

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## EASTER WEEK 2 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### From Father Anthony

- It was dark. Moonlight shone through the clouds; an owl hooted. I said goodbye to a friend, wound up the jalopy, and followed the satnav across country towards Salisbury. Headlights picked out narrow winding lanes, houses loomed like shadows, hedges guided me round corners. And then the satnav died. I was lost without a map! I worked out a direction from the position of the moon but road junctions became a rough guess and an occasion for colourful language. Thankfully I found a sign which pointed me to the main road and... home.

'Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book', so ends John's Gospel. The word for sign is *σήμειον*: σημεῖον. It is also translated as miracle. It 'emphasises the end purpose which exalts the one giving it'. Spiritually we become signs to one another leading to God by recognising and letting Christ work within us... as us. When others experience Christ in us we become a pointer or sign to God thus exalting Christ. We become the miracle by which others experience God and awaken to Christ within. (Normally, sign and destination are separate. With a miracle sign and destination are one... Christ points to God but is God. This miracle resides in us, as us). The Gospels remain incomplete until we all become the manifestation of this sign, this miracle, to one another. Until then we remain lost, being led and leading others nowhere: the spiritually blind leading the spiritually blind, perpetuating worldly myths and chasing false, empty glories.

Chief among the many and varied ways in which we become signs of Christ leading to God, is by the offer of Mercy. Very often mercy is thought of as compassion, pity or not imposing a punishment. It can mean these: but a deeper meaning is loving protective kindness. In biblical Hebrew a word for mercy has the same root letters as the word for womb (רחם); racham). God's 'mercy' has the quality of Divine Protection such as a baby experiences in its mother's womb.

On Divine Mercy Sunday perhaps we consider how protective rather than combative we are towards one another. Finding in us love, protection and understanding, others (destination) will have an experience of God: and so will we (sign) as we offer the Merciful attributes of God. Destination and Sign will become one... a miracle! -



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**Most Holy Redeemer**  
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**Chapel of the Good Shepherd**  
Barford Lane, Downton SP5 3QA

**Chapel of the Holy Family**  
Southampton Rd, Whaddon SP5 3EB

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

## TRIDUUM & EASTER AT OUR CHURCHES

We were truly blessed with beautiful services led by our priests and supported by our deacons, altar servers, and enhanced by all our musicians, singers and readers for whom we are all grateful. Let us not forget the many hours spent in the preparation and organisation of these wonderful liturgies. More thanks go to the ever-faithful stewards who were constantly in attendance and the preparatory spring-cleaning and floral decoration which added to the beauty of our churches.

A big thank-you to the many parishioners in the Outreach team who undertook the delivery of Easter cards mainly to the new estates with all the service times for Holy Week and Easter. It is hard to measure the success of these ventures but what we saw was a massive increase in attendance with all our churches full and at times overflowing at many of our of the services.

The children's Easter-egg hunt proved very popular (no surprise there then!). Thank you to all who donated the eggs.

Last - but by no means least, is the grateful acknowledgement from those unable to attend church but have been able to attend virtually through the 'Livestream'. This investment continues to reap rich rewards.

So, once again, a big thank you to ALL who contributed in any way for the benefit of us all and in the service of God.

**Sidney Flavel's funeral is next Thursday 20 April at 10.00am.** Sidney was well known and loved by many in our Parish and for some this will be very short notice. The Requiem Mass will occur at the regular mass time on Thursday in the hope that those who knew him will be able to come. **Everyone is welcome.**

**SPUC** are holding their National Pro-Life Chain on Saturday 29 April. This is a Silent Witness, holding a placard whilst standing along the Southampton Road opposite the College. We do this for 2 Hrs, or part of, between 11.00am & 1.00pm. If you feel you can support this, or want more information, please phone Alison Verrian 01722 741681 or Bernadette Petty 01722 711137 to let us know – we need to know numbers.

**Holy Redeemer Consultation** - We do encourage all our parishioners to complete the consultation on Holy Redeemer. If you have not already done so please click on the button on our homepage or [click here](#). Printed copies are also available in all our churches.

**SCORE** - There will be a retiring collection this weekend 15/16 April for SCORE overseas projects.

**Judith Giles** - has recently died. Judith was well known by many in our congregation, especially at St Osmund's. Her funeral Mass is next Tuesday 18 April at 2pm in Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph, 132 High St, Lymington SO41 9AQ, followed by reception in the adjoining hall.

**A Parish Get-Together** will be held at St Gregory's Hall on Sunday 23 April after the 9am Mass. We extend a warm invitation to all and would be delighted to have you join us to build our community. Please bring a plate of food ready for a shared table that can be eaten without the use of cutlery. For the poster please visit our blog or [click here](#).

**Parish Coronation Tea & Talk - Sunday 7 May 23 at 3pm at The White Hart Hotel.** This is a pre-bookable event only. Book via the Parish Office on 01722 562703 or [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org). £16.50 per head which includes tea and a buffet of small sandwiches, cakes and scones. For more details please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Fabulous Family Fun Day** is being held at Salisbury Rugby Club on Saturday the 13 May from midday. This event is in aid of Salisbury Hospice. If anyone would like to purchase raffle tickets, help on the day or ask any questions about this event please contact Sarah Varney: [svarney401@gmail.com](mailto:svarney401@gmail.com).

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THOSE RECEIVED INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AT THE EASTER VIGIL

*Heather Carey    Marian Elvin    Martin Turner*

*You did not choose me, but I chose you (John 15:16)*

We have a few photos of the celebration afterwards, please visit our Photo Gallery or [click here](#).

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2023

In the Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. On this Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect on the graces won through the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

There will be **Adoration in St Osmund's Church from 2.30pm until 4pm**, with Confessions available and praying the chaplet at 3.00pm. The Divine Mercy Novena began on Good Friday and can be found on our website along with the Chaplet, click on the image in our 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Triduum and Easter with Pope Francis** - We have the complete set of recordings beginning on Holy Thursday through to the Easter Blessing on Easter Sunday. Just click on the image in our 'Top News' box or [click here](#). There is also a permanent link on our 'Church TV' page.

**Chrism Mass 5 April** - Our priests with over 30 parishioners from across the deanery attended the Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Declan where he blessed the three oils — the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and holy chrism. We have a video of his homily and a few photos on our website, just click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

**The Stations of the Resurrection (via Lucis)**. The Stations are a prayerful way of journeying through Eastertide by meditating on the biblical scenes related to Jesus' Resurrection, Ascension, and Sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Join us on Fridays commencing this evening 14 April at 6.20pm (prior to the 7pm Mass). You will also be able to join from your home via our Church TV.

**Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron** - St. Thomas Aquinas says mercy, is compassion in regard to someone else's suffering; thus, God's mercy is his compassion reaching out to us. To watch and listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#). The video will be available Saturday evening.

**How We Talk About Our Faith** - Clifton Diocese, in partnership with 'Light of Truth', are offering a five-week course on how we talk about our Catholic Faith with other adults, young people and children. For all the details please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Baptism** Our next course at St Osmund is now taking place this Sunday 16 April followed by the next two Sundays 23, and 30 April consisting of attendance at the 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the Presbytery. Please register with the Parish Office on 01722 562703. To apply for a baptism please complete a 'Baptism Application' by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

**First Holy Communion Programme 2022/2023** Details are on our website, please click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then on 'Holy Communion' or [click here](#). The next session is Saturday 29 April at 2pm in St Gregory's Church for the Children. It is very important that all sessions are attended.

**Confirmation Programme 2023** next session will be on Friday 19 May 7pm for a Candidates' social, followed by a session, the following day (Saturday 20 May) at 11am for the Candidates only. Both sessions will be held at St Osmund. The full programme is available on our website, please click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then select 'Confirmation' or [click here](#).

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Easter Week 2 and Proper of the Season

## Saturday 15 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS People of the Parish

## SUNDAY 16 APRIL

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Gabriel Fazi RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Bob, Mary & Moya McCarthy

11:00 St Osmund MASS Doris & Nick Phelan RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

14.30 St Osmund Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

16:30 St Gregory Syro Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS The Dodd Family

## Monday 17 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Tharuthu RIP

## Tuesday 18 April

10:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Pamella Finch RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Wednesday 19 April

## Saint Alphege

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Joseph S. Wakabi RIP and the souls in purgatory

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

## Thursday 20 April

10:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Sidney Flavel RIP  
All are welcome

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS Adrian Thorp RIP

## Friday 21 April

10:00 St Gregory MASS James & Margaret Harley RIP

18.20 St Osmund Stations of the Resurrection (Via Lucis).

19:00 St Osmund MASS Kevin Mooney RIP

## Saturday 22 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Buck RIP

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS All the Family of Mary Fleming

## RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass

St Osmund Saturdays After the 10:00 Mass

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

And by appointment with our priests.

# PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

## Pope Francis Intention for April

For a culture of peace and non-violence.

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

[Click here.](#)

## CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parish of St Peter & St Paul (Bath).

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Judith Giles, Sidney Flavel, Anthony (Tony) Brady, Ray Whatley, Michael (Steve) Stevenson, Marion Phillips, Michael Pyne, Pamella Finch, and Michael Villis. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Acts 2:42-47*

*Psalm 117*

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.**

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe'.

**Alleluia!**

*John 20:19-31*

## 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 September 2024, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme. [Click here](#).

**CONFIRMATION** If you have a child in Year 9 or above, 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](mailto:caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com)