

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 5(C)

From Father Anthony

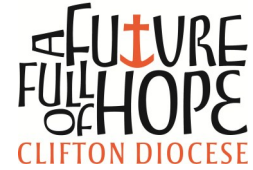
A light mist covered the sea with tinges of deep blue promising a beautiful day. A gull moaned eerily. Waves crashed and retreated over pebbles with the sound of applause. Two fishing boats bobbed in and out of the mist. A fisherman stood precariously against the swell, hauling in his nets.

The net can be a metaphor for how we gather worldly information that should lead to spiritual understanding. However, what we mostly experience is a sense of darkness or incomprehension. We adapt and mend our nets; we pray, meditate, study, think and attempt understanding; and are left with darkness. Our understanding, our thinking, etc, is the darkness; this darkness cannot get past itself into the light - 'and the light in the darkness shines and the darkness couldn't comprehend it' (Jn1:5).

If the boat represents our being in the world and the net how we gather information; if what we catch leaves us with a sense of nothing, with no spiritual understanding (caught nothing all night), perhaps our nets need washing, i.e. repentance; a change of mind and heart. Our minds and hearts need cleansing; they have become dirty and torn from trying to catch the wrong things in the wrong places. Which, of course, leaves us frustrated.

There is good and bad news. The bad news is that on our own we cannot comprehend the light that shines in the darkness; we cannot make the transition from physical to spiritual sight on our own. For that we need a particular Guest in the boat of our life... Jesus. This is the good news because... He is the Good News. Only Jesus can dispel the darkness in our lives and reveal the light beyond because, He is the Light.

Jesus resides in the boat of our lives always asking us to put out from the shore. But, do we listen... with the ears of our soul - Simon means to hear. If we listen and push out from the shore of our habitual life our earth, bound by worldly thinking and feeling He will teach the multitude of our thoughts and feelings and help us to understand. Then we can put out into the deeper water of soul and gain spiritual understanding (many fish). We will recognise Him in and as our life. Insofar as others recognise and are attracted to Him, in us, we become fishers of men.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

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RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2025

Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice, said: 2025 is a very special year. It marks both a Year of Jubilee and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday. This year, we invite the Catholic community to reflect on the journey towards racial justice- past, present and future – by asking: 'How far have we come, where are we now and what remains to be achieved?'. For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

For the Sick of the Parish next Saturday 15 February at St Osmund - There will be Anointing and Confessions from 9am to 12 noon with Adoration following Mass at 10am. Need help with transport? Contact the Parish Office, we will do our very best to help you be present if you would like to be.

SPUC White Flower Appeal raised £613.93. Thankyou all for your generosity. If you still have a campaign card, please either post or give to Alison Verrian or Bernadette Petty at Mass this weekend.

St Osmund's Burial Ground - you may have noticed that the 6pm Mass on 2 February was offered for the repose of the souls of two people: Mr H Coope and his housekeeper (name unknown). But who were they? Our archivist Graham Brown has produced a notation of who these people were and the history of the Presbytery garden as a burial ground and the known people that are buried there. For more please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SCORE - There will be a retiring collection for SCORE home projects next weekend 15/16 February.

SCORE grants. If you are involved with a charity which works locally or overseas you may apply for a grant from SCORE. Our website contains details about eligibility and an application form, click on 'Parish Life' then '[Score](#)' or [click here](#). Please submit the form by the end of February for consideration at the March meeting.

Activities in the Parish Centre . There is no charge for parish usage but that means there isn't any income other than donations. We are desperately in need of building some storage for all the childrens/youth and family activities that are developing in the centre and would be grateful if anyone would like to make a donation to help sponsor the storage solutions we need. The total cost will be about £500, donations can be made by BACS or cheque/cash to the Parish Office please quote the reference of '**PC Storage**'. Further details from: stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.org.uk Thank you very much in advance.

First Friday Talks - this evening Friday 7 February at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre - The speaker will be Eric Williams who will reflect on how poetry can illuminate our life in the Spirit. Next month Greg & Pauline will speak on the biblical meaning of Jubilee. The talk will be recorded and will be available on our website over the weekend please click on the 'First Friday Talks' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 19 February 2025 for a Creative Session at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Alabaré - The Big Sleep Friday 28 March in Salisbury Cathedral in aid of the homeless and vulnerable. 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 in and sleep out, click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

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 to which parishioners are warmly invited. Although Sylvia has been 'out of sight' for some years due to old age and ill health, she was well known by many and was a dedicated servant of the parish organising the Minister of Communion rotas for many years.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

Family of Faith The next session is this Sunday 9 February 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](#). If you'd like to volunteer to help in any way, please contact the parish office.

Youth Group - meets each Wednesday during term time at 6.30pm at our Parish Centre. The group is following Youth Alpha at the moment which is designed to help explore the big questions of life. If you're in school years 8 to 11, it's a great moment to join and to bring a friend along for the discussions. We are also looking for help in the kitchen! If some parents/parishioners 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 Retreat at Buckfast - Thank you to all of you who prayed for the 30 teenagers and 9 volunteers who spent last weekend at Buckfast abbey. It is such a beautiful place to be, in a guest house within sight and an easy walk to the Abbey. We had a 'walk-through' Mass with just our group on the Saturday, and then joined the monks for the full Sunday Mass with solemn Candlemas procession, and their wonderful choir. We were also blessed by a talk from Abbot David, and the peaceful contemplation of sung Vespers. Back at the house, spirits were high, with all sorts of activities, group discussions, and prayer times. Infinite thanks to the volunteers who came with us, especially for feeding us all so handsomely. Please continue to keep our Confirmation group in your prayers over the coming weeks. Next session is Tuesday 11 February at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. The programme is now well underway and it is too late for new-joiners. Anyone interested in Confirmation can express an interest for Confirmation 2026. 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 16 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 begins at St Gregory on the following Sundays: 16 February, 2 & 9 March. If you wish to join this course please contact the Parish Office. 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 of 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 are still a few places remaining. 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. The full timetable is on our website, just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

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

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-1 Ordinary Time Week 5 & Psalter 1

Saturday 8 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thomas Cherian RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Gregory MASS Frank Farley RIP

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY

09:00 St Gregory MASS All Souls

09:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

11:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Pat M on her special birthday

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Charles Connor RIP

Monday 10 February **Saint Scholastica**

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

Tuesday 11 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 12 February

10:00 St Gregory MASS RIP - Chakkappan

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ORDINARIATE MASS

Thursday 13 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Arthur Buck RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY **SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS**

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Robson RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Jeremy Callaghan RIP

Saturday 15 February

For The Sick of the Parish at St Osmund

09:00 - 12:00 Confessions and Anointing with Adoration after Mass.

10:00 St Osmund MASS The Sick of the Parish

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Sally Martin RIP

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 FEBRUARY

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parishes of St Bernadette (Whitchurch) and St Dunstan (Keynsham).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Rosemary Brown, 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

In the presence of the angels I praise, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. 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 will be in Year 9 or above from Sept 2025, please use our online form to apply to join our preparation programme for 2026. [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