

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ADVENT WEEK 1 (C)

From Father Anthony...

Henrietta bounced over for some sunflower hearts. Collared Doves flared angelically. The Gunslinger loitered with intent and the Brown Sparrows ducked and dived. I looked at individual plants and bushes with dismay. Each overgrown plant and untrimmed bush became a moment of anxiety as I realised how much I had not done and still had to do. A car horn blared, traffic rumbled and it started to rain. For a moment the clouds parted and soaked everything with sunlight. In that light I glimpsed the garden as whole. Even though its individual parts needed attention, nevertheless, the overall effect was one of great beauty.

Advent is with us again! The word comes from the Latin *ad* and *venire* – to come. It is the season during which we prepare, interiorly, for Christ... who is to come. How? That is personal but the Gospel gives us a hint. It says, 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life...'

The word translated as 'cares', (*μέριμνα* - *mérimna*), means to divide; hence, the fractured self, worry and anxiety. Spiritually, it alludes to the dysfunctional feelings that result from the experience of our divided rather than unified nature. Most of us can identify with feelings of distraction; of mental, emotional and spiritual insecurity; of not achieving what we want to: of not understanding why we do or do not do things (Rom 7:15-20): of feeling our world has been shaken. The Gospel tells us to beware of this... 'be vigilant at all times.'

The word translated as vigilant, (*ἀγρυπνέω* – *agrupneó*) means, no sleeping, alert, watchful. Part of Advent preparation is to be 'watchful' of our 'cares'... our divided nature. Watching implies a centre from which we watch. It is this centre we cultivate in order to become aware of and unite what is divided. We are affected by the very act of watching... 'observable facts change by being observed', (Quantum Theory). Watching is the 'medium' that unites what is divided. The watched is modified by the watcher. What is extraneous to the whole is naturally dropped. It is the watcher ('I'), not the watched, that we increasingly experience and come from. The experience of the watcher ('I') is the experience of who we truly are. As we experience his 'I' we experience Him whom it is a reflection of... and Christ is born again, as us.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

with the opportunity for individual confession

St Gregory - 7pm 14 December

St Osmund - 7pm 21 December*

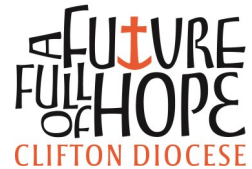
ADVENT REFLECTIONS

followed by Benediction

St Osmund - 6pm on Tuesdays

30 Nov* and 7*&14* of December.

All welcome in person and *online.



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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 : 2838

BISHOPS' STATEMENT: HONOURING SUNDAY

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. Our Bishops recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance in person at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over and, for some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. For those unaffected by these issues, we are asked to reflect what we are doing on Sundays, such as sports or shopping, or other leisure and social activities if we are not coming to Mass. You can read the full statement by clicking on the 'Honouring Sunday' image in the 'Top News' box or by [clicking here](#).

ST OSMUND - SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER

Osmund was known for his administration, scholarship and purity. Strict with himself and with others, he lacked avarice and ambition at a time when these traits were common in Church and State. He was present at the council of Sarum, when in 1086 the results of the Domesday survey were presented to the king. He is the patron saint of our town and, of course, of one of our parishes and so to celebrate this **Patronal Feast** **there will be mince pies, tea and coffee served after the 10am Mass in St Osmunds to which all are warmly welcome.**

OTHER FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Click the images in the 'Top News' box or click the title below.

[St Andrew, Apostle](#)

[St Alexander Briant 1 December](#)

[St Francis Xavier 3 December](#)

MISSION



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES CARD. Message for all Outreach Volunteers: For those who have opted to collect their folder at Mass this weekend, they will be available - please ask the steward on the door. The remaining folders are available for collection from the Parish Office on any Weekday 9am to 5pm. If any volunteer has any difficulty collecting their pack, do please let us know on 01722 562703 or email outreach@salisburycatholics.org. We no longer have a deliverer for the Salisbury District Hospital accommodation: if you live there and would be willing to post the cards to your fellow parishioners again please contact us.

Parish Pastoral Councils. Following our consultation, the consensus is that we should form a combined council for St Osmund and Holy Redeemer parishes whilst ensuring strong representation from Holy Redeemer to facilitate organising those activities specific to them. The Council will be composed of those heading up responsibilities such as finance and safeguarding for each parish as well as organisational reps. and other volunteers. If you would be interested in representing Holy Redeemer or St Osmund's, please inform Deacon John Proctor: john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com

Christ The King School Amesbury We are delighted to announce that after 12 months of partnering with St Osmund's School they have come out of Special Measures and are now on a continual journey of improvement. A big thankyou to the Senior Leadership Team and all the staff who have worked so hard to achieve this. Well done.

SolidariTee Our mission is to raise money for refugees seeking legal aid and one of the ways we do this is by selling T-shirts designed by refugees. T-Shirts will be on sale after the 9am, 11am & 6pm Masses on 28 November at St Osmund's Church. For details please contact Gabi on 07488247269 or gabirges@gmail.com

SPUC (Salisbury Branch) - 'Tiny Feet Coffee Morning' Thank you to everyone who so generously made cakes, gave donations and supported on the day. They raised £250 thank you.

Parish Lunch. Come and celebrate an Advent lunch with fellow parishioners after the midday Mass on Thursday 9 December in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Donations are welcome to cover costs.

My Generation - will meet next Wednesday 1st and again on the 15 December at 2pm In St Gregory's hall for Christmas games and fun with refreshments supplied. For information please contact Chris 321109.



FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Thank you to all those delegates who attended last Saturday's gathering in Bristol to move this process forward. There will be a meeting in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund's on Sunday 5 December at 3pm to plan together the way to take this process forward in our parishes. All of the information on the Synod including explanatory videos can be found on our website by clicking the 'Synodal Church' button on our homepage or [click here](#). Pope Francis is keen to involve EVERYONE in the worldwide Church in this process and we encourage you to read, find out more and engage with the process as it unfolds locally. Our feedback will be incorporated into the report provided by the Clifton Diocese to our Bishops' Conference and their feedback, in turn, will go to Rome.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass at St Osmund's during Advent. It's a chicken-and-egg thing: we haven't restarted children's liturgy because there are not many children and young families back at Mass yet but... maybe they are not back at Mass *because* we haven't reinstated this...! We just can't know for sure and so are reinstating it at one Mass throughout Advent to see how it goes. Thanks to our volunteers from the 9am & 11am Masses who are joining together to make this happen. We look forward to seeing your children there!

Red Wednesday - 24 November Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this successful evening. From decorating the Church so beautifully, the music and the liturgy, through to helping with the teas and coffee afterwards and to all who supported by their presence. A special thank you goes to Graham H who was the driving force behind this event and ensured it was such a success. Photos of the evening can be seen by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or just [click here](#). Please continue to pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Luke's Gospel Our own Christopher Piggins, a reader at the 9 am Mass at St Osmund, has agreed to be recorded reading Luke's Gospel in line with the unfolding of the liturgical year. The first recording of Chapters 1 & 2 'The Infancy Narratives' is now available on our website. The next recording will be published after Christmas. To watch and listen just click on the 'Luke's Gospel' button on our home page or [click here](#).

Baptism Preparation If you have a child that you would like to be baptised in one of our churches, you will need to attend a parents' preparation course. For baptisms at St Osmund or Holy Redeemer please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email: john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com and at St Gregory contact Deacon Stephen Godwin by email stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com

Congratulations and welcome to Theodore Lawton and Liliana Raczowska who joined the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday 21 November. Please keep Theodore and Liliana and their parents and godparents in your prayers at this special time.

The Nicodemus Group The next session is on Wednesday 1 December at 7.30pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Please contact us to register to attend: nicodemus@salisbury Catholics.org. For more information click the 'Explore Your Faith' item on our website main menu bar or [click here](#).

The God Who Speaks Can I believe that when troubles come the Lord comes as well? How can I deepen my faith in that coming? The Lord's answer is 'Pray constantly'. Father Burns reflects on the 1st Week of Advent. To watch and listen [click here](#) or click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron. To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: What is Advent? A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for First Week of Advent Year C. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

2022 Clifton Diocese Liturgical Diaries (£6.50) and Directories (£5.00) have now arrived and can be purchased from the Parish Office. We also have the handbag/pocket size (free) diaries which will be available at all our churches this weekend.

Fr Michael Fitzpatrick's Address - we are receiving lots of requests for this once more. It is: 137 Gloucester Road, Patchway, Bristol BS34 5JG.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Advent Week 1 and Psalter 1

Saturday 27 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Nicholas Phelan RIP & family

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SUNDAY 28 November

09:00 St Gregory MASS Joan Jackson RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Alfred Bowley RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Charlotte Pearson Barton

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Heinz (in health)

Monday 29 November

10:00 St Osmund MASS Avis Chown RIP

Tuesday 30 November SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

10:00 St Osmund MASS Private Intention

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Advent Reflection followed by Benediction

Wednesday 1 December Saint Alexander Briant

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Mariam Chakkappan RIP

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Frederick John Hillier RIP

Thursday 2 December

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving Janet Jose Vazhappilly

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 3 December Saint Francis Xavier

10:00 St Gregory MASS Margaret Tolley RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Susan and Les Burry RIP

Saturday 4 December SAINT OSMUND

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bill Binns RIP

Followed by tea, coffee and mince pies in the Parish Rooms.

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS In Thanksgiving

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Friday after 10:00 Mass:

St Osmund Saturday 10:30 - 11:00

Holy Redeemer Saturday 17:30 until Mass

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St Gregory 19:00 Tuesday 14 December

St Osmund 19:00 Tuesday 21 December

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Evangelisation: Catechists

For catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God, may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for Sacred Heart (Tisbury with Wardour).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who have died recently: Elizabeth Grundy, Agnes Pace, Margaret Safe, Michael McStravick, Heather Voce, Paddy Hartigan, Kath Quinn, Jane Barnes, Simon Thornton and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 24

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

Alleluia!

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

SACRAMENTS

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

BAPTISMS For our next parents' preparation course, please contact Deacon John Proctor by email john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com or on 07802 631968 to register for the next course.

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 which will begin in 2022 [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](#)