SALISBURY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 2(C)

From Father Anthony

The sun returned for a few hours as heavy grey clouds gave way to blue skies and fresher air. I cut across Churchill Gardens on my way to make a visit. Some parents stood chatting while their children played a game. One little girl stood apart and looked forlorn. Her father went over and got down on his haunches by her side. Head down and twiddling her fingers she remained impassive. Then, her face relaxed and began to smile. Dad laughed, straitened up, ruffled her hair and she ran to join the other children. It was a moment of love expressed with words and gestures... enough to draw her out of the doldrums and start playing again.

Our Father is always by our side. Isaiah makes it clear that those who feel Forsaken and Desolate are actually Delighted In and Loved... with the depth and union of a heavenly marriage. St Paul talks about the different gifts and graces we are given. One Spirit, one Lord, one Father are in them all and are, therefore, in us too, who receive them. The greatest of all the gifts and graces is that of Love. It is not enough to intellectualise about Love; we must feel it, live it, be it. But how?

One of the best ways to experience Love is to offer it (I'm not talking about liking others but Loving them – there's a difference). We not only project the state we are in; we experience it too. When we Love we are in a state of love and experience the Love we offer; we become love. As God is Love we experience God; we experience a union, a marriage, with God.

It is this Love that is miraculous and creative. Through Love God drew forth Creation out of Nothing in six days. Out of Love for the couple and guests, Jesus drew forth wine from six stone water jars. The water became wine when, at His command, it was drawn forth.

One of the greatest gifts we can bestow on another is to *draw them forth*: so that they come to know, have confidence in and feel accepted as who they really are. This Love marks us out as Christian and makes us attractive. Thoughts, words and actions rooted in Love create miracles... they are 'signs' to the world that we are rooted in God. They make God visible.



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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 : 2864







Peace Sunday 16 January

This Sunday, 16 January, is PEACE SUNDAY and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'. In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media. For more about about this day please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or <u>click here</u>.

Saint Anthony of Egypt, 17 January - In a day where life is described as a 'rat race,' one who devotes a whole life to solitude and prayer points to an essential of Christian life. Anthony's hermit life reminds us of our break with sin and the totality of our commitment to Christ. For St Anthony's story please click on the image in our 'Top News' box or <u>click here</u>.

Saint Wulfstan (Wulstan), Bishop 19 January - St Wulfstan of Worcester, 'sole survivor of the old Fathers of the English people'. Famous for being one of the few high-ranking English churchmen to keep his position after the Norman Conquest. When Wulfstan died in 1095 he was the only English-born bishop left in England. For more, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or <u>click here</u>.

Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr 21 January - The Catholic Church honours the virgin and martyr St. Agnes, who suffered death for her consecration to Christ. On the feast day of this Saint – whose name means "lamb" in Latin – the Pope traditionally blesses lambs, whose wool will be used to make the white pallium worn by archbishops. For what is known of Saint Agnes, click the image in the 'Top News' box or <u>click here.</u>

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) are holding their White Flower appeal this weekend 15/16 January. Please give generously as we were unable to collect last year due to COVID.

Urgent Action - This April millions of people will be at risk from poverty. Please write to your MP asking the government to act now to protect low income families. The MP for Salisbury is John Glen email: *john.glen.mp@parliament.uk*

Postponement - Due to the high Covid-19 rates, the decision has been made to postpone the Parish Get-Together due to take place at St Gregory's hall on the 23 January. We look forward to letting you know the new date and arrangements in due course.

SCORE collection. The next collection is on 23 January and will be for overseas projects. Donations may be made using envelopes marked SCORE or by using the '<u>Donate</u>' button on our homepage..

Salisbury Foodbank. During January we are collecting tinned fruit for the Foodbank. Please put donated items into the box which can be found in each church. Thank you for your generosity with our November collection. The total donated weighed over 120kg.

Exam Invigilators - St Joseph's Catholic School are looking for additional exam invigilators to join the team on a casual basis. Please contact Yasmin Ryder for more details *yry@sjcs.org.uk*

My Generation meetings will recommence next Wednesday 19 January and thereafter on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For information please contact Chris on 321109.

Salisbury Catholics Parishioner Lunch. The next lunch will take place after the midday Mass on Thursday 10 March in St Osmund's Parish Rooms.

Alabare 500 Club Winners - R Read £25, L Godwin £25, M Gange £25, P Mahony £25, S Covill £10, E Robertson £10, F Rolleston £5, CD Piggins £5 & B Bray £5

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission

Synodal Conversations - . The sessions are planned for varied times and days to allow everyone to attend:

Thursday 20 Jan 10.30am to 12.30pm Saturday 22 Jan 3pm to 6pm Wednesday 26 Jan 2pm to 4pm Sunday 30 January 3pm to 6pm Monday 31 Jan 7pm to 9pm Consideration is also being given to holding meeting via Zoom during January. If you are interested, please contact Deacon John Proctor by email: *john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com*

If you wish to attend these meetings can you please inform the Parish Office on 01722 562 703 or email outreach@salisburycatholics.org. We are also still seeking Facilitators and Notetakers for these meetings. If you can help please contact the office as soon as possible. All the information on the Synod including explanatory videos are on our website by clicking the 'Synodal Church' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

Confirmation 2022. We now have a date from Bishop Declan for this year, 5 July 2022. Because we plan to take candidates on retreat we need to know numbers (candidates need to be in Year 9 or above). So please register by 31 January by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u> and then select 'Confirmation Application'.

Baptism Preparation If you have a child that you would like to be baptised in one of our churches, you will need to attend a parents' preparation course. For baptisms at St Osmund or Holy Redeemer please contact Deacon John Proctor on 07802 631968 or email: *john.proctor@cliftondiocese.com* and at St Gregory contact Deacon Stephen Godwin by email *stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com*

The Nicodemus Group continues next Wednesday 19 January at 7pm in the Parish Rooms. Please contact us to register to attend: *nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org*. For more information click the 'Explore Your Faith' item on our website main menu bar or <u>click here</u>.

Citywide Prayer (on zoom): Sunday 16th January at 7:30pm. People from different denominations here in Salisbury will be gathering via Zoom to worship, and seek God for our City in 2022. You can join by following this link: *https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89289054367*, Meeting ID: 892 8905 4367 and Passcode: 906532.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 - 25 January. - The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organised ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. This year the focus is on the story of the Epiphany (the Visit of the Wise Men) with Matthew 2:1-12. We have a reflection with prayers for each day. Just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or <u>click here</u>.

The God Who Speaks We have a 3 minute reflection by Fr (now Bishop) Jim Golka on this Sunday's readings Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C featuring 'The Wedding at Cana'. Just click on 'The God Who Speaks' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron. Friends, the Church gives us this extraordinary story of the first sign of Christ's divinity 'The Miracle at Cana.' Why is the first of Jesus' miracles turning water into wine at a wedding? To listen, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or <u>click here</u>.

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: The Wedding at Cana!. A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for this Sunday's feast. Click on 'Church TV' then select 'Children's Liturgy' or <u>click here</u>.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-2 Ordinary Time Week 2 and Psalter 2

Saturday 15 January

10:00St OsmundMASSIn Thanksgiving15:00Holy RedeemerSyro-Malabar MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

SUNDAY 16 January

09:00	St Osmund	MASS	Bill Cushing RIP
09:00	St Gregory	MASS	Alan Gibson RIP
11:00	St Osmund	MASS	For the bereaved in the past year
12:15	St Osmund	Ordinariate MASS	
18:00	St Osmund	MASS	Doris Phelan RIP

Monday 17 January Saint Anthony of Egypt

10:00 St Osmund MASS Peter McErlean RIP

Tuesday 18 January

10:00St OsmundMASSFrank Farley RIPAll Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament18:00St OsmundBenediction

Wednesday 19 January Saint Wulstan, Bishop

10:00Holy RedeemerMASSRichard Hickey RIP19:00St OsmundOrdinariate MASS

Thursday 20 January

10:00St OsmundMASSAnne Josephine Sheehan RIPAll Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament18:00St OsmundBenediction18:30DowntonMASSAdrian Thorp RIP

Friday 21 January Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

 10:00
 St Gregory
 MASS

 19:00
 St Osmund
 MASS
 Michael, Peter & Susan Leyden

 RIP

Saturday 22 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

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 JANUARY For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family. <u>Click here</u>.

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for University / College / School Chaplaincies.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who have died recently: Sheila Crouch, Sr Eileen Healey, Peter Phillips, Simon Mostyn, Elizabeth Grundy, Agnes Pace, Margaret Safe, Michael McStravick, Heather Voce, Paddy Hartigan, Kath Quinn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 95

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

John 2:1-11.

SACRAMENTS

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*

BAPTISMS For our next parents' 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 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 <u>Click here</u>

CONFIRMATION If you have a child in Year 9 or above, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme <u>Click here</u>