

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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From Father Anthony

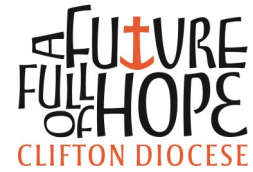
After two days of low temperatures, tumultuous cloud and torrential rain, cracks appeared above. Liquid light poured through, widening the cracks and revealing a pearl blue sky beyond. The sea quietened as the tide receded, leaving the beach strewn with uprooted seaweed. By afternoon I was sunbathing with a cup of tea. Beyond darkness there is always light.

When we awaken to who we truly are (*Jesus came home*) the old gives way to the new, darkness to light. After years of *staring at the finger* we realise it is *pointing to the moon!* We begin to 'see beyond' customs, traditions, teachings and worldly wisdom; we begin to comprehend the metaphysical, the reality out of which the physical emerges. The latter seems dull and morose without the light of the former. We naturally begin to exercise the Authority and Healing of Christ within (*healing on the Sabbath*).

But, it can be a confusing, unsettling time; we might feel as we have '*lost the plot!*' Those we know, who have not yet had such an awakening, will probably think so too (*He is out of his mind*). At best they will try and 'save us from ourselves', at worst, they will refer to us as unintelligible, deluded, mad, *off the wall*, blasphemous, evil or as, '*having a spirit in us*'... which, very often we do... the Holy Spirit and not what passes for *It*: not something learned out of a book or through some dull, second hand custom or quasi religio-social teaching. Part of awakening is learning to bear the reactions of others and personal confusion with grace and courtesy... not easy!

By far the hardest part is dealing with the *internal effects* of this newly found awareness and understanding. Our *internal household* becomes profoundly disrupted. Everything we have built up, our life structures, mental securities and religious sureties, appear inauthentic, egocentric, compliant, depthless, rigid and petty. The chattering mind argues away: thoughts collide. Like a *kingdom divided* it feels like we might be coming apart; it can be a lonely, depressing and exhausting time. Reassurance and *confidence boosting* are, normally, in short supply.

If we are lucky we will find the support and reassurance of others who have, or are going through, something similar. Like recognises like. They become our *mother, father, brother, sister* in the very Spirit that brought us *together*... which is the deeper, spiritual meaning of Church.



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

Feast of St Barnabas 11 June - Barnabas is spoken of simply as one who dedicated his life to the Lord. He was a man 'filled with the Holy Spirit and faith. Thereby, large numbers were added to the Lord'. Even when he and Paul were expelled from Antioch in Pisidia (modern-day Turkey), they were 'filled with joy and the Holy Spirit'. For the story of Barnabas click on image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Feast of St Anthony of Padua 13 June - Anthony found his life completely uprooted and set in a new and unexpected direction. Like all saints, he is a perfect example of turning one's life completely over to Christ. God did with Anthony as God pleased, and what God pleased was a life of spiritual power and brilliance that still attracts admiration today. For more click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

New Lectionary The only remaining item that we will need to purchase is a Chapel Edition (£395) for use in our schools/other venues when we celebrate Mass 'off site'. If you would like to contribute towards this edition, please contact Caroline in the office. Parishioners who wish to order a new Sunday Missal through the parish and avoid carriage costs MUST complete this form [click here](#) by Sunday 23rd June AT THE LATEST.

Help Wanted on Confirmation Day On 18 June, 30 of our young people will be confirmed by Bishop Bosco at St Gregory's Church. They have been a fantastic group and all of the families involved will be bringing food and drink to share for a party afterwards but I would very much like to extend to the families some parish support in terms of setting up, arranging the food, serving drinks and clearing away afterwards to allow the families involved to focus on their young person and enjoy the celebration. If you would be willing to help, I would be so grateful - please email me: joseph.meigh@cliffondiocese.com

SCORE - There is a retiring collection this weekend for SCORE overseas projects

Parish BBQ next Sunday 16 June at St Gregory from 10.30am. This will be an event for the whole parish and we hope that parishioners from all of our churches will come along and join in what promises to be a wonderful social occasion. If you would like to contribute in any way to the success of this event, do let us know. Mark the date in your diary now!

SPUC Salisbury Branch are holding a Market Stall in Salisbury Market Square on Saturday 22 June. Please come along and/or provide donations. We are looking for Books, DVDs, CDs, items in good condition, that you no longer want. Also homemade cakes & produce on the day i.e. Jams/Marmalades, Plants, Rhubarb. Please contact Alison Verrian on 01722 741681.

The Safekeeping Dragon of St. Osmund's Parishioner Edwin Hopley (age 10), has written his first book about a dragon at St. Osmund's. The book is beautifully illustrated and features Salisbury Cathedral as well as one of our churches, St. Osmund's. Edwin will be reading his story after 9am Mass on Sunday 16 June at St. Gregory's and Sunday 23 June at St. Osmund's when the books will be available for sale.

A General Election Hustings with candidates for the Salisbury constituency has been organised by the city centre churches on Sunday 23 June at 6 – 7.30pm in St Thomas' church (SP1 1BA). Free entry. All welcome. Those who attended the churches' shared Lent Lectures in the Cathedral in February and March are invited to consider the issues we were exploring together as you reflect on questions to put to the candidates.

Coach Outing to Weymouth Wednesday 10 July leaving from St Gregory's at 9.45am and returning from Weymouth at 4-45pm. Cost £8 per seat. Please reserve your seat by phoning Chris Francis. 01722 321109.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 19 June 2024 for Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Baptism Preparation Course 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](#).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion on our parish last Sunday, 2 June. Photos can be found by clicking the 'Photo Gallery' button on our homepage or [click here](#). Recordings of all of the First Communion Masses are available by going to our 'Church TV' and selecting 'St Osmund's and St Gregory's Live & Recordings' or [click here](#).

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our First Communion Masses so special - the catechists, those who arranged flowers and music, those who welcomed and stewarded, those who took photographs and those who tidied up afterwards. Many thanks to you all. Please continue to pray for the children that they will be sustained by the Eucharist throughout their lives.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

After two very successful years, 'Journey in Faith' returns in September. These sessions are for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. We will meet on a Sunday morning to learn about what it is Christians believe, why they believe it, and explore what it means for our own lives.

This programme can lead to becoming a confirmed Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, should you choose to do so and when you feel ready. For more click on 'Exploring Your Faith' on the Main Menu of our website or [click here](#).

Glastonbury Pilgrimage - 14 July. The coach booked for the day, a 49 seater, **is now full**. All those who had booked a place will have received a confirmation email with payment and travel time details. The cost of the whole day out is just £20 per person.

Bereavement Friendship Group 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. Monday mornings 10.45 - 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Any questions? Call John Detain 01722 415588.

Life in the Spirit The final talk in this series was last Friday 31 May at the Parish Centre. The subject was 'Praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit' given by Deacon John Proctor. This and previous 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. 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 next supper is on Tuesday 28 May in the Parish Centre.

Congratulations to Kim and Sean who were married in St Osmund's last Saturday 1 June. We pray for Kimberley and Sean that their home will be filled with happiness and love.

Marriage Preparation - The next course is on 23/24 August and this will be the LAST one until next March. Anyone planning to marry in any of our churches from now until next March should attend THIS course. Please do contact the contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron this Sunday, the Church gives us such a fundamentally important reading from the third chapter of the book of Genesis. We discover again the nature and basic dynamics of sin.. To watch and listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 10 Psalter 2

Saturday 8 June **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

10:00 St Osmund MASS For good exam results

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Fr David Boundy RIP

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

09:00 St Gregory MASS Frank Farley RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Juliette Foy RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Wayne Woodford for a speedy recovery

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 10 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Octavian Puiu RIP

Tuesday 11 June **Saint Barnabas**

10:00 St Osmund MASS For the Pearson, Phelan, Harte, and McCarthy families

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 12 June

10:00 St Gregory MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

Thursday 13 June **Saint Anthony of Padua**

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 14 June

10:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 15 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Karen Hickey-Dnyer 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 June

For migrants fleeing their homes:

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for the Parish of St John the Evangelist (Bath).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Maura O'Mahony, Patrick Sellers, Lou Godwin, Don Whelan, Maisie Elliott, Nora Burke and Ian Hewlett, 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:

Genesis 3:9-15

Psalms 129

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Mark 3:20-35

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

THE SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES - PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

A wonderful group from our Pastoral Area has just returned from a week on pilgrimage with The Society of Our Lady of Lourdes.

A mixture of Assisted pilgrims, helpers and praying pilgrims, we came together to join a group of nearly 400 from all around the country to spend a week answering Our Lady's call "to come here in Procession "

We laughed together, cried together, played together and prayed together; and as we return home, we hope and pray that something of this week will remain with us and that we will be changed by our Pilgrim experience.

Our pilgrimage reminds us that above all we are called to serve God and one another. The presence of the sick amongst us reminds us of the deeper meaning of our lives. It reminds us of the emptiness the rat-race and self-centredness causes in our lives. Lourdes challenges all of us to learn that self-affirmation alone can only lead to arrogance, and that real self-fulfilment comes from giving and sharing. True self-fulfilment comes when we move beyond ourselves towards mercy and compassion, towards understanding and embracing others, towards helping and carrying those less fortunate than ourselves.

Throughout a busy week of Masses, processions and events....and the spectacle of the International Military Pilgrimage...there were those moments when I was able to feel a kind of peace that I could accurately describe as passing all understanding. Moments of joy and laughter and rich tears and the beauty of deep connection

The moment I let myself want what I actually wanted - more of the beautiful feelings that come with and from our very presence and existence in the world - I started to experience them more. Without trying, without techniques, without practice, and without fear, I opened myself up to feel more of everything, and with everything came the very thing I'd been looking for the whole time - the glorious feeling of being alive.

We have been there for each other and we have enjoyed being together as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, despite our differences in age and in background, in our state of health and in our sense of personal well-being.

That has been our experience in Lourdes. We came as one thing and we go away with an experience that is different to that we may have thought about. We go away with a different understanding of peace and serenity.

We go away knowing that we have received more than we gave. We all go away a little humbler and realising that there are deeper dimensions to life than we tend to think of in the day to day business of our lives.

Lourdes will always have a special place in my heart and if you feel the call of Our Lady to visit, then may I suggest that you answer Her and do so. The Clifton Diocese are on Pilgrimage from 23rd to 30th August and SOLL will be caring for 'the Pilgrimage of the sick' next year, in the last week of May.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.

St Bernadette, Pray for us.

Sacha Blanchard.