

# SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## CHRISTMAS WEEK 2 (B)

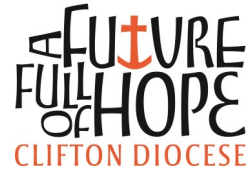
### From Father Anthony...

Steam rose from the mug of tea warming my hands. Silvery breath billowed in icy air. It was dry with pockets of hardened slush. The wind had retreated leaving sunshine breaks in the cloud. Blackbirds hopped across the lawn, chasing and chuckling. Gangsters loitered on roof tops; the Gunslinger swooped and tracked my movements. The garden felt cold and looked skeletal. But, in the drabness, one solitary red rose – like last year - bowed its head with a splash of colour; a herald of new life to come.

New life (*spiritual life*) lies dormant within each of us. It slumbers like an embryo waiting to be woken and fed with awareness and love. As this new life dawns in us, we begin to cast off old ways; *becoming* the new life we waken to. There is transformation, a manifestation of something new within... an Epiphany.

What the Nativity of Jesus recounts in history we can experience spiritually. It is a first hand experience, deeply personal and unique to each one of us. Words and concepts are second hand and fail. If pushed, we might describe it as an experience of God as a child; we care for this child; lavish our attention, affection and love on Him. As love for the child deepens we recognise our family resemblance to Him. We watch the child grow and mature and understand the adult; we are at ease with Him. We know Him! Having had the pleasure of loving Him (*God*) as a child we relax and allow Him the pleasure of loving us. It is a relationship characterised by 'giving the other the pleasure of giving and receiving love'.

This mystical experience might emerge when life routinely feels drab, cold and pointless. Our innate spiritual wisdom (*Gold*) finds a voice; it wakens us. There is a journey of transformation; from worldly to spiritual consciousness (*Frankincense*). It reveals the eternity of Spirit; its eternal Love for us (*Myrrh*). The experience is vulnerable. It needs protecting from the harsh, worldly thoughts and desires that kill it (*Herod within*). We learn to exercise the spiritual states of Mary (*push away what is not of God*) and Joseph (*protect the spiritual life emerging*). These states lead us to the land of mystical prayer. Here, we are led by His voice: here we find the refuge and protection needed for the child within to grow and mature.



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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.

Pop into the Newman Room and say

hello! Please register online at:

<https://salisburycatholics.org>

click "Registration/update"

#### REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

**TO DATE : 2703**

## PASTORAL LETTER

We have on our website both the video and text of the pastoral Letter by Bishop Declan Lang for the feast of The Holy Family (last Sunday). To view click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

## URBI ET ORBI: Christmas Message from Pope Francis

*"To us a child is born, to us a son is given" (Is 9:6)* The theme of the Pope's Christmas message looks at how Jesus was born for everyone, "the Son that God has given to the entire human family". We have both the video and text on the Christmas message by Pope Francis. Just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#)

## CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS - POPE FRANCIS

We have the full recording of the Christmas Vigil Mass from the Vatican with Pope Francis. Just click on 'Church TV' on our homepage and then select 'Christmas Vigil 2020 Pope Francis' or [click here](#).

**READING MARK IN ADVENT** We have now completed the upload of an 18-part podcast series of Mark's Gospel. With a global pandemic sweeping the world and lockdowns and restrictions placed on our everyday living we need to remember that the Word of God is never locked down and isolated. Please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or the 'St Mark's Gospel' button on our homepage to listen to each chapter.

**DIVINITAS: THE ART OF FAITH.** Fr Marcus Holden and Art Historian Teresa Lane probe the Mysteries of Faith. This week we introduce: Part 4: God made man and Part 5: Encountering Christ. To view these reflections please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**THE GOD WHO SPEAKS** There is another excellent reflection on video by Fr Jim Golka on last weekend's Gospel (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph) on our website. The reflection is just 3 minutes. Click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** We have children's liturgy of the word for 4th Sunday in Advent' and for Christmas 'The Nativity' to view please click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#)

**ADVENT** We conclude our weekly Advent video reflections on the Sunday Gospel and the life that God can call individuals to. For Advent Week 4: Br Joseph Bailham OP – Religious Life. Brother Joseph reflects on the fourth week of Advent and his own state of life, living as a Dominican. "The ongoing pandemic has prompted many people to look more closely at their lives and question what has been at the centre of their lives" and for Advent Week 5: Nick and Fiona Whitehead – The Feast of The Holy Family. Nick and Fiona reflect on this feast and on the vocation to married life. "Marriage is a gift from God; our vocation is a gift from God." These can be found by clicking on the 'Advent' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

**SUNDAY HOMILY** We have the latest podcast from Bishop Robert Barron for last Sunday (The Holy Family) on our website. The Bible is not particularly sentimental about families. What makes a family holy, as far as the biblical writers are concerned, is its willingness to surrender to the purpose of God. We see this in a number of key figures, including Joseph, Anna, and Simeon. Click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

**MUSIC IN ISOLATION** For Christmas we have added 'Adeste Fidelis' sung by Andrea Bocelli. Please click on the 'Music in Isolation' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

**SCRIPTURE IN SONG** This feature associates an element of scripture with song each month. For Advent we have 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'. Just click on the button 'Scripture in Song' on our homepage or [click here](#)

## PARISH CANTOR TRAINING for OUR PARISHES on ZOOM

The role of Cantor is a liturgical ministry; we are looking to widen our pool of singers, and to train them adequately for the task. Anyone under 18 years may join the training with an accompanying adult present at the sessions. We're offering two levels - Entry Level for completely new singers (including non music-readers) and Refresher Level for extant cantors/musically-trained new singers.

Entry Level will be open to anyone interested and will take place over three sessions which will be held at **7.30pm on Thursdays 7, 14 & 21 January**.



For Refresher Level; currently-singing Cantors will be directly invited by email and any other established musicians who are interested to join, please contact Rosemary Field on [rosemaryfield@rmfield.co.uk](mailto:rosemaryfield@rmfield.co.uk) initially. Please mention this to any parish singers/musicians that you know. These sessions are taking place on Zoom - If you haven't used Zoom before but would like to join, don't be put off - we can help you. There are no costs involved for participants.

## BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON

Please email to book to attend Mass in person by emailing: [booking@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:booking@salisburycatholics.org) (it is very helpful to us if you use this email **exclusively** for Mass booking) or if you are unable to email please call 01722 562703 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. **Please note that the Office will be closed on New Year's Day**. The Mass schedule for the coming week is on the final page of this newsletter as normal or by clicking on the 'Mass Times' button on our homepage.

**Due to priest availability there are changes to the Sunday Mass schedule this week:**

**The 9am and 6pm Masses at St Osmund on Sunday have been cancelled. These will also be NO MASS on Tuesday evening at 7pm on 5 January.**

These are the only cancellations; all other Masses in our churches this weekend 2 & 3 January will proceed as normal. There are no other changes planned. A special thank you to Holy Redeemer who gave up their noon Mass on Wednesday to lighten the load on Fr Jonathan during this past week.

## TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID 19

We have received two notifications of parishioners receiving positive COVID tests who had recently attended Mass. We have taken all recommended appropriate actions and our current procedures of stewarding, ventilation, face-coverings, sanitising and social-distancing have helped enormously in managing these instances. If you receive a positive result from a COVID test and have attended one of our churches within 10 days of your positive result, please contact the Parish Office immediately so that we can take all required actions to advise and protect others who may have been close to you during your time in church. Please be assured that your identity will remain confidential. Contact 01722 562703 [outreach@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:outreach@salisburycatholics.org)

## FEASTS THIS WEEK

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs - Monday 28 December - Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#)

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr - Tuesday 29 December - Click the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#)

## MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - FRIDAY 1 JANUARY

In the early centuries of the Church, once Christmas began to be celebrated as its own feast on December 25 (having originally been celebrated with the Feast of the Epiphany, on January 6), the Octave (eighth day) of Christmas, January 1, took on a special meaning. In the East, and throughout much of the West, it became common to celebrate a feast of Mary, the Mother of God, on this day. For more on the history on this feast please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In 2017, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales restored this Holy Day of Obligation to its original place on 6 January (having been previously moved to the Sunday). However, in 2018 & 2019, 6 January fell on either a Saturday or a Sunday which meant that we did not notice the effect of this change. This year, it falls on a Wednesday and although the obligation to attend Mass is currently waived, there is a Mass being celebrated in each of our churches and an Ordinariate Mass - see back page for details. For more on this feast, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Christmas Week 2 and Psalter 2

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

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## Saturday 2 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

## SUNDAY 3 January

09:00 St Gregory MASS Bridie & Harry Clapham RIP

09:00 St Osmund **MASS CANCELLED**

11:00 St Osmund MASS Tim Robinson RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund **MASS CANCELLED**

## Monday 4 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Nigel and Freda Downer RIP

## Tuesday 5 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Philip Carr & Family

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 Benediction

**NO EVENING MASS**

## Wednesday 6 January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

09:00 St Gregory MASS

10:00 St Osmund MASS George & Monica Pickford RIP

12:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS  
Anthony & Marion Bancewicz RIP

## Thursday 7 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jill McIntyre RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

## Friday 8 January

10:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS Lynnet Fatcher RIP

## Saturday 9 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Gregory Fridays 09:30 until Mass

St Osmund Saturdays 10:30 to 11:30

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

# PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

## POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR JANUARY

### Evangelisation: Human Fraternity

That the Lord will give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

[Click here](#)

## CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for St John the Evangelist, Bath.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Many parishioners will remember David & Mary Kennedy who moved away a few years ago. Your prayers are requested for David who is seriously unwell - please keep David, Mary and all of the family in your prayers.

Please also remember all those who have died:

Anthea Piggins (who died unexpectedly this week), Carol-Ann Coyle, Peter Rockett, Imogen Cardew, Yvonne Fox and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER

St Osmund will be open for private prayer. If you find the church closed call into the Newman Room at the back of the Parish Rooms during office hours to gain admittance.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12*

*Ps 147*

**The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.**

*Ephesians 1:3-6. 15-18*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!**

*John 1:1-18*

# 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](mailto: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.