

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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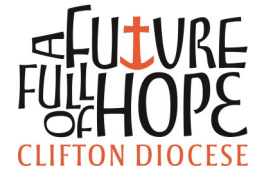
EASTER WEEK 7

From Father Anthony

It was a blowy day with a watery sky and occasional bursts of sunlight. Wind sighed plaintively through towering trees. Birdsong warned of our approach. Entering a rutted muddy track... a miracle! On either side, blue mist stretched across the forest floor. Bluebells. Acres of them! Their heady scent was intoxicating. Their beauty thrilled my heart. My friend, RHS trained, explained their delicate nature. We kept to the track and she pointed out other plants and trees, describing their character using Latin names. So many names to describe so much beauty!

For the ancient Semite, names are inseparable from the person named. Names contain something of a person's character or essence. Jesus' name is formed from a name for God; it contains the essence of God. Being '*kept in His Name*' means that we are kept in and can adopt something of His Essence, his Character. Jesus lays down his life in us. The word for Life means Soul. Something of His Soul, Essence and Character (*Name*) is within us. This essence is of God (*St Paul calls it 'Christ within'*). It is the place where we experience God's Will. At the point where God's Will fuses with Free Will we find our 'I Am', our identity, essence and character; we experience it as conscience. It is in conscience we experience what is meant by being '*kept in His Name*'. The greatest expression of Love is when we do the same; when we lay down our life (*soul, essence character*) in others. Two souls (*soul friends*) accept what is of God in each other and reject what is not. In this Love we grow together in the image of God becoming Christian in the experience of His Name.

Growing together we experience a profound Truth, namely, that we are not *of* this world. No longer are we led by it or fooled by it: we put no trust or faith in it. In the mystical love we have found for one another and the discovery of Christ within, we know we are not *of* the world but... we are *in* it. We do not run from the world nor do we despise it; on the contrary. We bring Love to its barren wastes. We challenge and lead it in terms of Love: in terms of Christ. In love we transform the world. This is our work: this is our mission.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?
We wish you a very warm welcome.
Please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org>
["Registration/update"](#)

ORDINATION OF BISHOP BOSCO MACDONALD - WEDNESDAY 8 MAY

Representatives from the whole of the Diocese of Clifton, along with our priests, deacons & religious packed into Clifton Cathedral on a glorious sunny day to pray together and to witness Archbishop Bernard Longley (Metropolitan Principal, Archbishop of Birmingham) anoint and consecrate our new Bishop with the Sacred Oil of Chrism as the tenth Bishop of Clifton. In the presence of two Cardinals, the Papal Nuncio and several of the Bishops of England & Wales, prayers were offered and God's blessing invoked on the ministry of Bishop Bosco and our Diocese. It was also a moment to say a fond farewell and thanks to Bishop Declan who has served our diocese so faithfully these last 23 years. A recording of this wonderful event can be watched by clicking Bishop Bosco's image in the 'Top News' box or by [clicking here](#). We also have some beautiful photos of this significant moment in the life of our diocese. Please keep Bishop Bosco in your prayers as he embarks upon this new phase of his apostolic ministry and for Bishop Declan too as he begins his well-earned retirement.

Lou Godwin RIP - Sadly, Louis (Lou), father of Deacon Steve died suddenly and unexpectedly on Wednesday, aged 98. Please remember Lou and the family in your prayers. Details of his Requiem Mass will be published once a date is fixed and we hope that as many parishioners and friends as possible will attend. As a man of faith, Lou's wish would certainly be to have his own faith community present to pray for the repose of his soul and to give thanks for the many blessings of his long and wonderful life. All welcome.

World Communications Day 12 May There will be a retiring collection this weekend to support the work of the Bishops' Conference in communicating news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church. This year's theme is '*Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication*'. Our media Bishop, John Arnold, has produced a video where he discusses 'Artificial Intelligence' and its impact. Please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SCORE There will be a retiring collection next weekend 18/19 May for local projects. Applications for SCORE grants need to be submitted by the end of May for consideration at the June committee meeting.

Volunteer Maintenance Person Required Do you have some experience in general repairs and maintenance, and a few hours a week that you could volunteer in the parish? If you can provide a few hours each week, we would love to hear from you, please email Deacon Steve stephen.godwin@clifftondiocese.com. For a full description of the role please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

The Orders of St. John Care Homes Trust (OSJCT) are appealing to parishioners of local Churches to spend a day on 20 May in their 4 OSJCT (Avonbourne, Bemerton, Willowcroft and Buckland) Care Homes to help residents plant hanging baskets for them to enjoy this summer. There will be tea/coffee and cake after each of two sessions from 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm. Transport could be arranged if needed. Contact Veronica at vron.hodges@gmail.com

May is the Month of Our Lady and the weekly parish Rosary Group will be praying the Rosary in St Osmund's Church next Wednesday 15 May at 2.30pm. If you have never prayed the rosary before and would like to learn, do come along. For more information please contact Josephine on 01722 328410. Don't have a set of rosary beads? No problem, ring the office and we'll arrange for a set to be there for you when you arrive.

Rosary in Salisbury Cathedral - Friday 17th May. The Rosary is prayed on the third Friday of each month at 12 o'clock. The next meeting will be on Friday 17 May. If you would like to join us we meet in the Cathedral Refectory 1130-1150 before going into the Cathedral.

Coffee and Cake follows the Thursday morning 10am Mass at St Osmund. Come and enjoy the friendly company and some delicious cake in St Osmund's Parish Rooms.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury: Sunday 14 July 2024 Led by our new bishop, Bosco Macdonald. If you are interested in going please complete the list which is at the back of each Church as SOON as possible or call the office on 01722 562703. Whether we book a coach and of what size is entirely dependent on the level of interest expressed. If you would like to go, the deadline for signing is this weekend! At present we do not have enough interest to warrant a coach. For more information click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

The Eucharist - A Bond of Love that cannot be undone There is an opportunity on Saturday 8 June to deepen our understanding and love for the Eucharist - participating together as the Body of Christ so that we may be the Body of Christ to the world. A number of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are travelling together to this day which will be led by Fr Michael McAndrew at St Bernadette's in Whitchurch. If you would like to join them, please contact the parish office as soon as possible as we are seeking to arrange transport so that we can travel together in an environmentally friendly and economical way.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training Deacon Steve is holding a short training and refresher session at 11am next Wednesday 15 May after Mass in St Gregory's Church. You will be commissioned to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. For those wishing to visit the sick and elderly, a DBS check is required. We can guide you through this simple process. To reply, please email: stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com

Bereavement Friendship Group Mondays at 10.45am in the Parish Centre For anyone experiencing grief or loss. For and with people who will listen to one another with care. Questions? Call John Detain 01722 415588.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit The nine days between the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost is traditionally kept by the Church as a time of prayer to the Holy Spirit. In our parish we will join together in prayer immediately after each Mass. For those parishioners who cannot get to daily Mass but who would like to keep this period of prayer, please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Life in the Holy Spirit. Each Friday at 7.30pm at the Parish Centre. Last week's talk was given by Akporido on 'New Life' this Friday 17 May the talk will be on 'Receiving God's Gifts'. All the sessions can be viewed by clicking on the 'The Holy Spirit' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré) on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre (except for the last Tuesday in the month - see 'Evening Supper' below). All are welcome.

Evening Supper on the last Tuesday of each month, the Alabaré Community host a supper for parishioners to come together. 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.

First Holy Communion 2024 The final session is on Saturday 25 May at 2pm in St Gregory's Church. This an absolute '**must attend**' for all Parents & Children. First Holy Communion Masses are on 1 & 2nd June.

Baptism Preparation Course starts at St Gregory this Sunday 12 May (and then 19 & 26 May) with 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the Sacristy. The next course will be at St Osmund starting 16 June. To register for a Baptism please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Funerals. Do your family know your wishes with regards to your funeral? In addition to the in-person service provided by the parish office, parishioners can now go online and create a draft plan by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or [click here](#) (and select Funeral Plan). Your wishes are stored confidentially with your parishioner record and will be given to your family at the appropriate time. For more information including suggested readings please select 'Parish Life' on our main menu and then 'Funerals'. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact the parish office.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Easter Week 7

Saturday 11 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Rose & Maryann Pace RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS For Peggy White and all those killed in the sectarian conflict in Northern Ireland

SUNDAY 12 May

09:00 St Gregory MASS James & Frances Donaghy RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Andrew Osmond RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Rolly De Los Reyes for healing and speedy recovery

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Annamma Thomas RIP

Monday 13 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS James Joseph O'Farrell RIP

Tuesday 14 May SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

10:00 St Osmund MASS Fr Anthony Paris 41st Anniversary of Ordination

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 15 May

10:00 St Gregory MASS Deceased Friends & Family of Mary Fleming

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

Thursday 16 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS For Personal Intentions

14:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Nora Buke RIP

All Welcome

No Exposition or Benediction on this day

18:30 Downton MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

Friday 17 May

10:00 St Gregory MASS Doris Phelan RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Mathai K V RIP

Saturday 18 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Joan Brady RIP

RECONCILIATION

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

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

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for Hospital & Prison Chaplaincies.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Lou Godwin, Don Whelan, Maisie Elliott, Nora Burke, Ian Hewlett, and Alastair Clark 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 1:15-17,20-26

Psalm 102

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

1 John 4:11-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;

I will come back to you,

and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

John 17:11-19

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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