

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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EASTER WEEK 3

From Father Anthony

- It was a day of contrasts. A light breeze then heavy gusts; a bright sun, blue sky with puffs of white then tumultuous, heavy black clouds ready to burst. Flashes of hot sun burned our faces, cooled off by bouts of rain. We wandered along the beach in desultory fashion enjoying the contrasts. Waves surfed and crashed; the ebbing tide reached for our ankles. A mother lifted a toddler just in time. Dogs came over to be fussed. We chatted about the state of the world, lamenting that it was not as it had been in our day and wondering where it would all lead.

Truth be told, most of us long for a sense of peace and contentment; a sense that everything is alright and as it should be. We want to be whole, undivided, balanced. That is not to say that we want to become inert or docile to the point of subservience but that we are on the right track. We journey along the road of our lives chatting away to ourselves about how it could or should have been, wondering why expectations have not been fulfilled and where it will all end but always hoping it will be better. In our deeper, quieter more reflective moments, we sense that all roads lead nowhere, dwellings give no real security, ambitions, once acquired, leave us empty. Biblically, we long for Jerusalem (they made for Jerusalem). The name Jerusalem means possession, foundation or rain of Peace. It derives from the verb ירה(yara) to throw, cast or shoot up and out, or ירא(yara'), to rain down, and שלם (shalem), to be or make whole or complete, i.e. to create or rain down peace.

Spiritually, Peace (Jerusalem) is not distant city or future event but a present reality. It is present as we wander along the road of our lives only we might not recognise it; we are too busy lamenting this, that or the other. Ultimately, it is less of a place or even a state but more a person... Christ. Christ is journeying with us alongside our chattering mind. When we become aware of the mental, emotional and rational turmoil that characterises our lives; that very awareness breaks the pattern of thought (breaks the bread) that has been feeding us without fulfilment. In the space of that awareness we might recognise Christ smiling back at us. -



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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"

LIVING OUR FAITH - ENCIRCLES

ENCIRCLES was established in April 2019 as a Salisbury non-profit charity administered and operated solely by volunteers.

One of their main activities is distributing food, each evening at the Salisbury Coach Park, to the Street Homeless, our friends living in Supported Accommodation and even some of our friends who are experiencing financial difficulties right now.

Previously, much of the food, in summer, was provided by Salisbury bakeries but the supply from this source has recently been significantly reduced. Thus, ENCIRCLES is seeking volunteers to prepare 20 sandwiches and deliver them to the Salisbury Coach Park (Near the Boathouse restaurant) at 6:50pm.

Please can you advise Mike Riding at: Finance.Salisbury@cliffondiocese.com , if you would like to be a 'Sandwich Volunteer'. If there are at least six volunteers, Mike will develop a rota so that each volunteer would be required to supply the 20 sandwiches, one evening, every six weeks.

Parish Coronation Tea & Talk - Sunday 7 May 23 at 3pm at The White Hart Hotel. This is a pre-bookable event only. **Closing date for bookings is this coming Monday 24 April.** Book via the Parish Office on 01722 562703 or office@salisburycatholics.org. £16.50 per head which includes tea and a buffet of small sandwiches, cakes and scones. For more details please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Holy Redeemer Consultation If you have not already done so, please now complete the questionnaire that is available on the future of this building. Click on the homepage button or [click here](#). Printed copies are available in all our churches. There will also be an open meeting in Holy Redeemer Hall at 4.30pm on Saturday 13 May.

SPUC are holding their National Pro-Life Chain on Saturday 29 April. This is a Silent Witness, holding a placard whilst standing along the Southampton Road opposite the College. We do this for two hours, or part of, between 11.00am & 1.00pm. If you feel you can support this, or want more information, please phone Alison Verrian 01722 741681 or Bernadette Petty 01722 711137 to let us know as we need to know numbers.

A Parish Get-Together will be held at St Gregory's Hall **this** Sunday 23 April after the 9am Mass. We extend a warm invitation to all and would be delighted to have you join us to build our community. Please bring a plate of food ready for a shared table that can be eaten without the use of cutlery. For the poster please visit our blog or [click here](#).

Fabulous Family Fun Day is being held at Salisbury Rugby Club on Saturday the 13 May from midday. This event is in aid of Salisbury Hospice. If anyone would like to purchase raffle tickets, help on the day or ask any questions about this event please contact Sarah Varney: svarney401@gmail.com.

Red Box 2022: Thank You! - In 2022, our three churches raised £1,994.59 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Your support of projects such as the Fundong Mission station in Cameroon has enabled a Mill Hill Missionary to help children learn in a safe environment. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more how your support changes lives for the better.

Salisbury Foodbank. During Lent our parish collected tinned potatoes and tinned fruit for the Foodbank. The total weight was 160 kilos. Thank you for your very generous donations, there is image on our 'Blog' or [click here](#). The next collection will be in May - please bring tinned tomatoes and place in the boxes at the back of all our churches.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 3 May 2023 for a Coronation Tea at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

SAINT GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND 24 APRIL 2023

Saint George is the object of a vast amount of imagination. There is every reason to believe that he was a real martyr who suffered at Lydda in Palestine, probably before the time of Constantine. The Church adheres to his memory, but not to the legends surrounding his life. That he was willing to pay the supreme price to follow Christ is what the Church proclaims. And it is enough. For what we know of St George click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST 25 APRIL 2023

Mark fulfilled in his life what every Christian is called to do: proclaim to all people the Good News that is the source of salvation. In particular, Mark's way was by writing. Others may proclaim the Good News by music, drama, poetry, or by teaching children around a family table. For the story of St Mark click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Pastoral Ministry Graduation

On 29 April two people from our parish, Annette Wells and David Blake, will be commissioned as pastoral ministers by Bishop Declan. The mass will take place at St John the Baptist Church, Trowbridge at 12.00. If you intend to travel to Trowbridge to attend the Mass please inform the parish office so that we are aware of numbers.

Children's liturgy will be starting again at the 9am Sunday Mass at St Osmund's commencing this Sunday. The liturgy is for children in Year 3 and below, please note children younger than school age need to be accompanied by an adult.

The Stations of the Resurrection (via Lucis). The Stations are a prayerful way of journeying through Eastertide by meditating on the biblical scenes related to Jesus' Resurrection, Ascension, and Sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Join us on Fridays continuing this evening 21 April at 6.20pm (prior to the 7pm Mass). You will also be able to join from your home via our [Church TV](#).

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron - we come to this Third Sunday of Easter, and our Gospel is Luke's account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. This masterpiece is a summation of the spiritual life, and it starts with two disciples of Jesus walking the wrong way. To watch and listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#). The video will be available Saturday evening.

A Baptism Preparation course has now started there are two more sessions this Sunday 23 April and the following Sunday 30 April consisting of attendance at the 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the Presbytery. Please register with the Parish Office on 01722 562703. To apply for a baptism please complete a 'Baptism Application' by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

First Holy Communion Programme 2022/2023 Details are on our website, please click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then on 'Holy Communion' or [click here](#). The next session is Saturday 29 April at 2pm in St Gregory's Church for the Children. It is very important that all sessions are attended.

Confirmation Programme 2023 next session will be on Friday 19 May 7pm for a Candidates' social, followed by a session, the following day (Saturday 20 May) at 11am for the Candidates only. Both sessions will be held at St Osmund. The full programme is available on our website, please click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then select 'Confirmation' or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Easter Week 3, Psalter 3 and Proper of the Season

Saturday 22 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Arthur & Mary Buck RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS All the family of Mary Fleming

SUNDAY 23 APRIL

09:00 St Gregory MASS C V Varghese RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Tony Harty RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Esteban Tibon RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 24 April SAINT GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary McGoldrick RIP

Tuesday 25 April SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

10:00 St Osmund MASS Isabel Moniz RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 26 April

10:00 Holy Redeemer Requiem MASS for Tony Brady RIP
All parishioners are welcome

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
Margaret & Brian Nunn 65th Wedding
Anniversary

Thursday 27 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Hilda Musubira RIP and the souls
in purgatory

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 28 April

10:00 St Gregory MASS In remembrance of
Deborah Gregory RIP

18.20 St Osmund Stations of the Resurrection (Via Lucis).

19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Saturday 29 April SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving for the Jacob
Family

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass

St Osmund Saturdays After the 10:00 Mass

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for April

For a culture of peace and non-violence.

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

[Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Judith Giles, Sidney Flavel, Anthony (Tony) Brady, Ray Whatley, and Pamela Finch. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:14,22-33

Psalm 15

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

1 Peter 1:17-21

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

Luke 24:13-35

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS For baptisms please register your application [click here](#). For more information contact Deacon John Proctor or Deacon Stephen Godwin.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION If you have a child who will be in Year 3 or above from September 2024, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme. [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](#)

MARRIAGES Please speak to the priest for guidance.

FUNERALS Do your family know your wishes with regards to your funeral? 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: caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com