

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 4(C)

From Father Anthony

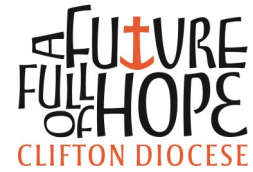
It was cold. I sat by the river wrapped and warm. Sunlight peeked through cracks in the cloud. Someone called: a dog barked. Water swirled and splashed. I listened and let the sounds flow through me. I had a memory of school... on the highest diving board and scared to death! The PE master climbed up, his face kind but determined, 'you can do it, I know you can'. He did not address my fear but spoke to the confidence he knew I had in me. His confidence awakened my own which overcame the fear. I dived in, survived and never looked back.

'Before you were born I knew you'. God has always known us; He knew you and me before ever we were born. *Whom* God knows us as *is* who we truly are. Scripture tells us that God is Spirit and God is Love; and that we are made in His image. Who we are, then, is a unique, totally loved reflection of that Spirit and Love. To see (*know*) a person truly, is to see them as God sees them; it is to see them as a unique reflection of Spirit and Love.

Love is not just a romantic notion; it is an active spiritual force. It not only creates; it is the medium by which we behold Truth; the medium which takes us beyond our limited notions of who we and others are. It pierces to the core. It recognises itself in the other; and the other finds liberation by being recognised for who they truly are.

St Paul knew this liberating force and wants us to know it too. He is coaxing us to see beneath the surface of sense perception to the spiritual reality of every person. It demands that we change our minds and hearts about others: that we see beyond the images and labels society heaps upon us: that we drop our preconceptions of who we think others are and listen with our hearts to who they truly are. Only Love can do this; *it opens the box and liberates*.

Jesus came among them as God and all they saw was the carpenter's son they thought they knew so well. Sense perception blinded them to God! Seeing the reality of another becomes a prophesy to us of who we are! And then... a prophet will always be welcome in his home town!



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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 : 2880**

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - 2 FEBRUARY

In obedience to the Old Law, Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Mother and Saint Joseph. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and the procession of candles on this day. There will be the traditional blessing of candles at our Mass for the Feast of Candlemas at Holy Redeemer on Wednesday at 10am. For more on this feast, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Saint John Bosco - 31 January is remembered as a man who spent his life helping poor and abandoned children and teaching them about God. He believed that Christ's love and our faith in that love should pervade everything we do, work, study and play. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Saint Agatha - 5 February From her very early years, the notably beautiful Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. For the full story, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Pray for Ukraine Cardinal Vincent Nichols has joined his brother bishops from the London area alongside the Papal Nuncio His Excellency Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti for a short service of prayer at the Ukrainian Cathedral to pray for peace in Ukraine. You can listen to Cardinal Nichols' reflection by clicking on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

COVID Guidance for Churches Following last week's announcement by HM Government to lift certain COVID measures, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has issued updated their 'Guidance For Churches'. This can be read in full by [clicking here](#). A printed copy can be obtained from the Parish Office on request for those who have no access to the internet.

Poems for Palestine On Wednesday 2 March, you are invited to come and share in the reading of some of a collection of poems at the Quaker Meeting House in Wilton Road from 2.30pm - 4pm. The poems are taken from the book 'Poems for Palestine' which can be ordered through Waterstones or Hesperus Press for £9.99 which includes a donation of £1 to Palestine Children's Relief Fund. Everyone welcome.

The Nicodemus Group continues next Wednesday 2 February at 7pm in the Parish Rooms. Please contact us to register to attend: nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org. For more information, click the 'Explore Your Faith' item on our website main menu bar or [click here](#).

My Generation meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month in St Gregory's Hall at 2pm. The next meeting will be on the 2 February for a Beetle Drive. For information contact Chris on 01722 321109

Salisbury Foodbank. During January we are collecting tinned fruit for the Foodbank. Please put donated items into the box in our church porches.

Art Group meets on Mondays between 10.30am-12.30pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. All are welcome, whether you have painted or drawn before or never. Contact John and Elizabeth on 01725 510310

Bible Book Club meets on Tuesdays in the Parish Rooms 10:45am-12:30pm. Please join us as we read and study the Psalms. For further details contact John Lester 07899 244072.

Rosary Group meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for information. Everyone is welcome to join.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Synodal Conversations The remaining sessions in St Osmund's Parish Rooms are:

This Sunday 30 January 3pm - 6pm Monday 31 January 7pm - 9pm.

There is also a virtual meeting via Zoom on Thursday 3 February at 7.30pm. The details are:

For the link [click here](#): Meeting ID 897 8496 1509 Passcode 723403.

Please book in advance to attend 01722 562703 or email outreach@salisbury Catholics.org. All the information on the Synod, including explanatory videos, feature on our website. Click the 'Synodal Church' button on the homepage or [click here](#).

Confirmation 2022 will be celebrated on 5 July 2022. We plan to take candidates on a Retreat and so need to know numbers of candidates (Yr 9 and above) as soon as possible in order to book a Retreat centre. Candidates must register by 31 January at the latest to be included in this year's cohort. Please click on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or [click here](#) and then select 'Confirmation Application'.

First Holy Communion 2022 First Holy Communion Masses this summer will take place over the weekend of **21/22 May**. Preparation this year consists of sessions aimed at assisting parents to prepare their child and separate sessions for the children. The first Parents' session was last Saturday and our next session is on 5 February. The first Children's session is on 12 March (it is important that the children attend **ALL** of their sessions). All sessions are at 2pm at St Gregory. The Programme timetable is available on our website: select 'Sacraments' on the main menu and then 'Holy Communion', 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@cliffondiocese.com and at St Gregory contact Deacon Stephen Godwin by email stephen.godwin@cliffondiocese.com

Congratulations and welcome to Posie Fitzpatrick who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday 30 January. Please keep Posie and her parents and godparents in your prayers at this special time.

Liturgy – A Call to Love Our Diocesan Liturgy Office has produced a series of videos, entitled 'A Call to Love' to remind and encourage us of the importance of the Mass in our lives. The fifth video 'Liturgy as Engagement' is by Fr Stephen Corrigan, Assistant Priest at St Peter's, Gloucester. To watch, click on the 'A Call to Love' image in the 'Top News' box on our homepage or [click here](#).

Luke's Gospel Christopher Piggins continues to read Luke's Gospel with the recording of Chapters 7 and 8 of 'The Galilean Ministry'. To watch, click on the 'Luke's Gospel' button on our home page or [click here](#).

The God Who Speaks We have a 3 minute reflection by Fr (now Bishop) Jim Golka on this Sunday's readings Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C. In St Paul's reading we hear 'Love is always patient and kind: it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful.' To watch click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron. Friends, Jesus tells us his messiahship is one of service, not self-interest. We have a tendency to understand our religious lives in a self-interested way, but the grace God gives us is meant to be given away. To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: What is love?? A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for this the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Year C. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Ordinary Time Week 4 and Psalter 4

Saturday 29 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS In thanksgiving - Ethan George

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Jack & Julia in sickness

SUNDAY 30 January

09:00 St Osmund MASS Denis & Anne Blake RIP
09:00 St Gregory MASS Bridie and Harry Clapham RIP
11:00 St Osmund MASS Francis Conio RIP
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

Monday 31 January Saint John Bosco, Priest

10:00 St Osmund MASS Isabel and her father RIP

Tuesday 1 February

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

Wednesday 2 February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS including Blessing of Candles
Deceased members of the
Hughes & Moran families
19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 3 February

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

Friday 4 February

10:00 St Gregory MASS Peter Phillips RIP
19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Saturday 5 February Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

10:00 St Osmund MASS Peggy O'Farrell RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory	Fridays	After the 10:00 Mass
St Osmund	Saturdays	10:30 to 11:00
Holy Redeemer	Saturdays	17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times. [Click here](#).

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for Hospital & Prison Chaplaincies in our diocese.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sheila Crouch who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Psalms 70

My lips will tell of your help.

1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

Luke 4:21-30

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](#)