

# SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ADVENT WEEK 2 (C)

### From Father Anthony...

I had a few days off and went up North. It was fresh and bracing. Waves foamed and Gulls pierced the air. A wide sapphire sky leaned forward and touched the sea. It was a wilderness of blue broken only by the distant Yorkshire coastline. I relaxed but soon felt the 'valleys and hills' of worry and concern. I sank deeper into the sights and sounds. Nature gently restored my inner equilibrium and I remembered that Advent is a time for inner preparation; for clearing what hinders the birth of Christ within.

The Gospel begins, 'In the Fifteenth year ...' Biblically fifteen represents more than a number. It represents *salvation, healing, fulness... ascension from the physical to the spiritual*. For example, there are fifteen Psalms of Ascent: one had to ascend fifteen steps into the Temple: in biblical lunar months the Full Moon falls on the fifteenth day... as the moon reflects the sun's light similarly, the intellect reflects the light of Spirit. A full moon indicates an intellect fully reflecting Spirit... a spiritual fruit of Advent.

If we believe, individually or collectively, that we are the cause of our own light we live in error and darkness. We live by false, worldly 'light' that hinders the experience of Salvation: 'light' that reflects man made ideals, interpretations and prejudices (*Caesar, Pilate, Annas, etc*). We live in a world that talks about and makes images of God that only keep us separated from Him. Awareness of this tragedy creates the *desire to be saved (ascend)* from it. It awakens in us a distant memory of God: that we are His image (*reflection*) striving to become His likeness.

In the *wilderness* we seek inner equilibrium. We let go of unnecessary worldly, intellectual and emotional attachments. A space is created where God can be remembered. We understand how identification with the world has *dis-membered* our nature. *Re-membering* it restores us to our original image (*Zachariah means, God remembers*). We recognise that our 'cares', (*valleys and hills*) hinder remembrance; so, we drop (*level*) them and experience the graciousness (*grace, touch*) of God. The son of Zachariah, *i.e. the fruit of remembrance*, is John... John means *God is Gracious*. John represents the highest perception and reception of Spirit, the forerunner of Jesus (*Spirit incarnated*). In this state *the Word of God comes to us...* we remember who we are and Christ is born within.

### ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

with the opportunity for individual confession

St Gregory - 7pm 14 December

St Osmund - 7pm 21 December\*

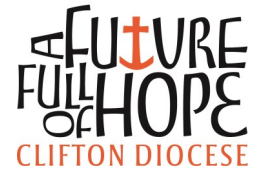
### ADVENT REFLECTIONS

followed by Benediction

St Osmund - 6pm on Tuesday

7\*and 14\* of December.

All welcome in person and \*online.



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### OUR CHURCHES

**St Osmund**  
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**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.  
Please register online at:  
<https://salisburycatholics.org>  
click "Registration/update"

**REGISTERED PARISHIONERS  
TO DATE : 2838**

**Sincere apologies to all those who attended for the 11 am Mass last Sunday 28 November.** Due to an accidental oversight with the Mass rota, no priest attended and Mass was not celebrated. Our sincere apologies to those who joined in person and via the livestream.

## ST OSMUND - SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER

Osmund was known for his administration, scholarship and purity. Strict with himself and with others, he lacked avarice and ambition at a time when these traits were common in Church and State. He was present at the council of Sarum, when in 1086 the results of the Domesday survey were presented to the king. He is the patron saint of our town and, of course, of one of our parishes and so to celebrate this **Patronal Feast, there will be mince pies, tea and coffee served after the 10am Mass in St Osmund's to which everyone is warmly welcome.**

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER

The Church's teaching on the Immaculate Conception asserts that, 'from the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of Mankind, kept free from all stain of original sin'. The observance of this feast began with a Papal encyclical by Pope Pius IX in December 1854. Later, in 1858, the Blessed Mother gave her name to St Bernadette at Lourdes stating, "I am the Immaculate Conception." For more details, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#)

**Parish Pastoral Councils.** Following consultation, the consensus is that a combined council for St Osmund and Holy Redeemer should be formed whilst ensuring strong representation from Holy Redeemer to facilitate organising those activities specific to them. The Council will be composed of those heading up responsibilities such as finance and safeguarding for each parish as well as organisational reps. and other volunteers. If you would be interested in representing Holy Redeemer or St Osmund's, please inform Deacon John Proctor: [john.proctor@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:john.proctor@clifftondiocese.com)

**Children's Christmas get-together at St Gregory's** next Sunday 12 December after 9 am Mass. Come and join us and bring some mince pies and cakes to share. Children are especially invited to make some decorations to hang on the tree.

**Toy Swap** Drop off toys that your children no longer play with. Save space. Reduce Waste. Save money. Get toys that are more age appropriate. For all the details click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Tea & Coffee after the 9am Masses at St Osmund and St Gregory.** To help contact: for St Osmund, Bridget Watson on 01722 697722 or by email [mbbkwatson@hotmail.com](mailto:mbbkwatson@hotmail.com) and for St Gregory, Margaret Godwin 01722 501854 or by email [godw5hme@virginmedia.com](mailto:godw5hme@virginmedia.com).

**Art Group:** 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** Tuesdays in the Parish Rooms 10:45 am -12:30 pm. Please join us as we read and study the Psalms. For further details contact John Lester 07899 244072.

**Bridge Club** The St Osmund's Bridge Club is every Tuesday from 1 to 4 pm in the Parish Rooms. For further information, contact Gill on 01722 329341.

**My Generation** meets next Wednesday 15 December at 2 pm in St Gregory's Hall for Christmas fun and games with refreshments supplied. For information please contact Chris 321109.

**Salisbury Catholics Parishioner Lunch** on the second Thursday of each month. Come and enjoy an Advent lunch with fellow parishioners after the midday Mass on Thursday 9 December in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Donations are welcome to cover costs.



## FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

From the gathering in Bristol on 20 November we now have the videos of the talks given to all the delegates from all the Parishes in the Diocese on our website. Our delegates will be meeting in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund's this Sunday 5 December at 3 pm to plan together the way to take this process forward in our parishes. All of the information on the Synod including explanatory videos are on our website by clicking the 'Synodal Church' button on our homepage or [click here](#). Pope Francis is keen to involve EVERYONE in the worldwide Church in this venture and we encourage you to read, find out more and engage with the process as it unfolds locally. Our feedback will be incorporated into the report provided by the Clifton Diocese to our Bishops' Conference and their feedback, in turn, will go to Rome.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass** at St Osmund's during Advent. It's a chicken-and-egg thing: we haven't restarted children's liturgy because there are not many children and young families back at Mass yet but... maybe they are not back at Mass *because* we haven't reinstated this...! We just can't know for sure and so are reinstating it at one Mass throughout Advent to see how it goes. Thanks to our volunteers from the 9am & 11am Masses who are joining together to make this happen. We look forward to seeing your children there!

**Liturgy – A Call to Love** Our Diocesan Liturgy Office has now produced a series of videos, entitled 'A Call to Love' to remind and encourage us of the importance of the Mass in our lives as Catholic Christians. In the first video Doreen Wyatt, Chair of our Diocesan Liturgy Office, introduces the series and the second 'The Church at Prayer' is by Fr Michael Fountaine. To watch click on the 'A Call to Love' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Luke's Gospel** We have a recording of Chapters 1 & 2 'The Infancy Narratives' read by Christopher Piggins on our website. The next recording will be published after Christmas. To watch and listen just click on the 'Luke's Gospel' button on our home page 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@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com) and at St Gregory contact Deacon Stephen Godwin by email [stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com)

**The Nicodemus Group** The next and final session for this year is on Wednesday 8 December at 7.30pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. The programme continues in the new year on the 12 January 2022. Please contact us to register to attend: [nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org). For more information click the 'Explore Your Faith' item on our website main menu bar or [click here](#).

**The God Who Speaks** Advent is the season in which the Church recommits itself to living a great adventure. We are a band of companions walking through a world of marvels and dangers to a promised goal, eternal life with God. Father Bill Grimm reflects on the scripture for the 2nd Week of Advent. To watch and listen [click here](#) or click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

**Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron.** A couple of years ago, there was a poll conducted in the UK that revealed that the majority of people here feel that Jesus was not a real historical figure, but rather more of a mythical character. There are all kinds of spiritual systems that trade in mythic language bearing spiritual truths, but that's not what Christianity is. To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Children's Liturgy** from Catholic Kids Media: He is coming! A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for the Second Week of Advent Year C. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

**2022 Clifton Diocese Liturgical Diaries (£6.50) and Directories (£5.00)** have now arrived and can be purchased from the Parish Office. We also have the handbag/pocket size (free) diaries which will be available at all our churches this weekend.

**Fr Michael Fitzpatrick's Address** - we are receiving lots of requests for this once more. It is: 137 Gloucester Road, Patchway, Bristol BS34 5JG.

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Advent Week 2 and Psalter 2

## Saturday 4 December SAINT OSMUND

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bill Binns RIP

*Followed by tea, coffee and mince pies in the Parish Rooms.*

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS In Thanksgiving

## SUNDAY 5 December

09:00 St Gregory MASS Mervyn Lloyd Waters RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS T C Jose RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Paddy Hartigan RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

## Monday 6 December

10:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of the Donors

## Tuesday 7 December Saint Ambrose

10:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Advent Reflection followed by Benediction

## Wednesday 8 December THE IMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Thanksgiving - Tess Johny

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Arthur Buck RIP

## Thursday 9 December

12:00 St Osmund MASS Peter Foley RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Friday 10 December

10:00 St Gregory MASS The Kenny Family RIP

18:00 Whaddon MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving - Jacob Chacko

## Saturday 11 December

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Friday after 10:00 Mass:

St Osmund Saturday 10:30 - 11:00

Holy Redeemer Saturday 17:30 until Mass

## ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St Gregory 19:00 Tuesday 14 December

St Osmund 19:00 Tuesday 21 December

# PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

## POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

### Evangelisation: Catechists

For catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God, may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit. [Click here](#)

## CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for St John the Baptist (Trowbridge) and St Bernadette (Westbury).

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who have died recently: Simon Mostyn, Elizabeth Grundy, Agnes Pace, Margaret Safe, Michael McStravick, Heather Voce, Paddy Hartigan, Kath Quinn, Jane Barnes, Simon Thornton and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## REQUIEM MASS FOR KATH QUINN

As many of you are aware, Kath's family arranged for a private cremation which has already taken place.

There will be a Mass for Kath in St Gregory's Church at 10am on Friday 17 December to which all are warmly invited. Kath was known and loved by many in both our parish and our city. Please help to spread the word of this Mass to all who knew her.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Baruch 5:1-9*

*Psalms 125*

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

*Philippians 1:3-6,8-11*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.**

**Alleluia!**

*Luke 3:1-6*

## SACRAMENTS

**MARRIAGES** Please speak to the priest for guidance.

**BAPTISMS** For our next parents' preparation course, please contact Deacon John Proctor by email [john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com](mailto: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](#)