

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## LENT WEEK 3(B)

### From Father Anthony

I made a dash from the car to the supermarket but got soaked anyway! Basket in hand I trawled the aisles mostly putting into it what I did not need. A normal shop then! Treats for the gunslinger, gangsters and brown sparrows came to hand: I forgot the eggs and spaghetti. At the end of an aisle stood a little girl. Her face puckered and slowly crumpled into tears. She was lost. A lady rushed over, took her by the hand and reunited her with mum. Cuddles and happiness. The world is lost, I thought; it is up to us to lead it to Christ!

*Evangelization*, we have said, has to do with bringing others to Christ (*reaching their minds and hearts*) by coming from our own personal encounter with Christ. At the transfiguration we saw the disciples encounter Christ as the spiritual being He is. Spirit, which is its own light, illuminates the physical person from within. Our encounter with Christ will light us from within. It will awaken us from our earthly slumber in the 'coffin' of a physical body. This week we see Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. Samaria means *watch tower*. Spiritually it refers to that part of the soul which gathers information from the outside world which, in turn, conditions our thoughts and especially our emotions. Samaritans were a mixed race and so we also understand mixed thoughts and feeling. In the Gospel we have a beautiful picture of Spirit (*Jesus*) resting with our objective intellect. We see the intellect questioning Jesus (*how, why, where*), and slowly, by degrees Jesus inspiring it with spiritual vision (*living water*). The effect on the woman (*the soul*) is to go and bring others to Jesus so that they can say "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the saviour of the world". Is this not evangelism?

Like the Gospel writers we must become evangelists. We have to tell the story of our encounter with Christ so as to awaken others to Christ within them. Just as Christ is encountered on the mountain so He is encountered by the well. If the well represents the thoughts we live by (*ordinary water*) then by observance, attentiveness and questioning of them... we might find Christ resting there, transforming them into spiritual thoughts (*living water*).

**Lent Penitential Service next Wednesday 6 March 7pm at St Osmund**

There will be a number of Priests available to hear individual confessions.



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**St Gregory & the English Martyrs**  
St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

**Chapel of the Good Shepherd**  
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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"

## STATUE OF ST JOSEPH TO ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL.

The statue of St Joseph which was resident at Holy Redeemer is being presented to St Joseph's School on the Feast of St Joseph 19 March. Mass is being celebrated at 9am followed by the unveiling of the statue. The school extends a warm invitation to all our parishioners, please do let the Parish Office know if you wish to attend as refreshments are being provided. Student representatives from all year groups and staff will also be attendance.

**Parish Retreat: A wonderful experience for all.** A huge thank you to David Blake, Fr Joseph and Xanthe Vanderputt who led and organised a highly successful retreat. 23 pilgrims were filled with scripture and music with Mass each day and Adoration in the beautiful Ladywell Franciscan Centre. We have a few photos of the retreat on our website - click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#). Didn't come this year? Think and pray, chat to a fellow parishioner that came this year to find out more and consider joining us next year!

**Easter Eggs Needed!** We are delighted to announce that we will once again be able to host an Easter Egg hunt for children after the morning Masses on Easter Sunday at both St Osmund and St Gregory. Donations of (individually-wrapped) Easter Eggs will be gratefully received in your chosen church. Please hand your eggs into the welcomers at each of our Churches or to the Parish Office during the week.

**Choir for Easter Triduum in St Osmund's** Fr Joseph is organising a group of singers to support and enhance the music at our Triduum liturgies in St Osmund's Church. There will be a first get-together on Thursday 7 March followed by rehearsals on Wednesday 13 March, Tuesday 19 March and Tuesday 26 March in the Parish Rooms all at 6pm. Everyone is welcome. **First Meeting - Next week: THURSDAY 7 MARCH at 6pm - Parish Rooms.**

**Justice & Peace Group** - are meeting on Saturday 9 March at 2pm in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund. There are a number of topics to be discussed including 'ethical fashion'. All are welcome. This group are in need of someone with a laptop and the technical knowhow to connect to either the large screen in the Parish Rooms or to a projector to screen films (YouTube) for the group. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office.

**Life in The Spirit!** The next talk will be by parishioner and prison chaplain Gerlinde Symons on 'Prison Ministry' today Friday 1 March after the 7pm Mass at St Osmund. The following session on the 5 April will be on 'discipleship of the House of the Open Door Community'. Each session is recorded and can be viewed by clicking on the 'The Holy Spirit' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Alabaré - The Big Sleep next Friday 8 March** in Salisbury Cathedral in aid of the homeless and vulnerable. Please support our own parishioner, Graham Herbert, who will be sleeping on the floor of the cloisters. If you would like to sponsor Graham please ring him on 01722 333873 or bring your sponsorship money to the Parish Office.

**Baptism Preparation.** The final session of the current course is this Sunday 3 March at St Osmund's with 9am Mass and followed by a short session in the Presbytery. The next course is at St Gregory starting 5 May. If you plan to attend, please contact the Parish Office. To register for a Baptism please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**First Holy Communion 2024** The next session is tomorrow, Saturday 2 March at 2pm in St Gregory's Church. Further information and the programme schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

**Confirmation 2024** An bonus session has been added to the original programme on Tuesday 12 March at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms for our wonderful Confirmation group. Further information and the programme schedule is on our website: [click here](#). We look forward to seeing you all again.

## THE FIRST SCRUTINY FOR THE ELECT OF OUR PARISH

The Elect are those who desire to be fully incorporated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. They will be here with us over the coming weeks for the next liturgical rites in this process: the Scrutinies, the Presentation of the Creed and the Our Father. The Scrutinies of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. It is recommended that on these Sundays 'Year A' readings are used as they closely parallel the conversion journey toward baptism and powerfully convey the importance of faith in Christ as the mark of readiness to follow his way. It is also recommended that ***the entire parish pray and reflect on the same readings as the Elect, even if the Elect will not be present at every Mass on these Sundays.***

The Elect will be presented for the first scrutiny this Sunday at the 9am Mass at St Osmund.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ELECT OF OUR PARISH

*André Pereira & Lawrence Hendry*

## LENTEN SERVICES

**Penitential Service Wednesday 6 March 7pm at St Osmund** There will be a number of Priests available to hear individual confessions.

**Penitential Service Wednesday 20 March 7pm at Christ the King, Amesbury** (with Bishop Declan)

**Stations of the Cross** Every Friday during Lent 6.20pm at St Osmund until 22 March.

### HOLY THURSDAY 28 MARCH

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	10am	St Osmund
<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper:</b>	6.30pm	St Gregory
	8pm	St Osmund

### GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	10am	St Osmund
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	10am	St Gregory & 11am St Osmund
<b>The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b>	3pm	St Gregory & St Osmund

## MORE FOR LENT

**Deacon Steve Godwin** has recorded a short Lenten Reflection, please visit our 'Lent' page or [click here](#) to listen.

**Cardinal Nichols** invites us to follow him through the Stations of the Cross using the traditional text from Saint Alphonsus Liguori. On our 'Lent' page click on 'The Way of The Cross' or [click here](#).

**Clifton Diocese Lenten Reflections - 'Journeying Through the Desert'**. For the 3rd Sunday in Lent, Canon Christopher Thomas reflects on the Gospel illustrates that what began as the physical need for water then becomes 'the living water' of believing in Jesus. The videos are on our '[Lent](#)' page.

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Lent Week 3 and Psalter 3

### Saturday 2 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jill Jacobs RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

### SUNDAY 3 March

09:00 St Gregory MASS Sherly George & Thressiamma Xavier RIP

### 09:00 St Osmund MASS The Elect of our Parish

11:00 St Osmund MASS Pat Mooney RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS In thanksgiving

### Monday 4 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS

### Tuesday 5 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary-Anne Clarke RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 6 March

10:00 St Gregory MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

### 19:00 St Osmund Penitential Service

### Thursday 7 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Beatrice Meech RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Friday 8 March

10:00 St Gregory MASS Doris Phelan RIP

18:20 St Osmund Stations of the Cross

19:00 St Osmund MASS

### Saturday 9 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Pacifico & Maria Falzon RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

## PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

### Pope Francis Intention for March

#### For the new martyrs:

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm [Click here](#).

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** - We pray for the parishes of Christ the King (Thornbury) and Holy Cross (Wotton-under-Edge).

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anita Pheby, Michael Lennard, Stefanie Hawtin, Andrew Osmond and Bernadette Gallagher 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: Year A Readings - Lent Week 3

*Exodus 17:3-7*

*Psalms 94*

**O that today you would listen to his voice:  
'Harden not your hearts'.**

*Romans 5:1-2,5-8*

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world;  
give me the living water, so that I may never get  
thirsty.**

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

*John 4:5-42*

#### 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 after the 10:00 Mass (extended hours on the first Saturday in the month have been paused for the time being)

*and by prior appointment with our priests.*