

SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

From Father Anthony

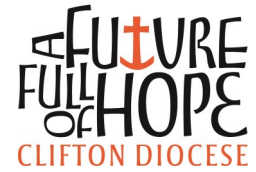
The garden is covered with the green fluffy down of growth and new life. Pink and white blossom smile with the sun and perfume the air; skeletal outlines are vanishing and everything seems more substantial. Yearly, nature goes through a process of development which, is truly stunning. It culminates in new birth, flowers and wonderful fruits. The Gunslinger was more interested in sunflower hearts than poetic thoughts and let me know with a piercing song!

The main areas of spiritual development are reflected in the three great pillars of our faith; Christmas, Easter and Pentecost (*Body, Soul, Spirit*). The Christmas date is fixed like the body; it has to be enlivened by the creative and flowing nature of the Soul, Easter – the date of Easter is a function of celestial movement. Body and Soul integrate to draw the Spirit into our lives – Pentecost - so that we can guide and lead the world.

Often we remain fixed; the doors of our lives are metaphorically closed for fear of having to let go and develop. We remain unfulfilled because we are beings of soul and spirit and cannot fully develop (*grow*) until all three realms are integrated. St Irenaeus apparently said, '*the glory of God is Man fully alive*', i.e. when we integrate body, soul and spirit we become fully alive.

Despite being closed Christ stands in the midst of our life. When we recognise His presence it brings Peace. This Peace relaxes us sufficiently to develop beyond the narrow frame of reference we call our life! Christ has a mission for us. We are to go out to others and *forgive* them. We are to see beyond their worldly presentation to the Soul and Spirit they truly are: and then reflect it back to them, thus fulfilling them (*who sins you forgive*).

First, we have to exercise a faculty represented by Thomas. Take nothing on hearsay or blind faith... we cannot have someone else's faith; it must be our own, forged in the fire of life. The experience of life must convince us rationally and intellectually (*faith seeking understanding*) that the inner world of soul is greater than and responsible for the outer world. Then we will recognise Spirit in everything (*draw it down*). We will become aware of and recognise Christ in and as everything and with Thomas we will be able to say... *my Lord and my God*.



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Chapel of the Holy Family
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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 : 2935**

TRIDUUM & EASTER AT OUR CHURCHES

Due to the illness of Father Anthony during Holy Week, contingency plans were needed, but with help all went well. Father Raymond Hayne and Father Michael Fitzpatrick stepped in to support Father Jonathan in celebrating the Vigil and Easter Day liturgies with very short notice. But without the backup of many volunteers, the smooth-running of the programme would have been seriously interrupted. Our deacons were also supported by the welcome return of altar servers and the liturgy was enhanced by musicians, singers and readers. More thanks go to the ever-faithful stewards who were constantly in attendance, and the preparatory spring-cleaning and floral decoration added to the beauty of our churches. The profusion of candles allowed us the peaceful atmosphere for prayerfulness during both solemn and joyful liturgies.

Backstage, keeping the wheels turning were the volunteers who help in the parish office in many and varied ways and this includes a thank-you to so many parishioners (146) in the Outreach team who undertook the delivery of 18,257 Easter cards with all the service times for Holy Week and Easter. This resulted in a significant increase in attendance at many of the services.

The children's Easter-egg hunt proved very popular (no surprise there then!). Thank you to all who donated the eggs.

Last - but by no means least is the grateful acknowledgement from those unable to attend church both here and abroad but have been able to attend virtually through the 'Livestream'. This investment continues to reap rich rewards.

So, once again, a big thank you to ALL who contributed in any way for the benefit of us all and in the service of God.

Divine Mercy Sunday. In the Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. On this Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. To read the story of Divine Mercy Sunday and how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Triduum and Easter with Pope Francis - We have the complete set of recordings beginning on Holy Thursday through to the Easter Blessing on Easter Sunday. Just click on the image in our 'Top News' box or [click here](#). There is also a permanent link on our 'Church TV' page.

Reading Acts in Easter - Listen to the 'Acts of the Apostles' read throughout the season of Easter. Starting on Easter Monday, we begin Luke's account of the early church after Christ's Resurrection. The book of Acts records the spread of the Gospel from Jerusalem to Rome. Click on the 'Acts in Easter' button on our homepage or just [click here](#).

Chrism Mass Clifton Cathedral 13 April - Nearly 600 people filled Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 13 April for the Chrism Mass, 32 from Salisbury Deanery. Bishop Declan blessed the three oils — the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and holy chrism which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. Photos can be found by going to our Photo Gallery (button on our homepage) or by [clicking here](#). Many thanks to Josephine our coach monitor.

The Salisbury SPUC annual Pro-Life Chain takes place this Saturday 23 April, opposite the College on the Southampton Road between 11.00 & 1.00pm. Meet in the Churchill Gardens free Car Park on Southampton Rd at 10.45. Further information from Bernadette on 01722 711137 or Allison on 01722 741 681.

Requiem Mass for Parishioners who died during the early stages of the Pandemic. As you may remember, in the early stages of lockdown, there were a number of parishioners who died and we were not able to celebrate a Requiem Mass/Funeral in the way that we would normally due to lockdown restrictions. On **Saturday 30 April 2022 at 10am**, there will be a special Requiem Mass for these individuals. It is important that we include everyone to whom this applies - if there is an individual from our three parishes that you wish to make sure we remember, please contact the parish office to submit their name. Many thanks.

Sister Pauline Mahony of La Retraite Sisters died on Holy Thursday. Sister Pauline, well known by a number of our parishioners, was a former Headteacher at La Retraite Swan, now Leehurst Swan, and served within our community. She lived in a small convent on Bell Vue road up to 2012 and then moved to Weston-super-Mare. Prior to joining us in Salisbury Sister Pauline spent 17 years as teacher and Head of St Bernadette's in London.

SCORE Collection this weekend 23 & 24 April will be a retiring collection for overseas projects.

Rosary - 2.30pm on Wednesday 27 April in St Osmund's Church in front of Our Lady's Altar. Everyone is very welcome to join, no need to book, just come along.

Altar Server Training - Fr Jonathan is planning to lead some altar server training in the coming months. We would like to hear from anyone who was an altar server prior to the pandemic that would now like to return as there will be 'refresher' training for you. We would also like to hear from any child who has made their First Communion who would like to begin serving. Please email the parish office office@salisburycatholics.org or ring 01722 562703. Many thanks.

Confirmation 2022 - The first meeting is tomorrow Saturday 23 April at 3pm St Osmund's and is for the parents of the candidates. The proposed timetable can be found by clicking on 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then 'Confirmation' or [click here](#). For further information please contact Annette at confirmation@salisburycatholics.org

First Holy Communion 2022 - The fourth children's session is at 2pm Saturday 30 April at St Gregory's. For information please contact Annette fhc@salisburycatholics.org. [Click here](#) for the full timetable.

Holy Redeemer and St Osmund Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Wednesday 27 April at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms.

World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 - World Youth Day will next take place in Lisbon in 2023. The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is organising an eight-day pilgrimage from July 31 to August 8, 2023 for young adults [18-35] in our diocese. For more information and how to register your interest please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Red Box 2021: Thank You! - In 2021, our three Churches raised £2,834.58 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Communities around the world are so grateful to be supported through our prayer and donations. The missionaries and the communities they serve are living in such difficult circumstances. Every contribution, however small, is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Find out more at missio.org.uk

The Sunday Homilies by Bishop Jim Golka & Bishop Robert Barron are now together on the same page on our website, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#). Please note the homily by Bishop Barron is released late on a Saturday and so won't feature on the website until then.

Children's Liturgy: Peace be with you! Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Easter Week 2 and Proper of Season

Saturday 23 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 24 April

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS C. V. Varghese RIP
09:00 St Osmund MASS Bob, Mary & Moya McCarthy RIP
11:00 St Osmund MASS
12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Monday 25 April

SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Tuesday 26 April

SAINT GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND

10:00 St Osmund MASS Esteban Tibon RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 27 April

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Thanksgiving for the Jacob Family
19:00 No Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 28 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Dalma Drayson RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 29 April

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

10:00 St Gregory MASS Joan Holland RIP
19:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Saturday 30 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS For those deceased in the Pandemic

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

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 APRIL

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parish of St Mary-on-the-Quay with St James Priory, Bristol.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sister Pauline Mahony, Baby Raphaella, Barry McCombe, Edna Hillier, Anna Rusalen, Michael Bowey, Patricia Robinson and Hugh Tierney who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Acts 5:12-16

Psalm 117

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'**
Alleluia!

John 20:19-31

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS For baptisms please contact Deacon John Proctor or Deacon Stephen Godwin.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION weekend will be **21 & 22 May**. The next session is for the children on 30 April at 2pm. For the timetable: [click here.](#)

CONFIRMATION Bishop Declan will be coming on **5 July** this year to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The first meeting is tomorrow 23 April at 3pm St Osmund For further information please contact Annette at confirmation@salisburycatholics.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: caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com