

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 23 (A)

From Fr Anthony...

Shrieking winds swirled and battered, keeping hooded heads down. The sea bulged, pulsed and exploded against the harbour wall. Huge fountains of foaming water leapt into the air drenching the unwary. Out on the surf, crested waves raced at angles colliding in a maelstrom of froth. The sun had gone somewhere warmer! Clouds billowed in twists of slate grey and dirty white. Rain tattooed the ground like a squad of hobnails boots in a hurry. It was fantastic but discordant. Later, exhausted of energy, all was silent and colourless. Nature had blown herself out.

The day before, people had moved lazily with grace and ease. Dogs had barked and splashed. The sea, steel blue and flat as a mirror, reflected puffs of white cloud drifting across a turquoise sky. A light breeze fanned the air; the sun had smiled. Nature's instruments were in tune creating a lovely symphony.

Sometimes, for longer or shorter periods, we experience life as discordant. Nothing quite fits; we're all over the place; we feel flat and exhausted. There are days when life moves smoothly; like wearing a familiar jacket, it feels comfortable. Up and down we go; discordant one day, in harmony the next.

The scriptures urge awareness of this pattern if we wish to break it; they reveal the key to balance and harmony. In essence, who I am, must confront who I think I am (the sinning brother). One hits the mark, the other misses it... it is an illusion. When illusion masquerades as reality, life lacks spiritual substance; nothing quite fits; we feel discordant. Who I am must gently but firmly remove who I think I am (have it out with your brother). Living as who I am places me in reality; living as who I think I am places me in a dream of reality.

In reality, I leave the robotic, conditioned dream-life for self-aware conscious living. Soul and Spirit harmonise... pull in the same direction (where two agree). The word 'agree', in Greek, is *sumphóneó*... from which we get symphony. I see things as they are, not as I think they are; I accept (bind) that which assists harmony; I loose (deny) that which hinders it. Body, soul and spirit unite. Unified they reflect the character of Christ (where two or three are gathered in my name). I live as He lives... I enjoy harmony and reflect His peace.

**A FUTURE
FULL
OF HOPE**
CLIFTON DIOCESE

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Southampton Rd, Whaddon SP5 3EB

NEW TO THE PARISH?
We wish you a very warm welcome.
Once this current crisis is over, please pop in and say hello. For now, please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org>
click "Registration/update"

**REGISTERED PARISHIONERS
TO DATE : 2652**

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 8 SEPTEMBER

If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large. For more on the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go directly to:

<https://salisburycatholics.org/blog/nativity-blessed-virgin-mary>

Please book early if you plan to come to Mass on this Feast Day.

LAUDATO SI'

Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si* was a worldwide wake up call to help humanity understand the destruction that we are causing to the environment and to one another. Pope Francis has called us to prayer, to reflect on our lifestyles, to take prophetic actions and for courageous decisions ... directing the planet towards life, not death. We have a 'Global Healing' resource of three films, *Global Healing*, *A Practical Response*, and *Before the Flood*: a full length National Geographic film which features actor Leonardo DiCaprio seeking to learn the truth about climate change. To watch please click on the 'Laudato Si' button on our Homepage or go directly to:

<https://salisburycatholics.org/laudato-si>

Salisbury Foodbank: Current requests from the Foodbank are for tinned fruit; tinned rice pudding; sponge pudding and bars of chocolate. At present we are not collecting items in our churches, but they can be placed in collection boxes at Lidl, Waitrose and Tesco (Southampton Rd). The Foodbank is always very appreciative of our support and generosity. Please help if you can during the month of September.

Starting School? If you have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2021 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of Wiltshire Council.

Go to: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-applying> If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of their baptism certificate. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2021.

Could you be a School Governor? The Diocese is seeking to recruit people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, for the benefit of the children in our schools. If you think you could serve as a Foundation Governor then please contact bill.mcentee@clifftondiocese.com or 07710 094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays every week at 10:45 via Skype. All are welcome. For more information and/or to join please contact Michael on 01725 510310.

ZOOM GATHERINGS Please contact outreach@salisburycatholics.org if you need assistance.

Tuesday at 15:00 8 September HR/Whaddon House Mass Contact Tony on 01722 562703

Tuesday at 17:00 Pastoral Team meeting

Tuesday at 19:30 Alabare community meeting Contact John Proctor on 01722 340206

Wednesday at 14:30 Rosary Group Contact Josephine on 01722 328410

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASS

Mass times at St Osmund return to normal this coming week: 10:00 and 19:00 each week day.

The full list of Mass times in all our churches is on the final page of this newsletter and also features on our website: click on 'Mass Times' on our homepage or go to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/mass-times>

As next Tuesday 8 September is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, please book early for Mass on that day to avoid disappointment.

Church Capacity We have received clearance from the Diocese that, as we are now all wearing masks, we can move to social distancing of "1m plus". This means that we can increase the capacity in all our churches which in turn will mean more opportunity for parishioners to come to Mass. The reconfiguration of the available pews in our churches will commence on Monday 7 September.

'Booking' to attend Mass: Thank you so much for your continued support with this process. Please do not arrive at a church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked a place in advance.

To book please call 01722 562703 or email outreach@salisburycatholics.org

Bookings can only be taken on this number and email address.

MUSIC AT OUR MASSES

At the present time, congregational singing is not permitted but that doesn't mean that our parish musicians have not been busy! Over the last two months they have been meeting with Fr Anthony and one another to formulate a plan moving forward for music. If you would like to know more about the music, how/why it is chosen and why our organists are now moving around the Masses, see our website: <https://salisburycatholics.org/music> We are very grateful to all our musicians for their flexibility, dedication and commitment during these strange times.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER SUPPORTED BY OUR WEBSITE

THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM, TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM IN TRUTH

WORD AS A PRIEST IS "YES" We have a truly inspirational video on the Life and Ministry of Canon Gregory Grant of St Patrick's Parish, Redfield. Highly recommended viewing, just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/canon-gregory-grant>

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS We have an excellent video reflection on last weekend's Gospel (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time). It is less than 3 minutes long and well worth listening to. To access, please click on the 'The God Who Speaks' button on our Homepage or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/god-who-speaks>

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER - RESPECT FOR THE PLANET'S RESOURCES

Just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or go directly to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/pope-francis>

LECTIONARY COMMENTARY We have a commentary on the readings for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time written by Dr Joseph O'Hanlon: To read just click on the 'Lectionary Commentary' button on the home page or go direct to: <https://salisburycatholics.org/lectionary>

Other opportunities : Just click on the button on the right hand side of the homepage:

Harry the Pigeon. Unfortunately we have been gagged. Having been served with a D Notice (Defence and Security Media Advisory Notice) which is an official request to news editors not to publish or broadcast items on specified subjects for reasons of national security, we are unable to report further on Harry. It appears that Harry's activities fall under the Official Secrets Act. This notice expires in 50 years (August 2070) we will then reveal all, so hang around.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Ordinary Time Week 23 and Psalter 3

ALL MASSES IN ST OSMUND ARE LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

<https://salisburycatholics.org/church-tv>

Limited Congregation Masses

Saturday 5 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 6 September

09:00 St Osmund MASS Nick Filbee RIP
Offered by Salisbury Catenians

09:00 St Gregory MASS
11:00 St Osmund MASS For Sacred Heart Friends
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS

Monday 7 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS
19:00 St Osmund MASS

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday 8 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS
All Day St Osmund Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:40 St Osmund Benediction
19:00 St Osmund MASS

Wednesday 9 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS
12:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Mary Fleming in Thanksgiving
19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Mary and Richard's 25th
Wedding Anniversary

Thursday 10 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Donal Ellis RIP
All Day St Osmund Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:40 St Osmund Benediction
19:00 St Osmund MASS

Friday 11 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS
12:00 St Gregory MASS
19:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 12 September

10:00 St Osmund MASS Carol Carthy RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Gregory	Fridays	12:30 to 13:00
St Osmund	Saturdays	10:30 to 11:30
Holy Redeemer	Saturdays	17:30 until Mass

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POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Universal: Respect for the Planet's Resources

That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

<https://salisburycatholics.org/pope-francis>

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parish of St Mary, Swindon.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember all those who have died: Sheilah Owen, Rita (Mollie) Halliden and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER IN OUR CHURCHES

St Osmund will be open for Private Individual Prayer at the following times this week providing we have stewards available. New volunteers for stewarding are always welcome and much needed.

Monday to Friday after the 10:00 Mass

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Ps 94

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

Romans 13:8-10

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!**

Matthew 18:15-20

MARRIAGES

Where possible, these must be deferred.
Please speak to the priest for further guidance.

FUNERALS

Please speak to the priest for guidance.

BAPTISMS

For those who have attended the baptismal preparation course a baptism can now be arranged on a Saturday after midday. If you wish to have more detail please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email john@alabare.org