

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK



From Father Anthony

Years ago, learning aerobatics, I had difficulties with a particular manoeuvre. '*I have control*' said the instructor, '*follow me through*'. Hands and feet lightly on the controls, I followed him through. We found a reference point, gained speed and went into the manoeuvre. On the third attempt! I realised what he was doing that I was not... it was ever so subtle and all in the feet. By feeling his input, I modified my own.

Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. A village can represent our physical, psychological experience. The *village opposite* represents seeing ourselves from the opposite side... coming to our senses, awakening from *the dream of the world!* We experience an area of ourselves which is young (*the colt*); it has never been 'ridden' by the world (*on which no one has ever sat*). It is this aspect of ourselves that we bring to Jesus. This is an object of Lent; to find and experience the area of our being that is still fresh and young; unwounded by the world; waiting to be untethered and led to Jesus. He will direct it towards peace and understanding (*ride it into Jerusalem*). He will 'ride' our being and we will learn how to control ourselves by following his 'inputs'.

In control of our mind, our thoughts, feelings and, therefore, our actions, we will realise that we cannot be defined *by* them but by *what* controls them. We will stop identifying with thoughts, feelings and the chattering mind... and the pain or false joy they *simulate* but is felt as real. Who we truly are occupies the same space as Jesus; *the awareness of everything but not defining ourselves by what we are aware of!* In this commanding position we can dismiss or *let go of* all that is not in accord with our true self. Our lives will be filled with a peace and understanding that no book, sermon or meditation can ever produce. Occupying the same space as Jesus we will be *back home* with Father because *They* are one. We will experience the bliss of the heavenly Jerusalem (*which means Peace*). Effectively, we cease to be sheep led by the pull and distractions of the world. Instead, we become shepherds, leading it to peace.

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Chapel of the Good Shepherd

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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

[Click Here](#)

EASTER OFFERINGS

It is a tradition of our Church that the Christmas and Easter collections are given in gratitude for our priests. Due to an administrative change in the way that stipends are paid to priests, Easter offerings can now be Gift-Aided. There are special Easter Offering envelopes available now in our churches - if you are a UK taxpayer **please** take a moment to complete your details on the envelope as this increases the value of your donation by 25% **at no extra cost to you**. If you make your offering at the machines in the church porch or using the QR code shown here, please select the Gift Aid option. Please be assured that your gift will be anonymous as all of the administration is carried out by the finance team.

If you would like to make an offering via online banking, our parish account details are:

Name: **Clifton Diocese re Parish of St Osmund** Sort Code: **52-10-03** No: **66287111** Please quote the reference **EASTER** or, if you are already registered for Gift Aid with the parish, please use reference **GAD Easter**. **Thank you**.



SCORE - There will be a retiring collection for SCORE overseas projects this weekend 12/13 April.

Please note - Parish Office is closed for Holy Week & Easter from 4pm Tuesday 15 April until 9am Friday 25 April

Choir for the Easter Triduum in St Gregory's & St Osmund's. The last rehearsal is next Tuesday 15 April in the St Gregory's Church at 6.30pm.

Easter Egg Donations please! We are delighted to announce that we will once again be able to host an Easter egg hunt for children after the 9am Masses on Easter Sunday at both St Osmund and St Gregory. Donations of (individually-wrapped little, not full-size!) Easter eggs will be gratefully received in your chosen church. Please hand your eggs to the welcomers at each of our churches this weekend or to the parish office on Monday or Tuesday of next week before the office closes. Thank you.

Easter Flowers In honour of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Churches should be adorned with beautiful flowers, please do consider making a contribution. Donations can be placed in the normal collection basket at any Mass in an envelope marked 'Easter Flowers'. Alternatively, you can make a direct bank transfer - please use FLOWERS as the Reference and see above for bank account details.

Holy Saturday 19 April 11am at St Osmund Church – Would you like to help with readying the church for Easter? You don't have to be an ace flower-arranger, there are plenty of tasks! Please come along and help – there is no need to tell us in advance, just turn up on the day and help as much as you can. We especially need people willing to weed and tidy up around the outside of the front of the church. Many thanks.

Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 16 April 11am. The coach (now fully booked) will be departing St Osmund's Church at 7.20am, then leaves St Gregory 7.35am with a pick up at Amesbury library at 7.55am. The Mass can be watched by going to our '[Church TV](#)' page and then click on Clifton Cathedral or [click here](#).

Good Friday there will be the traditional retiring collection for the Holy Places & Christians in the Holy Land.

Thursday 24 April – Please note that this 10am Mass during Easter week will be a whole School Mass of Easter for St Osmund's School. This Mass will not be livestreamed.

Parish of St Osmund App – the previous version of the App has had to be cancelled due to cost issues with the hosting company. We have however found another company for half the cost and the app has been rebuilt and in final testing. We hope to roll it out soon after Easter. Thank you for your patience.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE RECEIVING SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION
OVER EASTER

Sandy, Tom, Angela, Jody, Selina

who will be received into the Catholic Church at the St Osmund Easter Vigil at 9pm on Holy Saturday

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 27 APRIL

On this day, we celebrate and pray for God's grace in our lives — today, tomorrow, and at the hour of our death.

You are warmly invited to a special celebration of Divine Mercy at St. Osmund's Church at 3:00 pm

The service will consist of: a reflection on God's Mercy, Scripture Readings, Hymns of praise and mercy, the prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession and a final Blessing. An image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, will be venerated during the service.

A Divine Mercy image will also be available for veneration at the 6pm Vigil Mass (26th)

and the 9am Mass at St Gregory's and throughout Sunday 27th.

Information sheets will be available for distribution this weekend

For more information click on the Divine Mercy image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

SHARING OUR FAITH

Confirmation An email has been sent to the group with a reminder that the next session is this Sunday 13 April after the 11am Mass in St Osmund's parish rooms, for about an hour and a half. The focus will be on the mysteries of Holy Week & Easter.

Family of Faith the next session is on the Second Sunday of Easter 27 April 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](#).

Baptism Preparation Course - The next course will be at St Gregory starting 4 May. If you wish to join please contact the Parish Office. To request a Baptism for your child, click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Congratulations and welcome to – Aurelius Albrecht-Taylor who will receive the sacrament of Baptism on Easter Sunday 20 April at the St Osmund 9am Mass. Please keep Aurelius, his parents Peter & Alythea and his godparents in your prayers.

ADDITIONAL LIVESTREAM IN HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday - Mass of The Lord's Supper 7pm St Gregory - At the end of the Mass the Blessed Sacrament is taken in procession from the church to an Altar of Repose in St Gregory's Hall. After the Blessed Sacrament has been placed in the tabernacle there is period of watching until 10pm. You can join those present for the watching by going to '[St Osmund & St Gregory Livestream](#)' page and clicking on the 'mobile tab'.

Easter Vigil St Osmund at 9pm. The first part of the liturgy 'The Service of Light' (the Easter fire and the blessing of the Paschal Candle) which takes place outside the Church will be livestreamed via a mobile camera. Please go to the usual '[St Osmund & St Gregory Livestream](#)' page and click on the 'mobile' tab in the panel.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

.Year C-1 Lent Week 6 & Psalter 2

Saturday 12 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS In thanksgiving & good health

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

18:00 St Gregory MASS For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY 13 APRIL PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

09:00 St Gregory MASS C V Varghese RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS David Eugene Clarke RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Joseph Neelankavil RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Baby Vandenhoff RIP

Monday 14 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Birthday blessings for John, 89th Birthday

Tuesday 15 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 16 April

No Morning Mass **Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral 11am**

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

RECONCILIATION

By prior appointment only during Holy Week.



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:

Psalm Response

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory .

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR APRIL

For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray this week for the parishes of St George/ St Teresa of Lisieux (Taunton) and St John Fisher (Wellington with Wiveliscombe).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Peter Emmett, Margaret Price, Gertie Harmon, Celia Maidment, Sister Bernadette, Andrew Scarfe, and Leslie Dodd 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.

Requiem Mass for Celia Maidment RIP - known to many as a faithful servant of the church of the Most Holy Redeemer. This will take place in Holy Redeemer Church at 1pm on Thursday 1 May. All welcome.

Requiem Mass for Gertie Harmon RIP - will take place on Friday 9 May at 10am at St Osmund's. This Mass will be the parish morning Mass for that day, replacing the normal Friday 10am Mass from St Gregory to St Osmund.



Easter Egg Hunt!

Donations of (individually-wrapped) Easter Eggs will be gratefully received in your chosen church for our after-Mass egg hunts! Please hand your eggs into the office or to the welcomers at each of our Churches this weekend.

NB – As we cannot assure parents regarding allergens contained and so responsibility for what the children consume remains the responsibility of parents at all times.

HOLY THURSDAY

09:00 St Osmund Tenebrae
(Morning prayer & Office of Readings interspersed with musical reflections)

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

19:00 ST GREGORY & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

Psalm Response

The cup of blessing is a communion in the blood of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another, love one another as I have loved you.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament and Watching.

At the end of the Mass the Eucharist is taken in procession from the church to an Altar of Repose in St Gregory's Hall. After the Blessed Sacrament has been placed in the tabernacle there is period of watching until 10pm when we conclude with compline (night prayer).

GOOD FRIDAY

09:00 St Osmund Tenebrae
(Morning prayer & Office of Readings interspersed with musical reflections)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10:00 St Gregory & the English Martyrs

10:00 St Osmund

ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS

11:00 Salisbury Cathedral (West Door)

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE
PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD

15:00 ST GREGORY & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

15:00 ST OSMUND

Psalm Response

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory .

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death; death on a Cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

HOLY SATURDAY

Tenebrae 09:00 St Osmund
(Morning prayer & Office of Readings interspersed with musical reflections)

Swiecone - Blessing of Bread (Polish) 13:15 St Gregory & the English Martyrs

EASTER VIGIL IN THE MOST HOLY NIGHT

21:00 ST OSMUND

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 *Psalm 103* **Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

Genesis 22:1-18 *Psalm 15* **Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.**

Exodus 14:15 - 15:1 *Canticle: Ex15: 1-6* **Let us sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph.**

Isaiah 54:5-14 *Psalm 29* **I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.**

Isaiah 55:1-11 *Canticle: Is 12:2-6* **With joy will you draw water from the springs of salvation.**

Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4 *Psalm 18* **O Lord, you have the words of eternal life.**

Ezekiel 36:16-28 *Canticle: Is 12:2-6* **With joy will you draw water from the springs of salvation.**

Romans 6:3-11 *Psalm 117* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Luke 24:1-12 *Why do you seek the living among the dead?*

LITURGY THIS WEEK

. Year C-1 Easter Week 1 and Proper of the Season

SUNDAY 20 APRIL SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

09:00 St Gregory MASS
09:00 St Osmund MASS
11:00 St Osmund MASS
12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS

Monday 21 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving – Jacob family

Tuesday 22 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving for the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Meg & David Scouler

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 23 April

10:00 St Gregory MASS Doris Phelan RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 24 April

10:00 St Osmund St Osmund's Whole School MASS
Maria Vanderhoff RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 25 April

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Robson RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS Gertie Harmon RIP

Saturday 26 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Louise Dirks RIP

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: Saturdays after the 10am Mass until 12 noon
and by appointment



PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:

Psalm Response

This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

Alleluia, 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