

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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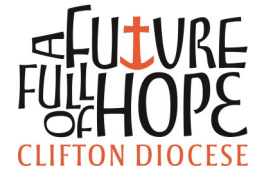
## EASTER WEEK 4 GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

### From Father Anthony

I set out across Salisbury for St Gregory's and parked outside the church. It nestled among homely residential streets, many named after different countries. The air was cool and breezy. The jumps plane droned overhead; a blackbird shrieked: a neighbour waved and smiled. *'So much has happened here'*, I thought, what with the refurbishment of the church, hall and grounds. I felt gratitude towards those who made it happen. I mounted the steps to unlock the door; it would not open. None of the keys worked. Wrong keys!! With words not fit for this page I contemplated going back when a friendly voice and smile produced the correct keys... and saved the day!

In the context of this week's parable only the Good Shepherd leads us through the door of the Sheepfold. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Spiritually He also represents an aspect of our being that leads us to recognise our spiritual and creative centre or the Kingdom of Heaven within (*sheepfold*). This aspect conceives (*leads*) our thoughts and feelings (*sheep*) in line with the Divine (*listen to my voice*). This aspect is our *I Am*: it is the *conceiver* (*the Good shepherd*) *conceiving* in its own likeness. It is consciousness of *being*; not consciousness of *being something*; it is *formlessness* out of which *form* takes shape. All too often we confuse the two; thoughts with the thinker; feelings with the feeler, the Kingdom of Heaven with the world in which experience takes place. Like two sides of a coin it is difficult to separate them; they feel the same. In a sense they are one; yet one is greater than the other. Awareness of this is crucial for spiritual development, (*I and My Father are one but the Father is greater than I*).

What we conceive of and what we follow reflect an attitude of the conceiver. When we listen to our conscience and resonate with the Divine we *listen to His voice* (*Divine Consciousness within*) and reflect His attitude... mercy, compassion and peace. Wayward thoughts, feelings, the thinking of others, the mores of the people, governments and institutions are all *thieves and robbers* if they do not originate in and reflect our Divine Consciousness: unhappiness, confusion and chaos follow. Hence, in prayer, meditation and everyday observant awareness, it is wise to stay close to our Conscience. Then, what we conceive of and follow will reflect the Divine.



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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"

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - 21 APRIL

On Sunday, the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. This year we are encouraged in our diocese to pray for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese. We currently have two seminarians in Clifton: Neil Peixoto and Nohil D'Souza. On our website, you can see and hear them talk about vocation and their own journey to seminary, how they responded to the call, and their life at seminary. There are also further reflections from recently ordained Fr Thomas Lawes and Fr Stephen Corrigan. Please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**On Tuesday 23 April there will be no Adoration or Benediction at St Osmund.** There will be a Requiem Mass on this day at 12.30 for Veronica (Maisie) Elliott.

**On Wednesday 24 April there will be no Ordinariate Mass at 6pm.** Fr Jonathan is away on retreat.

**Bereavement Friendship Group** starts Monday 29 April and is for anyone experiencing grief or loss, even from a while ago. A friendly hour or so among people who will listen to one another with care and encouragement. On Monday mornings 10.45 - 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Any questions? Call John Detain 01722 415588

**St Gregory's Hall Gigantic Sale** of china, glassware, books toys and bric a brac. Saturday 4 May at 10.15am to 12 noon. Admission free, bargains for everyone.

**The Parish Centre** We are still seeking additional mugs, drinking glasses, cutlery and table cloths in good condition, lamps/up-lighters, large indoor plants, both real and artificial. If you would like to view the centre or would like collection of any items, please contact Deacon Stephen Godwin.

**St Gregory's Hall** sort out of bar area and cupboards. If you have items in this area and want them kept please inform Christine Francis 01722 321109 by 28th April 2024. Unclaimed items will be put into a sale and any money raised going to My Generation.

**The annual Pro-Life Chain takes place on Saturday 27th April**, along the Southampton Road, opposite the College. This is a Witness for Life. It is scheduled for 11am to 1pm – just 2 hours. There is a car park. If you would like to join our Pro-Life parishioners us or have any enquiries contact Alison on 01722 741687.

**Finance and Property Support Officer** Clifton Diocese are currently looking to recruit a Finance and Property Support Officer to strengthen its central finance and property functions. Please click on the image in the 'Top News' box for more information or [click here](#).

**Coffee and Cake** following 10am Mass every Thursday morning. Come and enjoy the friendly company in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. If you can help, please email Jane: [jane.waspe@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.waspe@btinternet.com)

**Parish Rosary Group** meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for information. Everyone is welcome to join.

**My Generation** will be meeting next on Wednesday 1 May 2024 when a Bric-a-Brac Sale will be included at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

**Art and Craft Group** meet each Monday after the 10am Mass at St Osmund's in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome whether you have painted, drawn or crafted before. For information contact Oltea on 07597 453989.

**Cancelation of Nicodemus Group** - The Nicodemus Group was due to restart in May, however, due to falling numbers, this has become less viable. There is a season for everything and, whilst the group has been valued by those who attended it regularly, it is now time to move forward in different ways. The various initiatives across the parish will provide a range of groups aimed at developing and sustaining Catholic Christians.

## SAINT GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND 23 APRIL 2024

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 2024

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. Author of the second Gospel and disciple of St. Peter. According to tradition, St. Mark, also called John Mark, was a cousin of St. Barnabas, an influential leader in the early Church and companion of St. Paul on his missionary journeys. For the story of St Mark click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Life in the Holy Spirit.** You are warmly invited to Life in the Spirit Seminars (requested by Pope Francis in 2019 for every Parish) which are about praying for a further or fuller release of the Holy Spirit in order to live a deeper Christian life each Friday at 7.30pm from 19 April to 31 May at the Parish Centre. All the sessions are recorded and can be viewed by clicking on the 'The Holy Spirit' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré)** are now occurring weekly on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre (except for the last Tuesday in the month). All are welcome.

**Evening Supper** on the last Tuesday of each month, the Alabaré Community are hosting a supper for parishioners to come together to share in fellowship and discuss how our faith can be lived out in daily life. All are most welcome but please contact Deacons John Proctor or Steve Godwin to register so that we know the numbers to cater for. There is no charge. The first supper is on Tuesday 30 April in the Parish Centre.

**First Holy Communion 2024** The next session is Saturday 20 April at 2pm in St Gregory's Church. Further information and the programme schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

**Confirmation 2024** - The social event planned for Tuesday 23 April has had to be cancelled, all the Confirmation families have been informed. Fr Joseph is planning an alternative session, a trip via minibus to 'All Saints' Wardour for Mass, date to be decided. Further information and the programme schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

**Baptism Preparation.** The next course is at St Gregory and will now start on the 12 May (and then 19 & 26 May) with 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the Sacristy. 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](#).

**Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron** reflects on this Good Shepherd Sunday, using Jesus Christ as an example, that in the Church today a Priest must have three positions with regard to his flock. First he must be out in front with his teaching and providing a vision, second he should dwell with his people, being present and finally being attentive to those who have fallen away or who are in need. To watch and listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#). The video will be on our website on Saturday evening.

**Children's Liturgy** - Jesus: the Good Shepherd and the Cornerstone! A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter, Cycle B. To watch click on the Children's Liturgy button on our home page or [click here](#).

**Youth Worker Vacancy** for youth leader for primary age children. Further details on the parish website. Closing date Sun 28 April 2024.

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Easter Week 4

### Saturday 20 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jerin Jacob - Birthday  
Thanksgiving

### First Mass of Sunday Good Shepherd Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Nickie & Ian Pearson Barton  
21st Wedding Anniversary

### SUNDAY 21 April

09:00 St Gregory MASS C V Varghese RIP  
09:00 St Osmund MASS George & Monica Pickford RIP  
11:00 St Osmund MASS Kevin Mooney RIP  
12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS  
16:30 Holy Redeemer Syro-Malabar MASS  
18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

### Monday 22 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Stefanie Hawtin RIP

### Tuesday 23 April SAINT GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND

10:00 St Osmund MASS Isabel - Thanksgiving  
12:30 St Osmund Requiem MASS Maisie Elliott RIP

**No Exposition or Benediction on this day**

### Wednesday 24 April

10:00 St Gregory MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

**No Ordinariate Mass this week**

### Thursday 25 April SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

10:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Samantha  
Chinedum

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Friday 26 April

10:00 St Gregory MASS Michael Morris RIP  
19:00 St Osmund MASS Intention for Ayoub's schooling

### Saturday 27 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Marriage intention for James  
Christopher

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

## RECONCILIATION

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

St Osmund: On the first Saturday of the month 9am to 12 noon,  
other Saturdays after the 10am Mass

## PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

### Pope Francis Intention for April - For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. [Click here](#)

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** - We pray for St Ambrose/Diocesan Curia/ Diocesan Services.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Maisie Elliott, Norah Burke, Ian Hewlett, Alastair Clark, John Pothecary, Anita Pheby, and Mike Lennard 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:

*Acts 4:8-12*

*Psalm 117*

**The stone which the builders  
rejected has become the corner stone.**

*1 John 3:1-2*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;**

**I know my own sheep and my own know me.**

**Alleluia!**

*John 10:11-18*

## 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:

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