

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 2(B)

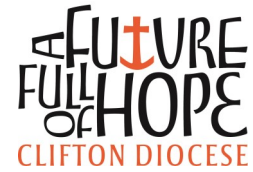
### From Father Anthony

Absent without leave over Christmas, the gunslinger finally made an appearance. He puffed out his little red breast and told me off with a beautiful song. I think he was blaming me for the recent weather! Off he flitted. The garden looked old and dishevelled: bare bones and sparse matted hair. But, down in one corner a bush sparkled in watery sunlight with pink, mauve and white buds. Along the wintery path of death and decay it seemed to herald a new road to life and spring.

Last week we spoke of spiritual Intuition leading us, like a star, away from the tired, old manipulating ways of the world (*Herod*): along a new path to finding Christ within, our spiritual soul (*Epiphany*). Innate wisdom lays down its gifts before our spiritual soul: the riches of spirit (*Gold*); the beauty of spirit (*Frankincense*): the eternity of spirit (*Myrrh*). Using these 'gifts' we grow and transform. There is no going back to former ways as we begin the transformation from an *animated soul* to a *life-giving spirit*. But, we need more than Intuition. We need a teacher and guide.

Spiritual Intuition leads us to Christ within. The most complete manifestation of Christ is Jesus. Our awakening spiritual soul (*John*) will point Him out. We must now tread the path of Jesus and follow Him as our teacher and guide. A new relationship is formed. He the teacher (*Teacher, Rabbi*): we the learners (disciple, mathētēs, μαθητής, means, 'one who learns by instruction from another'). Now we really become His disciples.

Following is one thing; living where He lives in Himself, spiritually, is another. We must find out where He lives ('where do you live?')... not referring to houses, streets or countries; but, where do you live within your being. His reply will be... 'be you coming and be you perceiving'. He invites us into His own spiritual soul. The Gospel says the disciples stayed with him the whole day. So must we. Very often 'night and day', refers to an unfolding spiritual process where night is *ignorance* and day *understanding*. The disciples stayed with Him *that day*, i.e. until they understood. Understood what? They stayed until the tenth hour. The tenth letter is also a hand in Hebrew (*yod*). It represents our unformed consciousness out of which creative thought forms emerge. They stayed until they could think and create like God. So must we!



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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"

## PEACE SUNDAY - 14 JANUARY

For the theme for the World Day of Peace in 2024, Pope Francis has chosen 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Whilst this might seem a strangely technical theme, we do need to think about the consequences of the advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI) for peace and justice. For the Pope's message, a short video and some background please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Please pray for Tina Arnold and Mark Day** who will be received into the Catholic Church at the 7pm Mass at St Osmund this evening, Friday 12 January. There will be a small celebration in the Parish Rooms after Mass to which all are invited. May their faith continue to grow and always be strong.

**Exeter Street Parking is now suspended** between Carmelite Way and the Pedestrian Crossing as this has been designated for **COACHES ONLY until the Spring** by Wiltshire Council. For Sunday Masses, please park in St Osmund's School Car Park as normal and at all other times allow additional time to find parking in town when you come to Saturday or weekday Mass. Please do not park at St Elizabeth Hall - we have contractors working, hall bookings and parking spaces that are rented from us that we must honour. Thank you.

**Parish Centre - Volunteers required TOMORROW** The first stage of the refurbishment work at our new centre is now complete. It now needs a clean to make it sparkly and ready for use. We are calling on volunteers to help on Saturday 13 January after the 10am Mass at St Osmund to gather at the Centre - entrance via the rear of St Elizabeth Hall (the carpark). We have car parking spaces for those helping to clean - thank you.

**St Gregory's Livestream** The livestream camera will go live from next Wednesday 17 January. Go to Church TV from the main menu on our website, click 'St Osmund's & St Gregory's Livestream' button, and you will find the usual panel. Under the LIVE tab you will be able to select 'St Osmund' or 'St Gregory'. Services will be livestreamed from St Gregory exactly the same way as currently from St Osmund and will be available 24/7. If you need any support or help to access the Masses, please contact Tony in the Parish Office.

**White Flower Appeal 2024** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding their annual appeal this weekend the 13 & 14 January.

**Coffee & Cake** after the 10am Mass on Thursday 11 January was very successful. Thank you to Christiane who donated two very large scrumptious cream cakes. This lovely social event will continue each week after the 10am Mass on a Thursday. Thanks to Jane and all her helpers for arranging this. Everyone is welcome.

**SCORE** - There will be a retiring collection next weekend 20 & 21 January for Overseas Projects.

**Justice & Peace Group** are next meeting on Thursday 25 January at 7.30pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Items on the agenda are Burma, the environment and growing the group. Do come along with your ideas.

**Art and Craft Group** will not take place again until 13 February due to vacations of those involved.

**My Generation** are temporarily meeting in the Roman Road Methodist Church lounge from Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 2pm and thereafter on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month until further notice. Any queries contact Chris 01722 321109.

**Head Teacher Vacancy** St George's Catholic Primary School in Warminster is seeking to appoint a new headteacher as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is 2 February. For further information, please contact the school on 01985 218284. Website: <https://st-georgesrc.wilts.sch.uk/>.

**Child Starting School Next Year?** You must complete an application form available from Wiltshire Council at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place> or [click here](#). If you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. **Closing date of 15 January 2024.**

## LENTEN RETREAT: FROM THE DESERT TO THE MOUNTAIN 22 - 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

Following the wonderful and highly successful Parish Retreat last year, we will be returning to the Franciscan Centre near Godalming for a retreat to kick-start your Lenten experience so that enter the Easter season with a renewed sense of faith and personal mission. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Parish Office and put your name down to receive the information pack. There will be 25-30 places available. The cost per person is about £250-£300. If you cannot go, but would like to contribute to the costs to enable someone else to go who otherwise would not be able to afford it, why not make this part of your Lenten almsgiving?

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Pope Francis has announced that the Church will celebrate a Jubilee Year in 2025, with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope' and that there will be two years dedicated to helping people prepare for the celebrations.

**2023 – The Year of the Council:** We are called to return to the four Constitutions of the 2nd Vatican Council which was called by Pope St. John XXIII (1962-65) to renew the Church. These resources can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**2024 – The Year of Prayer:** Pope Francis has also called on all Catholics to spend this year deepening their prayer lives. There is a particular focus on the 'Our Father' for which we have the audio on the same page as above as well as a 'Pilgrims of Prayer Booklet', produced by the Institute of Jesuits, which introduces ways of praying to develop our spiritual health, our relationship with God and the world.

**Life in The Spirit!** The last talk was by Rev Margaret Collins on 'Prophecy'. Each seminar is recorded and can be viewed by clicking on the 'The Holy Spirit' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Father Anthony's Homilies:** Following on from his previous homilies, the transcript of the homily for The Epiphany is now on our website. Click on the link below his image or [click here](#).

**Journey in Faith:** This is a programme for adults who are interested in Christianity but who are not confirmed Catholics. The next meeting is on Sunday 21 January at 4.30pm in the Parish Rooms next to St Osmund's Church on Exeter Street. For more on this programme please visit 'Exploring Your Faith' on our main menu or [click here](#).

**Rosary in Salisbury Cathedral: Friday 19 January** The Rosary is prayed by Catholics and Anglicans together in Salisbury Cathedral on the third Friday of each month at 12 midday. Next meeting is on Friday 19 January. If you would like to join us, we meet in the Cathedral Refectory 11:30am-11:50am before going into the Cathedral. All welcome.

**Baptism.** Our next preparation course will take place at St Osmund's on three Sundays 18 & 25 February and 3 March commencing with the 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the Presbytery, please do register with the Parish Office. To request a baptism, please [click here](#).

**First Holy Communion** The next session is tomorrow Saturday 13 January 2pm at St Gregory for both parents and children. **During this session the children will be making their First Reconciliation.** All the information and the schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

**Confirmation Session** Tuesday 16 January at 7pm, which will be an introductory social in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. The residential retreat weekend is fixed for 27 & 28 January, all the details have now been emailed to the group and are also available on Confirmation page (under Sacraments) on our website, [click here](#), then select '10 January 2024 - Fr Joseph to the Candidates'.

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 2 and Psalter 2

### Saturday 13 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS For prayers answered

### SUNDAY 14 January

09:00 St Gregory MASS Michael O'Halloran RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS George & Monica Pickford RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Peggy O'Farrell RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS For a personal intention

### Monday 15 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS For the intentions of  
Hima Cummings

### Tuesday 16 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS For the intentions of  
Maeva Yamatay

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 17 January Saint Anthony

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Muricken RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

### Thursday 18 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS Adrian Thorp RIP

### Friday 19 January Saint Wulstan

10:00 St Gregory MASS Arthur Buck RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Anne Josephine Sheehan RIP

### Saturday 20 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Alan Gibson RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

## PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

**Pope Francis Intention for January - For the gift of diversity in the Church:** Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church. [Click here](#).

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** - We pray for the parishes of St Dunstan (Somerton) and Holy Ghost (Yeovil with South Petherton).

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Natalie Morabito, Joan Cave, Marianne Clare and Sheila Crooks who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We also pray for all those in our parish currently facing ill-health that they will be granted comfort, healing and strength.

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*1 Samuel 3:3-10,19*

*Ps 39*

**Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

*1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.**

**Alleluia!**

*John 1:35-42*

## 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 Sept 2024, please use our online form to join our 2025 programme. [Click here](#).

**CONFIRMATION** If you have a child who will be in Year 9 or above from Sept 2024, 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](mailto:caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com)

## RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after the 10:00 Mass & Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

St Osmund: Saturdays 09:00 until 12:00 on the first Saturday of each month, all other Saturdays after the 10:00 Mass.

*and by prior appointment with our priests.*