SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND Part of the Clifton Diocese: Registered Charity 1170168 Company No 10462074

Ordinary Time Week 18 (B)

From Father Anthony...

Dark clouds followed my progress as I battled tire spray and low visibility. Motorways cut through monochrome; strained faces glanced across as they passed by. It was a long journey. Light began to fade and I arrived in semi darkness. Seaweed perfumed the air; ship lights moved along the distant horizon. I unpacked, ate some lovely food, let the day go and slept. Morning sunlight brought colour to the coast; an offshore breeze whisked the cloud. A fishing boat bobbed and pulled in lobster pots. I breathed in sea air, watched crashing waves and listened to the haunting cry of gulls. I smiled thanks to God and felt like a new man.

St Paul states the aim of our spiritual life quite clearly... put off the old person; put on the new. We must want and intend more than just mere knowledge of this possibility and be open to its experience along with an understanding of the experience. Motivation for this experience, the Gospel explains, comes from comprehending the transitory nature and temporary effects of all that the old person does, (don't work for food that will not last).

Awareness of the possibility of a new person often begins with disillusionment with the old. The traditional acquisitions of security, family, wealth, power and knowledge - all necessary - are, nevertheless transitory; they do not last or satisfy. After the initial thrill of acquisition, we still feel substantially the same. Acquisitions do not effect transformation. They leave us searching and longing for more. The turning point is when we realise this 'more' is God.

Throughout the scriptures, we learn that God is found within...not without. The transition from old to new involves a movement from external searching to internal awakening. It is to an aspect of ourselves that we must turn if we are to have God. I am the bread of life... in other words, the I Am is that which feeds us... and, I Am. This I Am (spiritual centre) is rooted in and identical to God... 'I and the Father are one'. Without loss of identity, we participate in the very actions and characteristics of God; revealing our oneness with God. This oneness is the food that is Everlasting. No other person (Moses) or Creed (mana) can supply it: nor can we find it, because, we are it. Realising what we are not... may awaken who we are.



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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 : 2789





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COVID 19 – STEP 4

From Father Anthony

In the interests of safety, sensitively towards the concerns of many parishioners and time to accurately assess all implications I, in consultation with our Pastoral Team, have taken the view that we will continue with no substantial changes for the time being. That is, we will:

Continue to book for Mass; please do not turn up without booking, just for a while longer!

Encourage everyone to continue wearing a mask in our churches

Continue with hand and bench sanitising Maintain social distancing

Continue the practice of good ventilation in our churches

We will consider revised guidance to the parish by mid-August and again, if necessary, at the end of August.

Saint John Mary Vianney 4 August

Parish Priest in 1817 of Ars-en-Dombe, France. He had no gift for learning. But he did have the gift of understanding what was in people's hearts and minds. That made him a wonderful confessor. So people from all over France came to Ars and asked John to hear their confessions. Sometimes he spent as many as 16 hours in a day listening to people confess their sins. For the complete story of this saint please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or click here.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION 6 AUGUST

The transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by Jesus: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son; the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." For a reflection please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or click here.

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly 2021 last Sunday 25 July

Pope Francis' message for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly reassures the older generation that God is always with them and reminds them of their vocation to pass on the faith to the younger ones. We have the full message with a prayer video and another short video from Cardinal Nichols, we also have reflections from our own Deacon John & Lee Proctor and Lyn & Chris Murray. Just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or click here.

Father Albert Lawes - He is returning to celebrate Mass at Holy Redeemer on the 7 August and St Gregory on the 8 August. Don't forget to book.

SPUC Market Stall - Well done to Alison & Bernadette who manned the stall and raised £250 for SPUC. Many thanks also to all the contributors.

Date for your Diary: - Summer Garden Party. Celebrating 75 years of Christian Aid. Sat 7 August 14:30-16:30, Church Field, Lower St. Harnham, SP2 8EY. Please see our Blog for the full poster or click here;.

MEETINGS ON ZOOM	Please use the contacts below if you would like to join (all are welcome).		
Tuesdays at 19:30	Weekly Alabaré Christian Community	Deacon John Proctor john@alabare.org	
Wednesdays at 14:30	Rosary Group (not 4 August)	Josephine on 01722 328410	
Thursdays at 18:30	Downton Service of the Word	michael.rennie@velaplan.co.uk	

Root and Branch Synod: 5-12 September 2021: Root & Branch invite you to embrace and advance renewal, reform and healing in the Catholic Church. Please email hello@rootandbranchsynod.org ring 07831 328940 or 07968 390420 or visit www.rootandbranchsynod.org. For more on the objectives please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or click here.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The programme for 2021 has now begun with a meeting held with parents on 24 July at St Osmund. For those who could not attend, the meeting was recorded and is available to be watched, along with all the information provided at the meeting, by clicking on the 'First Holy Communion 2021' button on our Home page or <u>click here</u>. This programme (which is now full) will be completed by the end of October with a plan for First Communion celebrations in November.

If you have a **child that is currently in Year 3 or above at school whom you would like to make their First Communion** <u>during 2022</u>, please complete the online First Holy Communion Application Form at:

<u>https://p1.pamis.co.uk/salisbury/onlined01cab</u> or by clicking the 'Registration' button on our Homepage. If you have any questions about First Holy Communion, please email: *fhc@salisburycatholics.org*

Congratulations to Eleanor (part of our preparation programme during 2019-2020) who made her First Holy Communion at Holy Redeemer last weekend.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The last baptism preparation course for parents was completed on Thursday 15 July. If you wish to join a future course please contact Deacon John Proctor to register on 07802 631968 or email: *john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com* For baptism preparation at St Gregory's, please contact Deacon Steve Godwin by email *stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com*

Congratulations and welcome to Isla Frances Marshall who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Saturday 24 July. Please keep Isla and her parents Kym and Christopher in your prayers at this special time.

Sunday Obligation remains suspended (statement from the Catholic Bishops of England)

We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, **that it is not possible** at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday. For the full statement click on the image in the 'Top News' or <u>click here</u>.

Parish Mission: What matters now?

A Parish Mission is planned to run for the week commencing Monday 31 August. Each evening session will commence at 19:00 and will alternate between St Gregory and St Osmund, it will culminate with a lunch at St Gregory's hall on Saturday 4 September at 14:00. We hope that many parishioners will attend all or in part. The full details by clicking the button on our Homepage or <u>click here</u>.

The God Who Speaks. John T. Grosso the director of digital media for the Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn. offers this reflection on the readings for this Sunday. To watch & listen <u>click here</u> or click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage.

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron. "Friends, the ensemble of this world that God has made is good, and we're meant to enjoy it; however, we hunger for something that transcends this world. Christ is the only good that can satisfy us". To listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

Children's Liturgy - from Catholic Kids Media we have: The Bread of Life! A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B and also from Redemptorist Publications there will be a video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection and a final prayer (from Friday evening onwards) To view, click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or <u>click here</u>.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-1 Week 18, Psalter 2

Please book if you would like to attend Mass in person. booking@salisburycatholics.org 01722 562703

Saturday 31 July Saint Ignatius of Loyola MASS

10:00 St Osmund Thanksgiving and further prayers J. P. Pearson

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Marian Kelly RIP

SUNDAY 1 August

09:00	St Gregory	MASS		
09:00	St Osmund	MASS	Arthur Buck RIP	
11:00	St Osmund	MASS	Denis Neylon RIP	
12:15	St Osmund	Ordinaria	Ordinariate MASS	
18:00	St Osmund	MASS	Doris Phelan RIP	

Monday 2 August

10:00

10.00

19:00

19:00

St Osmund MASS Peggy O'Farrell RIP

Tuesday 3 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Colin O'Farrell RIP All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 18:40 St Osmund **Benediction**

Wednesday 4 August Saint John Mary Vianney

St Osmund MASS Intentions of the Donors St Osmund Ordinariate MASS.

Thursday 5 August

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jacob Family - Thanksgiving All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:40 St Osmund Benediction

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION Friday 6 August

St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Saturday 7 August

10:00 St Osmund

MASS Special intention for the poor souls in purgatory

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gregory	On request	Contact priests
St Osmund	Saturdays	10:30 to 11:00
Holy Redeemer	Saturdays	17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR AUGUST **Evangelisation: The Church**

For the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel. Click here

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for St Thomas of Canterbury (Fairford with Cricklade).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers those who have died: Brigadier Harry Joseph Thompson, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16:2-4.12-15

Ps 77

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Ephesians 4:17. 20-24

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

John 6:24-35

SACRAMENTS

MARRIAGES Please speak to the priest for guidance.

Do your family know your wishes with FUNERALS 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 the parish office for more details office@salisburycatholics.org

BAPTISMS For the next preparation course please contact Deacon John Proctor by email john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com or on 07802 631968 to register for the next course.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Our current programme is full but 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