgiving
12:00 St Osmund Midday Prayer for Ukraine
19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 31 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Happy Anniversary JDP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
19:00 St Osmund Lenten Meditation
20:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 1 April

10:00 St Gregory MASS Fr Jonathan Creer
18:15 St Osmund Stations of the Cross
19:00 St Osmund MASS Brian & Feithlinn Whitehead RIP

Saturday 2 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Sheila Saunders RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Edna Hillier RIP

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory	Fridays	After the 10:00 Mass
St Osmund	Saturdays	10:30 onwards
Holy Redeemer	Saturdays	17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR MARCH

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

For Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for our Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul, Clifton, Bristol.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barry McCombe, Edna Hillier, Ann Rusalen, Michael Bowey, Patricia Robinson and Hugh Tierney who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Requiem Mass for Ann Rusalen will be on 6 April at 11am in St Osmund's. All welcome.

Requiem Mass for Edna Hillier will be on 19 April at midday in Holy Redeemer. All welcome.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 33

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS The current preparation course is via Zoom on 28 March; and 4 April at 7.30pm. For baptisms please contact Deacon John Proctor or Deacon Stephen Godwin.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION weekend will be **21 & 22 May**. The third Children's session (1st Confession) is at 2pm this Saturday 26 March at St Gregory's. For the timetable: [click here](#).

CONFIRMATION Bishop Declan will be coming on **5 July** this year to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. For further information please contact Annette at confirmation@salisbury Catholics.org

MARRIAGES Please speak to the priest for guidance.

FUNERALS Do your family know your wishes with regards to your funeral? If you (or they) find this difficult to talk about, why not provide the details to the parish office? Registered parishioners can provide these details which are scanned and stored confidentially with your parishioner record and can be given to families at the appropriate time. Contact Caroline for more details: caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com