

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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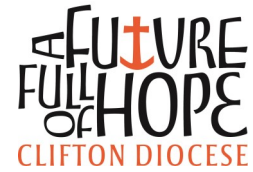
LENT WEEK 5(C)

From Father Anthony

As the warm weather continued, I managed to mow the lawn, weed and clean the pathway and make a start on trimming some shrubs and bushes. Fresh cut grass scented the air and the sun burned deeply. Seagulls and Gangsters fought aerial battles: Mrs Cat kept me company... at a distance! I sat back pleased with the returning shape of the garden and the profusion of flowers. Henrietta shrieked and hopped off to one of the borders where she moved her beak this way and that delving beneath the surface... and was rewarded with a fat juicy worm. Poor thing!

Periodically it is no bad thing for us to go beneath the surface of the scriptures. Obviously, they recount events that took place in history. This week we have the incident of the woman taken in adultery and brought before Jesus by her accusers. He won't have any of it and disposes of the accusers by facing them with their own sin while gently restoring the woman to her rightful dignity. Some lessons are obvious; be very careful when judging or accusing because what you give out is what you get back. Sin is sin... *and we all sin*. Sin is to be avoided and understood as the error it is. When it manifests we should treat it with firmness, gentleness and understanding not with the harsh rasping of some sterile law... *'the law is for man not man for the law'*, something we are apt to forget!

But there is another level that we often overlook. The woman is also representative of our soul. Instead of being wedded to Christ, its author, it has hired itself out to the world. It seeks comfort in many places and with many things. Becoming aware of this we are ashamed and start to accuse ourselves. The woman and accusers are aspects of our own being. But, the important art to learn is to be like Jesus when dealing with ourselves... be gentle and understanding. You and I are who we are regardless of how we *could* or *should* be. The person we are now is the person understood and loved by Christ. He does not accuse us. Unless we can visit this understanding on ourselves it is going to be difficult to offer it to others. And we must offer it to others; how else will they feel the forgiveness of Christ?



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Chapel of the Good Shepherd
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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 : 2922**

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

How can you help? Not everyone can offer accommodation but if our plans to host a number of refugees in our parish 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.

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On Friday 25 March, the Feast of The Annunciation of the Lord, Pope Francis consecrated Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We have from Cardinal Vincent Nichols an explanation of what Acts of Consecration are and why, as Catholics, we have such a strong devotion to Mary. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

LENT 2022

Chrism Mass Coach - Everyone who has booked should have received an email outlining the schedule for the day with the schedule and pick up points. Please contact Caroline 01722 562703 for any queries.

Thursday Lenten Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament in St Osmund at 7pm followed by Benediction at 8pm. These will be available 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 Our children are once again preparing their reflections on Jesus' journey to Calvary by creating their own Stations of the Cross representations in the school hall. Previous years have been a huge success and it is a very moving experience to travel the journey of Jesus to the Cross as interpreted by our children. Once again, parishioners and family members are very welcome to attend on Tuesday 5 April between 9-11am and 1.30-4pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to join us in prayer and reflection as part of our joint parish/school preparation for Easter.

'**Lenten Journey**' every weekend 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 this coming week (w/c 4 April) **before** Holy Week 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.

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

Parish Get-Together at St Gregory's Hall this 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](#).

OUTREACH FOR EASTER 2022!

The cards have now been packed and are ready for collection at all Sunday Masses this weekend (2 & 3 April). If you plan to pick them up from the Parish Office instead, that's fine but please let us know. Many, many thanks to the small army who helped with the counting and packing the cards. You were fantastic!

To date, parishioners have adopted 462 streets with 16,672 addresses.

There is still time to volunteer, **we still have 3,200 cards left.** It would be simply wonderful if we could use them all and have none go 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

We scatter the seeds and we leave the rest to God.

Easter Welcome page that is referenced on our Easter (Adopt-a-Street) cards can now be accessed by a button on our homepage. It contains the times for our Holy Week Liturgies (Triduum) and the Mass times for Easter Sunday across all three of our Churches. [Click here.](#)

Proposed Merger of our Parishes Thank you to all those who attended a meeting and/or completed the questionnaire. Submissions have now closed. The responses will now be collated into a report which will be sent to Bishop Declan at the end of April.

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](#)

Congratulations and welcome to Oscar Barry-Stefano who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday 3 April. Please keep Oscar, his parents and godparents in your prayers at this special time

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

Salisbury Catholics Parishioner Lenten Lunch will take place after the midday Mass next Thursday 7 April in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Please do come along.

Easter Greetings Cards Have now been ordered from the Catholic Charity Aid to the Church in Need and can be purchased from the Parish Office.

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.

Salisbury District Hospital Stars Appeal - Parishioner Melanie Cusack is embarking upon a 100km trek across Jordan walking and camping on Bedouin trails ending at Petra to raise money for the Stars Appeal. Delayed from last year with 100s of training miles walked, she is now due to leave on 23 April. Mel has supported the parish over many years leading children's liturgy and youth ministry and for the last decade or more managing St Elizabeth House for us on an entirely voluntary basis. It would be great if we could show our support for Melanie and the Stars Appeal. To sponsor her, go to: http://www.justgiving.com/HJMPetratrek?utm_id=26 or, if you do not have internet access, ring or pop into the parish office.

The Sunday Homilies by Bishop Jim Golka & Bishop Robert Barron are now together on the same page on our website, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here.](#) Please note the homily by Bishop Barron is released late on a Saturday and so won't feature on the website until then.

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

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Lent Week 5 and Psalter 1

Saturday 2 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Sheila Saunders RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Edna Hillier RIP

SUNDAY 3 April

09:00 St Gregory MASS Frantiska Popelkova RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

11:00 St Osmund MASS Steven, Jan, Eve & Jamie Fleming

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Monday 4 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Tuesday 5 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Baby McCann

12:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Baby Raphaella RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 6 April

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Friends of Mary Fleming

11:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Ann Rusalen RIP

All welcome

Please note - NO MIDDAY PRAYER

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 7 April

* Please note Mass time change - NO 10am Mass

*12:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

19:00 St Osmund Lenten Meditation

20:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 8 April

10:00 St Gregory MASS Emmanuel Kibuuka

18:15 St Osmund Stations of the Cross

19:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

Saturday 9 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Tessy & Jose Vazhappilly

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Tom Passmore RIP

RECONCILIATION

St Osmund *After every weekday Mass this week

Saturdays 10:30 onwards

Holy Redeemer *After Wednesday morning Mass

Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass

* Extra Sessions in preparation for Easter

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR APRIL

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parish of the Holy Family, Patchway, Bristol.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Baby Raphaella, Barry McCombe, Edna Hillier, Anna 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 Edna Hillier will be on 19 April at midday in Holy Redeemer. All welcome.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 125

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

Philippians 3:8-14

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Seek good and not evil so that you may live,
and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

John 8:1-11

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS The current preparation course is via Zoom and finishes Monday 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**. **PLEASE NOTE - The Parents' session this weekend is CANCELLED due to illness.** 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@cliffondiocese.com