SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 22 (A)

From Fr Anthony...

It was a long hard drive. Over five hours non-stop. Swathes of low cloud drifted across the horizon, black and menacing. Torrents of blinding rain fell hard as nails. The motorway resembled a canal; cars almost came to a stop. Further North the air freshened. Grey dissolved into blue, clouds towered like candy floss; the sun leaned back and lengthened the shadows. Later, blown by sea air, I stood breathing salty ozone. Waves boiled and bubbled, slapping against the rocks; spume fluttered like white feathers in the wind. Gulls circled and cawed.... wonderful! The journey had a meaning... holiday.

Meaning. Very often meaning is portrayed as 'out there'. Find it and life makes sense; fail to find it and it doesn't. Spiritually, meaning takes place within, at a particular level. There are levels of what, how and why something happens. Meaning takes place at the level of why. If we seek meaning at the wrong level it engenders disappointment and confusion.

Example: a man carries a bunch of flowers... what happened? He bought them at the florist; how it happened. Neither level - what and how - tell me why it happened. To know that I must know his intention... in this case to say to her, I love you. This is the meaning. The flowers express meaning; they are not the meaning. Meaning is found in why - his conscious intention - not in what and how.

Peter confuses levels. His thoughts are based on error (get behind me Satan). He mistakes the meaning of the Cross with what it is (crucifixion) and how it will be (death). He loses sight of why it must be... Jesus's loving conscious intention to show us how to rise to higher levels of being (the son of man will rise again) and inhabit eternal life now. This is the meaning of the Cross. Were he to discern this Peter would be filled with joy... not sadness.

Whether we form intentions consciously or unconsciously they affect why we do things... what happens and how it happens follow from why. Not to intend is still an intention; then we are influenced by the intentions of others. We are responsible. We give life the meaning it has for us. Meaning is found within. By staying at the level of conscious intention we inhabit the level of Christ and with Him affect the world... giving it meaning.



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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 : 2652





SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT 3 SEPTEMBER

Gregory was content to be a monk but he willingly served the Church in other ways when asked. He sacrificed his own preferences in many ways most especially when he was called to be Bishop of Rome. Once he was called to service, Gregory gave his considerable energies completely to this work. Gregory's description of bishops as physicians fits in well with Pope Francis' description of the Church as a "field hospital." You can read the full story of Saint Gregory and watch a video by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or by going directly to: *https://salisburycatholics.org/saint-gregory*

World Day of Migrants & Refugees 27 September

We have a new theme for this period 'To share in order to grow' "Hope is the force that drives us" to share the journey", because the journey is made jointly: by those who come to our land, and by us who go towards their heart, to understand them, to understand their culture, their language. It is a joint journey by two parties; but without hope, that journey cannot be made." For more on this and previous themes click on the 'Migrant 20' button on our homepage or go directly to: https://salisburycatholics.org/migrant20

CATECHISTS' COURSE

Calling all Salisbury/Amesbury Catechist Course Participants

We have received news from Sarah Adams (Adult Education and Evangelisation) that the suspended course that was being held in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund's is being changed to an online course. You will need to respond to the email that we should all have received if you wish to continue. The message can be read by clicking on the Catechists' Course' button on our home page or directly at: *https://salisburycatholics.org/catechists-course*

NEWS FROM THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

Bishop prays for Belarusian people peacefully calling for democratic reform

Bishop Declan Lang, Chair of the Bishops' International Affairs department, is urging the UK government to collaborate with other countries to address the human rights abuses in Belarus. For the full text please go to our 'Blog' or go directly to:*https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/belarus*

Healthcare Bishop argues for more loving attitude to people with dementia in care homes.

In an article published in The Tablet online, the Lead Bishop for Health and Social Care, Bishop Paul Mason stresses that we must look at those living with dementia in care homes through the lens of love. For the full text please go to our 'Blog' or go directly to: *https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/dementia*

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

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Contact John Proctor on 01722 340206 Contact Josephine on 01722 328410

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.

Church Capacity We have received clearance from the Diocese that, as we are now all wearing masks, we can move to social distancing of "1m plus". What this means is that we can increase the capacity in all our churches which in turn will mean more opportunity for parishioners to come to Mass. The reconfiguration of the available pews in our churches will commence in the week commencing 7 September.

'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 email accounts and numbers may well be unknowingly overlooked.

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 21st Sunday Ordinary Time written by Dr Joseph O'Hanlon. Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." : To read just click on 'Lectionary Commentary' on the home page or go direct to: https://salisburycatholics.org/lectionary

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS We have an excellent video reflection on this week's Gospel (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time). It is less than 3 minutes long and well worth listening to. To access please click on the 'The God Who Speaks' button on our Homepage or go directly to: *https://salisburycatholics.org/god-who-speaks*

MUSIC IN ISOLATION This week we have the Catholic Community at Stanford singing Jesse Manibusan's "We are the Light" as a virtual choir for Mass on Sunday, May 17, 2020.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 goes undercover

Following last week's pigeon alert level moving up to Level 4, an eagle eyed parishioner has spotted a sinister pigeon wearing a coat in the market square. We believe this to be Harry who has now gone undercover. If any parishioner sees a coat-wearing pigeon acting suspiciously please contact the Outreach Team on 01722 562703 immediately, your call will be treated with utmost confidence. For more on this development, please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go directly to our blog at *https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/harry-undercover*

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Ordinary Time Week 22 and Psalter 2 ALL MASSES IN ST OSMUND ARE LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED https://salisburycatholics.org/church-tv

Limited Congregation Masses

In thanksgiving

Saturday 29 August Passion of Saint John the Baptist

10:00 St Osmund MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SUNDAY 30 August

09:00	St Osmund	MASS	Mike Walsh RIP
			Offered by Salisbury Catenians
09:00	St Gregory	MASS	People of the Parish
11:00	St Osmund	MASS	Marie Therese Farley
12:15	St Osmund	Ordinariate N	IASS
18:00	St Osmund	MASS	Frank Farley
11:00 12:15	St Osmund St Osmund	MASS Ordinariate N	People of the Parish Marie Therese Farley IASS

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

Monday 31 August

19:00 St Osmund MASS

Keith Edward Smith RIP

Tuesday 1 September

10:00St OsmundMASSSheilah Owen RIPAll Day St OsmundExposition of the Blessed Sacrament18:40St OsmundBenediction

Wednesday 2 September

12:00Holy Redeemer MASSGilbert Miller RIP19:00St OsmundOrdinariate MASS

Thursday 3 September SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

10:00St OsmundMASSThe Blackman FamilyAll Day St OsmundExposition of the Blessed Sacrament18:40St OsmundBenediction

Friday 4 September

12:00St GregoryMASS19:00St OsmundMASS

Mary Robson RIP

Doris Phelan RIP

Saturday 5 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St GregoryFridaysSt OsmundSaturdaysHoly RedeemerSaturdays

12:30 to 13:00 10:30 to 11:30 17:30 until Mass



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 Rood, Swindon.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember all those who have died: Sheilah Owen, 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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Ps 62

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Romans 12:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Allelluia!

Matthew 16:21-27

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*