

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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LENT WEEK 1(C)

From Father Anthony

Peregrines soared in a clear blue sky. Sunlight glinted off the Great Spire and warmed faces. People sat on benches and ambled over the lawns. Nature seemed to be waking from her long sleep with a delicious yawn. A father picked up his little boy so that he could see over a wall. With a shriek of laughter, he found his mother hiding there!

'The formative world of all our lives is contained in each moment; this is available to us only when we are truly present'. Who and what we are, in our entirety, is contained in each moment. The reality of God's love is also experienced in each moment; not as a thought but as an encounter. He loves us in our entirety. All too often we feel a blockage between ourselves and God: we fail to understand that this blockage is an effect of not being present to the present moment.

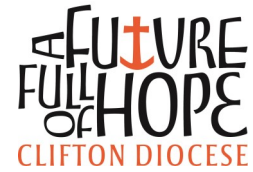
Traditionally, three walls block us from God, ourselves, one another and the present moment: they are Envy, Resentment and Pride. By entering the desert of our lives, like Jesus, during Lent, we encounter these three walls (*temptations*). We come to know what motivates us and what blocks us.

Envy is a form of worship of what others have; we try to capture their experience (*'worship me and I will give you all of this'*). We strive after something that is not ours; not real. But, we need our own lives and our own experience; something real for ourselves. Then we have something to encounter God with and give to another.

With Resentment we want something to be as we want it to be and not as it is, (*'Change these stones into bread'*). When we cannot have it as we want it we *resent* it. We get angry, bitter and morose... But reality is reality. To attempt to change reality is an attempt to create unreality... illusion. It leads to exhaustion and emptiness.

Pride has to do with feeling that in some way we are special; it stems from ignorance (*'jump off this tower and the angels will save you'*). To think we are more special than another is to believe that God loves one more than another: that would not be Love. Love is not partial; it is total.

If, during Lent, we attempt to look behind these walls... we might find God smiling back!



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OUR CHURCHES

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Most Holy Redeemer
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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 : 2903**

PROPOSED MERGER OF OUR PARISHES

Introduction Bishop Declan has given us permission to hold a consultation about formally merging our Parishes.

Background Many Diocese, including our own, face a future with fewer priests. Nationwide it is likely that we will only be able to keep the Mass at the centre of our Catholic life if we gradually *cluster* and then *merge* some parishes. Merging parishes is legal and has many benefits. It means we preserve our catholic communities whilst fulfilling a principle of no *priest-less* parishes.

Way forward The first step towards merging parishes is to cluster them. We have already taken this step with 'Salisbury Catholic Churches'. The second step is to hold a consultation among our church communities in order to provide the evidence that will assist the Bishop with his deliberations.

We began raising awareness of this process on 25th February and you will find all the information, background and timetable on our dedicated website page: [Click here](#).

[We now ask all parishioners to complete the Merger Questionnaire.](#)

The most convenient way for you to complete the questionnaire is using the online form. This is also the most cost-effective and efficient way. [Click here](#) to go directly to the questionnaire. The closing date for submission of the questionnaire is 30 March.

Printed copies will also be available in all churches this weekend. Please only take a printed copy if you are unable to access the online form. This helps us to minimise costs and manage the consultation process more efficiently and confidentially. Many thanks.

You may also like to attend one of the Consultation Meetings listed below to hear the views of your fellow parishioners. These meetings will follow the format used so successfully in our Synodal meetings: the meeting will begin with 15 minutes of silent prayer after which participants will be divided into small groups to listen attentively to one another. Each small group will require a facilitator and a note-taker so that the group's views can be voiced to the larger group and also recorded and summarised as part of our submission to Bishop Declan.

If you would like to volunteer to be a note-taker or facilitator, please contact the parish office.

12 March at 4.30pm	Consultation Meeting at Most Holy Redeemer
13 March at 3pm	Consultation Meeting at St Gregory & the English Martyrs
14 March at 7pm	Consultation Meeting for St Osmund's to be held in St Elizabeth Hall (131 Exeter Street).
20 March at 3pm	Online via Zoom , for those isolating/unable to attend meetings in person..

It is essential to book your place if you would like to attend one of these meetings.

To book your place:

Email booking@salisburycatholics.org

Phone **01722 562703** during office hours.

LENT 2022

Pastoral Letter for the First Sunday in Lent from Bishop Declan will be read at all Masses this weekend. The video and letter can be viewed by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or by [clicking here](#).

Deanery Lenten Penitential Service with Bishop Declan: Thursday 10 March at 7pm. Bishop Declan is coming to St Osmund's to celebrate a Liturgy of Reconciliation (there will be four priests available to hear individual Confessions and this will be the only Penitential Service during Lent in our churches).

Thursday Lenten Meditations before the Blessed Sacrament

Will take place on four Thursdays starting 17 March through to 7 April, all at 7pm followed by Benediction at 8pm. These will be available to join live or as recordings on our Church TV: [click here](#).

The Stations of the Cross also known as the 'Way of the Cross', is a beautiful devotion to recall and honour the Passion of Christ. There are Stations of the Cross devotions in St Osmund's Church **each Friday during Lent at 18:15** (prior to the 7pm Mass). You can also join via our [Church TV](#).

Lenten Journey with Fr Denis McBride. Each week, we will be adding a video to our website which will journey with Jesus from the wilderness to the Cross. Click on the '[Lent 2022](#)' button on our homepage.

Clifton Diocese Lenten Reflections There will be a daily reflection on our website to support parishioners on their Lenten journey Click on the '[Lent 2022](#)' button on our homepage.

Annual CAFOD Lenten Fast Day is next Friday 11 March. By eating simply and giving what you save, you'll be making a place at your table for poor children this Lent. CAFOD envelopes will be made available in all our churches this weekend 5 & 6 March. For more information click on the 'Fast Day' image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Coach for the Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 13 April. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated fully once again this year with Bishop Declan surrounded by the priests and deacons of our Diocese on the Wednesday of Holy Week. We hope to book a coach if there is sufficient interest and will be subsidising the cost to encourage you to join with us if you can. Adults will be £10, children can travel free. There will be three pick up points: St Osmund, St Gregory and at Amesbury. For those who wish to join, please contact the Parish Office by email office@salisbury Catholics.org or ring 01722 562703 or use the sign-up sheet in the church porches.

Ukraine Pray for Peace - We have a video from Taras, of the Ukrainian Catholic University, who talks to us from a parish on the outskirts of Lviv on Ash Wednesday. From Archbishop John Wilson: "We must say no to war, we must say yes to peace and we must pray". To watch and listen please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). In St Osmund's Church we have lit a candle which is burning 24 hours a day in solidarity and prayer for the people of Ukraine. We encourage everyone to pray for peace in Ukraine and in our world.

Easter Egg Hunt! We are delighted to announce that we will once again be able to host an Easter Egg hunt for children after the morning Masses on Easter Sunday at both St Osmund and St Gregory. Donations of (individually-wrapped) Easter Eggs will be gratefully received if you able to donate some. Please hand your eggs into the office or to welcomers at St Osmund or to welcomers at St Gregory's. Many thanks.

St Osmund's Garden - given that we plan to have an Easter Egg Hunt for our children, we need to tidy up the garden to make sure that it is safe and accessible for the children and also for us to gather for the blessing of palms and the procession on Palm Sunday. We hope to organise a day during Lent when we will get together to work in the garden. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO STANDING ORDER/GIFT AID PAYMENTS



The Clifton Diocese is changing the way in which it processes standing order donations which means that we must ask most parishioners who pay this way to amend their standing order.

Thank you very much for your patience as we get this sorted out. A number of you have emailed to say that you haven't yet heard from us... we are working through these emails and questions as quickly as we can but do please bear with us.

Why is this happening? At present, most Gift-Aided standing order donations are paid into a central Diocesan bank account and later distributed to parishes. All donations paid by standing order must now be paid **directly into the parish bank account** rather than the Diocesan account. We are truly sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause. We are grateful to Liz who has volunteered to help with the project and is going as fast as she can!

Those who currently give using the weekly envelopes will also now receive an email via our PAMIS mailing system in the hope that you will be willing to convert to paying by Standing Order. Donating to the parish by Standing Order is the most convenient way to support the mission of our parish. If you do not currently give this way, please consider doing so.

NO PARKING AT ST OSMUND'S Please be aware that the driveway remains closed until a safety assessment is conducted. Slate tiles are slipping from the church roof and the area is unsafe.

Salisbury Catholics Parishioner Lenten Lunch will take place after the midday Mass next **Thursday 10 March** in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Please do come along.

St Osmund & Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council first meeting date has now been changed to Tuesday 15 March. Please pray for guidance and wisdom for this group.

My Generation will be holding a St Patrick's Sing-A-Long on Wednesday 16 March at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. All welcome. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Syro-Malabar Community annual retreat lead by Fr. Jose Anthiamkulam MCBS at Most Holy Redeemer Church on Saturday 19 March from 9am to 5pm.

Date for your diary: Salisbury Catholic Churches Afternoon Tea on Sunday the 8 May 3pm at the White Hart Hotel. A social event for parishioners of all three churches. Tickets will be going on sale in the near future, more details to follow. Make sure you keep the afternoon clear in your diary!

Liturgy – A Call to Love Our Liturgy Office has produced a series of videos, entitled 'A Call to Love' to remind us of the importance of the Mass in our lives. We have the tenth video 'The Eucharist' by Canon Christopher Whitehead, Parish Priest, St John the Evangelist, Bath. To watch, click on the 'A Call to Love' image in the 'Top News' box on our homepage or [click here](#).

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron. What Jesus faces in the desert are three classic substitutes for God; three levels of temptation away from the ultimate good. Can we look at those things that will cause us to deviate from the path the Lord has for us? Click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: What is Lent? A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for this Sunday the 1st Sunday in Lent Year C. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Lent Week 1 and Psalter 1

Saturday 5 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Lucy Broughton RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Mary-Anne Clarke RIP

SUNDAY 6 March

09:00 St Gregory MASS Sherly George & Thressiamma Xavier RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Tony McMullen RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Beatrice Meech RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 7 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Peggy Lemond RIP

Tuesday 8 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

12:30 St Osmund Requiem MASS John Daly RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 9 March

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Dr Nigel Cross

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 10 March

*12:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*Please note changed Mass time. Parish Lunch follows Mass

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

19:00 St Osmund Deanery Lenten Penitential Service with Bishop Declan and opportunity for Individual Confession.

Friday 11 March

10:00 St Gregory MASS

18:15 St Osmund Stations of the Cross

19:00 St Osmund MASS Anne & David Power RIP

Saturday 12 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Michael Bowey RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Ann Brady RIP

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 MARCH

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

For Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action. [Click here](#).

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parish of St John the Evangelist (Bath).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Patricia Robinson, Hugh Tierney, Alan Perry, Vincent Urmston, John Daly, Tony McMullen and Betty Knight who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Please note - Alan Perry's funeral will be in Salisbury Cathedral at 1.30pm on 15 March. All welcome.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalms 90

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Romans 10:8-13

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

Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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

Luke 4:1-13

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS The next preparation course will be via Zoom on 21, 28 March; and 4 April at 7.30pm. For baptisms at St Osmund or Holy Redeemer please contact Deacon John Proctor john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com 07802 631968 and at St Gregory contact Deacon Stephen Godwin by email stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION weekend will be **21 & 22 May**. The first Children's session is at 2pm next Saturday 12 March at St Gregory's (it is important that the children attend **ALL** of their sessions). The timetable is available on our website: select 'Sacraments' on the main menu and then 'Holy Communion', or [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: