

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 5(B)

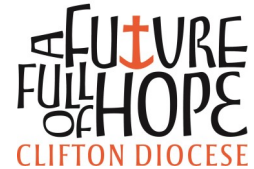
From Father Anthony...

Hidden below roof and treetops the rising sun daubed layers of crimson, yellow and blue across the sky. It was beautiful. The morning air was fresh, birds flitted, trilled and chirped: there was a feeling that Spring was on its way. Henrietta danced about my feet demanding more food, as usual. Other blackbirds hopped about and squabbled. Underneath it all there was a deep stillness! I stood, tea steaming... a rustle! Wishing my specs were stronger I focussed on movement beneath some bushes... and there, between sprouting daffodils, a delightful little mouse. It ventured onto the lawn, nose quivering. Despite its beauty it looked anxious, worried and fearful... saw me and shot off!

Recent Gospel passages have encouraged us to form a desire and intention to let go of the material hold we let the world have on us (*John the Baptist*); so that Christ may rise within our being. And, when Christ rises in us He first brings comfort (*Capernaum*); it is when we are comfortable with someone that we freely share with them who we are; their presence is not felt as trespass. Part of comforting is dealing with fear, anxiety and worry.

In spiritual terms the *Mother* is the Spiritual Soul. When the soul is still 'wedded' to the material (*sensory*) world it is the *mother in law*. In this state we 'hear' (*Simon means, to hear*) the world; *i.e.* the world can still affect us and fill us with fear, anxiety and worry... it leaves the soul 'feverish' and unable to operate as it should. As Christ unites with and liberates our soul (*heals the mother in law*), He heals us of this fear, anxiety and worry.

This healing unites us more closely to Christ. In spirit He will pray in us (*up the mountain*). We experience prayer that is beyond word or concept... similar to friends relaxing together rather than two people talking *to* or *at* one another. We 'hear' Him in our being (*Simon in search of him*). We begin bringing Him aspects of ourselves that we are aware of (*everybody is looking for you*). But: He knows what *really* needs healing in us. He will travel deeper into areas of our lives that we have, perhaps, forgotten – but, which like hidden drivers, are the root of our dysfunction and discomfort, (*other towns and villages*). If we follow Him he will heal these too.



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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.

Please register online at:

<https://salisburycatholics.org>

click "Registration/update"

REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

TO DATE : 2707

BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON

If you plan to attend Mass in person, please book by emailing: booking@salisburycatholics.org (it is very helpful if you use this email address **exclusively** for Mass booking) or, if you are unable to email, please call 01722 562703 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. The Mass schedule for the coming week is on the final page of this newsletter as normal or can be found on our website: click the 'Mass Times' button on our homepage.

Gentle reminder: Please do not come to Mass if you feel at all unwell.

ASH WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY - MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Mass Times:

10:00 St Osmund, 12:00 Holy Redeemer, 12:30 St Osmund, 18:00 St Gregory, 19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Rite. Please do book as normal and **early** because of the limited capacity due to the requirement for social distancing. The distribution of ashes will occur under guidelines directed by the Bishops' Conference for England and Wales.

PARISH OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER: There are still a small number of parishioners using the 0161... telephone number that was used briefly when we were setting up the Newman Room as the main Parish Office. Calls to that number have been automatically diverted to our current number 01722 562703 for some months now. The 0161 service will soon be cancelled and anyone still calling it will get a 'Number Unobtainable' response. Please make sure you use the current number for the Parish Office as above.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONSULTATION TO STOP HOME ABORTIONS. The Department for Health is holding a consultation on whether to continue the practice of sending dangerous abortion pills to women to undergo abortions at home. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the questionnaire. The consultation ends on 26 February. Please go to:

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>

CARDINAL NICHOLS ON BEREAVEMENT as COVID deaths pass 100,000

Cardinal Vincent Nichols spoke to LBC radio's Matt Frei on Saturday 30 January 2021, just days after the tragic news that the UK's death toll from COVID-19 had passed the 100,000 mark. Each death leaves a family bereaved, each hospital admission results in a person facing a fight – loved-ones anxiously hoping for the best from a distance. For the full podcast click on the Cardinal's image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptism preparation courses are being run via Zoom. You are invited to participate in a preparation course prior to the baptism of your child. The current course on Zoom completes on 11 February. For information on a further course please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email john@alabare.org

PARISH CANTOR TRAINING for OUR PARISHES on ZOOM

Thanks to all the singers who joined our plenary session last Wednesday 3 February. These sessions are taking place on Zoom and are led by Rosemary Field. If you haven't used Zoom before don't be put off - we can help you. There are no costs involved for participants. If you are interested to join in, please contact Rosemary on rosemaryfield@rmfield.co.uk

SCORE APPEAL IN ASSOCIATION WITH SALISBURY CATENIANS (LAPTOPS FOR CHILDREN).

Richard Sanderson (Headteacher of St Osmund's and Christ the King, Amesbury Primary Schools) has described our donations as 'amazing' and commented: 'This shows us all that the strength and togetherness in our Catholic community has never been stronger than it is now'. Kim Downer, for the Governors expressed their "extreme gratitude". So far £4,260 has been donated and 34 devices have or will be handed to Michael Presley. These are being shared across St Joseph's Secondary School and our primary schools. For full details of this appeal, how to donate and give unused equipment, click on the button 'Laptops for Children' on the home page or [click here](#).

SAINT SCHOLASTICA - 10 FEBRUARY

On 10 February the Church remembers St. Scholastica, a nun who was the twin sister of St. Benedict, the 'father of monasticism' in Western Europe. The siblings were born around 480 to a Roman noble family in Nursia, Italy. Scholastica seems to have devoted herself to God from her earliest youth, as the account of Benedict's life by Pope Gregory the Great declares that she was "dedicated from her infancy to Our Lord." For her full story, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

HOLY LAND CO-ORDINATION Following the recent virtual meeting, we have two reflections on The Holy Land: one by Bishop Nicholas Hudson and the other by our bishop, Bishop Declan Lang. To listen click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

PILGRIM VOICES Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever but the world keeps changing. How do we find a vocabulary to express eternal truth in the ever-changing information age? Listen in or join in. Beginning Thursday 18 February at 19:30 for five weeks on Zoom. Please e-mail John Proctor at john@alabare.org for an invitation and Zoom details. For the full poster click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

THE ANSWER IS PRAYER We have a new short audio reflection by Deacon Steve Godwin on prayer. To listen, go to our 'Church TV' page and scroll down or [click here](#).

WELCOME THE STRANGER - Online Event We are invited to join Caritas Plymouth and Caritas Clifton for an online event on the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita this coming Monday 8 February 2021 from 17:00-18:00 to reflect on the challenges facing refugees and migrants and the threat of modern slavery. Please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) to register and read the story of St Bakhita.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS There is another excellent reflection on video by Fr Jim Golka on the scripture of 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The reflection is just 3 minutes. To view click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

SUNDAY HOMILY The latest podcast from Bishop Robert Barron for this Sunday (Ordinary Time Week 5) is on our website. In this Sunday's scripture, St. Paul highlights the significance of evangelisation. The Church, by its very nature, evangelises, going out to the ends of the world with the good news of the Gospel. Paul urges us to organise our lives around mission, and to move even further out of our comfort zone to do so. Click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY We have a children's Liturgy of the Word for this weekend; Jesus and Job! '5th Sunday in Ordinary Time'. To view click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#)

SAINT PAUL Following on from previous weeks we have the third in a seven part series by New Testament scholar Con Campbell as he searches for answers to help him better understand St Paul. Click on the 'St Paul' button the home page or [click here](#).

CREDO Fr Andrew Eburne continues his journey through the articles of the Creed. We have the fourteenth podcast in this series: 'and His Kingdom will have no end'. If God loves us so much, why does hell exist? Join Fr Andrew for the latest episode of Credo. For this, and the previous thirteen, click on the button on our homepage or [click here](#).

DIVINITAS: THE ART OF FAITH Fr Marcus Holden and Art Historian Teresa Lane probe the Mysteries of Faith. This week we introduce: Part 10: 'The Blessed Virgin Mary'. To view this reflection please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

MUSIC IN ISOLATION We have added 'Be Still and Know that He is God' by the Lorenz Virtual Choir recorded during this pandemic. Please click on the 'Music in Isolation' button on our homepage or [click here](#)

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Ordinary Time Week 5 and Psalter 1

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

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Saturday 6 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS David Eugene Clark RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Margot Wilson RIP

SUNDAY 7 February

09:00 St Gregory MASS

09:00 St Osmund MASS 18th Birthday - in thanksgiving

11:00 St Osmund MASS Michael & Timothy Robinson RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Douglas Wibberley

Monday 8 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jacob Rees-Mogg - work intentions

Tuesday 9 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Rosemarie Dancer RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 Benediction

Wednesday 10 February Saint Scholastica, Virgin

10:00 St Osmund MASS Alex Ingram in sickness

19:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 11 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 12 February

19:00 St Osmund MASS Mr Chakkappan Vazhappily RIP

Saturday 13 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Elizabeth & Lawrence Kennedy RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

LENT - ADVANCE NOTICE

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES - 17 FEBRUARY

10:00 St Osmund

12:00 Holy Redeemer

12:30 St Osmund

18:00 St Gregory

19:00 St Osmund (Ordinariate Rite)

If you wish to attend in person, please book as soon as possible by email: booking@salisburycatholics.org or call on 01722 562703

On Tuesday evenings during Lent there will be a Lenten Meditation prior to Benediction and on Fridays there will be Stations of the Cross prior to the 7pm Mass. More details to follow.

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Universal: Violence against women

For women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please also remember all those who have died: Halstead Knight, Ethanna Harris, Maria Maci, Margot Wilson, Anthea Piggins, Robin Barnes, Anne Sheehan, Bridie Dempsey, Barbara Sim, Anne Watson and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Job 7:1-4. 6-7

Psalms 146

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.**

Alleluia!

Mark 1:29-39

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

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2021

We will be announcing plans for preparations for these Sacraments as soon as we can. Watch this space.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory On request, contact priests

St Osmund Saturdays 10:30 to 11:30

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass