

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 4(B)

From Father Anthony...

It was a bright, blue day, air crisp with a tinge of moisture. I could smell the ozone and it was so nice to feel the sun. I walked beside the canal. Swans unzipped the water with natural grace, heads elegantly bowed. I passed shops, open and closed; people's eyes, above colourful masks, seemed happier. But, sitting against a shop wall was a figure covered in blankets, head down. A lady came up and handed him a hot drink and some sandwiches. For a moment their faces met and bloomed into beautiful smiles. It was a holy moment: compassion, given and accepted.

When we really desire and intend a better way, Christ will enter our lives (*synagogue*). We will hear a new teaching. He will teach through our mind and heart with *authority*. The Greek word ἐξουσία, *eksousía* literally means *out from, being*. In other words, He does not teach from books, from theories or rituals but out of the very essence of His being united to the Father. This teaching makes a great impression, i.e. *His being is impressed on ours; we are one*. We feel His teaching as ours; it is straight from God.

In our inner being He leads us to *Capernaum*: from *Kaphar (village)* and *Nachum (comfort)*... *village of comfort* or *covering of compassion*. In the synagogue of our lives Christ encounters those areas of mind where we still think that we can find satisfaction through the material world and the sensations of the flesh (*unclean spirits*). Deep down we know the world can't satisfy us (*we know who you are*) but, on our own, without a guide, we constantly lapse into old ways, i.e. trying to solve our problems with the same thinking that caused them in the first place (*as Einstein said*); it leaves us unfulfilled and miserable. As we allow Christ to journey within, He comforts (*renews*) our mind with His. As His mind becomes ours it banishes (*be quiet*) the old tormenting ways, leaving us amazed (*they were astonished*) and rejuvenated.

Once we have experienced this healing compassion; once we experience a real change in mind and heart (*repentance*) we begin to trust and have confidence in Him (*his reputation spread*). We rapidly allow Him to 'travel' to all the corners of our mind (*through all the Galilean countryside*) healing and making us whole... now, being healed we know how to heal.



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OUR CHURCHES

St Osmund

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Most Holy Redeemer

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Chapel of the Good Shepherd

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Chapel of the Holy Family

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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 : 2705

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 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.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 31 JANUARY

This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday. Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice says in his message: "It's not enough to simply denounce racism. This is a time to act. In the words of Pope Francis: 'God asks us to dare to create something new.'" We have both the message in full and a reflection. Just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

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 current course on Zoom has commenced and will continue on 4 & 11 February. For information 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. For the full poster click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

PARISH CANTOR TRAINING for OUR PARISHES on ZOOM

In the previous weeks we have been running Zoom cantor-training sessions for our beginner/new cantors and they have been a great success and very enjoyable. Rosemary is now ready and happy to move on to the more experienced/extant cantors/musically-trained singers for a refresher series, to help brush up and maintain our skills. There is a planned plenary session next **Wednesday 3 February from 19:45 to 20:30**. These sessions are taking place on Zoom - If you haven't used Zoom before don't be put off - we can help you. There are no costs involved for participants. If you are interested to join, please contact Rosemary Field on rosemaryfield@rmfield.co.uk

CITY WIDE DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING: SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY with the theme: BREAKTHROUGH

Breakthrough: spiritually, that many in our City turn to God. Breakthrough: physically, for our hospital and those who are sick. The prayer/fast on Sunday 28 February will culminate in hundreds of Christians gathering from several churches in Salisbury on Zoom from 19:00 to pray for our City. More details will follow but please do put the date in your diary for now.

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

Following last week's appeal we wish to thank those who have already given so generously. £2,250 has so far been raised and will be transferred to the schools in the coming week. With regard to unused equipment, Michael Presley has so far collected 4 laptops, 2 iPads, and 5 pcs. Michael can be contacted on 07771 803876.

The full details of this appeal, how to donate and give unused equipment can be found 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

SDH are looking for assistance in two volunteer roles: **Ward Buddies** and **Mass Vaccination Centre Volunteers**. 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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2 FEBRUARY

In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed 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 the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and the normal procession of candles on this day. For more, 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](#).

SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS 6 FEBRUARY

On this day, the Catholic Church honours the 26 Martyrs of Nagasaki, a group of native Japanese Catholics and foreign missionaries who suffered death for their faith in the year 1597. For their full story click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

WELCOME THE STRANGER - Online Event We are invited to join Caritas Plymouth and Caritas Clifton for an online event on the Feast of St Bakhita on Monday 8 February 2021 from 17:00-18:00 to reflect on the challenges facing refugees and migrants and the threat of modern slavery. Please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) to register and read the story of St Bakhita.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS There is another excellent reflection on video by Fr Jim Golka on the scripture of 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The reflection is just 3 minutes. To view click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

SUNDAY HOMILY We have the latest podcast from Bishop Robert Barron for this Sunday (Ordinary Time Week 4) on our website. Moses is, without a doubt, the greatest figure in the Old Testament. He heard the voice of God from the burning bush; he was given the Ten Commandments; he was permitted to talk to God as to a friend. But Moses speaks of a prophet who is to come. Click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY We have a children's liturgy of the word for this weekend; 'To Him you shall listen' '4th Sunday in Ordinary Time'. To view click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#)

SAINT PAUL. Following on from last week we have the second in a seven part series by New Testament scholar Con Campbell as he searches for answers to help him better understand Paul. Just click on the 'St Paul' button the home page or [click here](#).

JOURNEYING WITH JONAH talks by Fr Denis McBride. We have the fourth and final episode in the series of talks by Fr Denis just click on the button 'Jonah' on our homepage or [click here](#)

CREDO Fr Andrew Eburne continues his journey through the articles of the Creed. We have the fourteenth podcast in this series: 'and His Kingdom will have no end'. If God loves us so much, why does hell exist? Join Fr Andrew for the latest episode of Credo. For this, and the previous thirteen, click on the button 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 9 'The Deposit of Faith'. To view this reflection please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Ordinary Time Week 4 and Psalter 4

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

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Saturday 30 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Keith Fleming's Intentions

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SUNDAY 31 January

09:00 St Gregory MASS Alan Gibson RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Jo M Little RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Christians in the Holy Land

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Barbara Sim RIP

Monday 1 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Peter Warren RIP

Tuesday 2 February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS)

10:00 St Osmund MASS Ann Brookes RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 Benediction

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Wednesday 3 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Damien Fleming RIP

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 4 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Barbara Sim RIP

13:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be delayed until 1pm today due to maintenance work in the church.

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 5 February Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

19:00 St Osmund MASS Recovery of Mariusz Mikolas

Saturday 6 February Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

10:00 St Osmund MASS David Eugene Clark RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Margot Wilson RIP

Funeral for Margot Wilson RIP is taking place at Salisbury Crematorium on 5 February for a small number of guests only. However, a video link will be available for parishioners who wish to join online. If you would like to follow Margot's funeral online, please email: remembermargotwilson@yahoo.com and the family will send the link to you. Please keep Mark, Monica and all of their family in your prayers.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Gregory Upon request - please contact our priests

St Osmund Saturdays 10:30 to 11:30

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Universal: Violence against women

For women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 94

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1 Corinthians 7:32-35.

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.**

Alleluia!

Mark 1:21-28

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.