

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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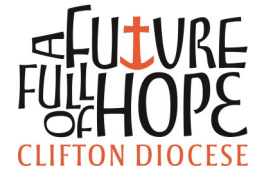
ORDINARY TIME WEEK 3(C)

From Father Anthony

It had been a long hard drive and wet. After some excellent homemade food I quickly fell asleep and slept in late. I woke to a grey, overcast sky. Mist hung low over the sea. Gulls filled the air with laments. Rolling and folding on themselves, waves lapped the shoreline, drawing sand under. I listened to nature's sounds and caught mental echoes of yesterday's lovely children's mass at Tisbury and the solemn, mystical plainchant at Wardour. Two styles, one worship.

*And having rolled up the scroll, having returned it to the attendant, He sat down and all eyes in the synagogue gazed intently upon Him. In worship we gaze intently upon Him. Not with physical eyes but with the eyes of soul and the intuition of spirit. Beautiful as our prayers may be; as wonderful as our Liturgies are: as enjoyable as our coming together to worship Him is: there must be a moment when we allow Him to roll it all up, so as to reveal Himself as He is. The whole of the Law and the Prophets: the content of all the Gospels are nothing if they are not about and lead us to Him. It is easy confuse *form* with *essence*. Jesus, is *essence*. He, in and as Himself, is the fulfilment of all our individual and collective *forms* of worship.*

If we have become tired, set in our ways, uncompromising, covered in the mist of our own understanding, rigidly arguing for our way... then, perhaps we should take some time out! Very often we get into a loop, a one dimensional manner of thinking, feeling and being: going round and round. This is our Galilee - *Galilee means circle, circuit, cylinder*. Little growth can occur here; like a gyro we are all in a spin and going nowhere!. If so, it might be good to recall the story of Jesus as we know it and *tell* it to Theophilus (*Theophilus means lover of God*), i.e. that part of ourselves that loves and desires God. And, in telling the story to ourselves, allow Jesus to enter into the *circuits* of our minds and hearts: let Him enter the synagogue of our being (*synagogue means 'coming together' - the coming together of our thoughts, feeling and understandings*). Then, allow Him to roll up our stories, gazing intently, as He fulfils them by revealing Himself, as He is, in us.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

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<https://salisbury Catholics.org>

IMPORTANT - MASS CHANGES ON NEXT SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Due to unavailability of priests, there will be a one-off change to our normal Sunday Mass schedule next Sunday 2 February. **The regular 9am Mass at St Gregory will take place at 11am (in St Gregory's Church) and there will be NO 11am Mass at St Osmund** on that day ONLY. The revised Mass schedule on Sunday 2 February will be:

9am St Osmund, 11am St Gregory, 12.30pm Ordinariate St Osmund and 6pm St Osmund.

If you know anyone who only attends Mass occasionally, please let them know.

Requiem Mass for Christopher Piggins RIP will be next Thursday 30 January 11am at St Osmund, because of this there will be no 10am on this day. Adoration will follow with Benediction at 6pm

CANDLEMAS - Next Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of Candlemas, or the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple. It is a tradition on this feast to bless the candles which will be used for prayer, in church or in our homes, during the coming year. If you would like to have a candle blessed for your own home, please bring it along with you next Sunday, and put it on the table which will be set at the front of the church (you may wish to label your candle, so you can collect it again afterwards!).

A retiring collection for SPUC's White Flower Appeal will take place next weekend 1/2 February. This year's Appeal Post Cards call on the Government to adhere to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please give generously. Cards may be completed and handed in at the back of the Church or posted by yourselves.

Radiant A group for women looking to deepen their prayer life, build supportive friendships and grow in faith, meets again on Friday 31 January. Join us for Mass at 6pm (St Osmund) followed by food, conversation and faith sharing till 9.30pm in the comfortable setting of the Parish Centre. For more information contact Xanthe on 07904 589360 or click on 'Radiant' on our homepage or [click here](#)

The Listening Place - Would you like to be a volunteer listener for the Listening Place? Please visit our [Blog](#) or [click here](#) for more information.

Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 16 April. A coach has been booked to travel to the Chrism Mass. Timings are expected to be similar to last year departing St Osmund's Church at 7.20am, then leaving St Gregory 7.35am with a pick up at Amesbury library at 7.55am. Mass is at 11am. This will be the first Chrism Mass gathered around our new bishop. If you would like to join our priests and deacons on the coach, please complete the sign up sheet in the porch of each church or contact the office office@salisburycatholics.org.

Encounter 25 is a Diocesan wide programme and will run between Easter and Pentecost. All are welcome to the initial planning event on 1 February 2025 at 9.30am - 1 pm at St Bernadette's, 731 Wells Rd, Bristol BS14 9HU. For more information, email: pentecost@cliftondiocese.com

Alabaré - The Big Sleep Friday 28 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. If you want to join Graham click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 5 February 2025 for a Beetle Drive at 2.00pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Requiem Mass for Sylvia Weston RIP will take place at 10am on Monday 17 February at St Osmund followed by a reception in the Parish Rooms. The Hope & Friendship and Art Groups will not occur this Monday.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

Family of Faith The next session is this Sunday 26 January beginning at our morning 9am Masses continuing afterwards at our Parish Centre. For all the dates click on the '[Family of Faith](#)' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

A Man for All Seasons (St Thomas More) Theatre trip to Bath last Saturday 18 January. 22 of our young people departed in two minibuses, first stop Mass at St Mary's Church Bath, a scrambled lunch, then off to the theatre in time for the play at 2.30pm. A wonderful day, enjoyed by all. Fr Joseph at Mass last Sunday spoke of these events as 'really bearing fruit for our young, however the one thing we really need is help with the organisation as both the Office and himself were at capacity'. Please do contact the Office if you are able to help with future events.

Youth Group - The Youth Group which meets each Wednesday during term time at 6.30pm at our Parish Centre is running a Youth Alpha course. Youth Alpha is designed to help explore the big questions of life, whether you already have a strong faith, or whether you have none at all but are curious to learn more. So if you're in school years 8 to 11, it's a great opportunity to start coming, and to bring a friend along for the discussions. We are also looking for help in the kitchen - so if you could come along on just one Wednesday evening and do some cooking, it would be a huge help, please get in touch. All the dates are on our website, just click on Youth Group on our home page or [click here](#).

SHARING OUR FAITH

Confirmation 2025 The next session is Tuesday 28 January at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. The Confirmation Retreat to Buckfast Abbey will follow next Friday 31 January - Sunday 2 February. All the candidate's parents have received from Fr Joseph an email with all the key information including a link to a consent form. We do need the consent form completed by Monday for all those attending as we need to confirm numbers with Buckfast Abbey. Please click on 'Confirmation' on our homepage or [click here](#) for more information.

Journey in Faith Our ongoing programme for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. The next session is next Sunday 2 February at 10.30am at the Parish Centre. Contact Dave Blake salisbury.journeyinfaith@clifftondiocese.com if you are interested in joining or [click here](#)

Baptism Preparation Course - The next course is at St Osmund starting 9 February 2025. To request a Baptism for your child, click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

ENCOUNTER - PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 3RD - 6TH OF APRIL 2025

Following the wonderful and highly successful retreats in previous years, we will be returning to the Franciscan Centre at Ladywell near Godalming. This year's theme is Encounter. We will be looking at how even the smallest encounter with Jesus can change the course of a life. There will be 25-30 places available. The cost per person is about £250-£300, but please don't let cost prevent you from coming along, we are able to offer some support to those who need it to make this possible. Please contact the Parish Office to book or Dave Blake salisbury.journeyinfaith@clifftondiocese.com for more information.

If you cannot go, but would like to contribute to the costs to enable someone else to go, why not make this part of your Lenten almsgiving? Contact the Parish Office for more information - all contributions, large or small will be gratefully received.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-1 Ordinary Time Week 3 and Psalter 3

Saturday 25 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Peggy O'Farrell RIP

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish
09:00 St Osmund MASS Colette Price - In thanksgiving
11:00 St Osmund MASS Francis Conio RIP
12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Audra Sabunaite RIP
18:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Anne & Maurice Williams

Monday 27 January

10:00 St Osmund MASS Personal Intentions

Tuesday 28 January Saint Thomas Aquinas

10:00 St Osmund MASS Annamma Chacko RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 29 January

10:00 St Gregory MASS Damien Fleming RIP
18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

Thursday 30 January

No 10:00 Mass on this day

11:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Christopher Piggins RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 31 January Saint John Bosco

10:00 St Gregory MASS Intentions of Maria
18:00 St Osmund MASS Kathleen Savage RIP

Saturday 1 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Safe journey & good health
James Christopher

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after the 10am Mass & Saturdays
5.30pm 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 JANUARY

For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected. [Click here](#).

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Augustine of Canterbury (Matson) & English Martyrs (Tuffley)..

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Gerald Curtin, Christopher Piggins, Sylvia Weston, David Humphries, Florindo Carpenito, James Herlihy and Andrée Spark 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.

Psalm Response

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia!

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 is coming to Mass regularly, for whom preparation for First Communion may be appropriate, please use our online form to register your interest in our Family of Faith programme. [Click here](#)

CONFIRMATION If you have a child who is in Year 9 or above from Sept 2024, please use our online form to apply to join our 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 Désirée for more details: office@salisbury Catholics.org