

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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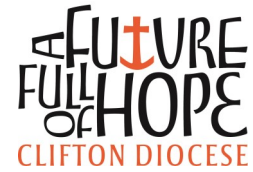
From Father Anthony

The Brown Sparrows flitted from branch to branch; the Gunslinger eyed me from the stump and Gangsters circled above cawing rudely. I sipped tea under an overcast sky. The garden was thick with growth; vines stretched along the side of the church, leaning across the path. Pink and red roses blushed sedately; daisies bobbed in uncut grass! Chirping loudly a mother called to her chick who hopped over to be fed.

“With many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it”. A parable casts light or understanding on a particular truth. The truth this week is about the Kingdom of God. It is experienced as small to begin with (*a seed*) but becomes massive; it is not of our making (*how it grows we do not know*). Elsewhere in the Gospels we learn that it is found within. There is something small within each of us that is not of our making that can become massive.

Our lives are the *‘many parables’*. They cast light on whether we are wedded to the kingdom of this world (*outer*) or the Kingdom of God (*inner*). As we move from preoccupation with the outer to perception of the inner (*St Paul*) we recognise that it is in our inner life that He *‘scatters’* the seed of His Kingdom and *‘speaks the word to us’*... in order to feed us. Awareness and observation through prayer, inner listening and meditation are tools through which we hear Him and experience His Kingdom within. How He operates or how the Kingdom grows within we do not know - it is not of our making. As we take our awareness and attention away from the worldly kingdom (*unnecessary distractions and preoccupations*) we learn to focus on the interior, the Divine Kingdom within. The difference between the two kingdoms is felt as conscience and it is this we must listen to and follow.

Attempts to change the outside world and all its many *‘mechanisms’* are misdirected. The outside world only reflects our inner world. If the world is a mess, it reflects our individual and collective inner mess: hence, *‘Seek ye first the kingdom of God’*. We do not create the Kingdom of God but, it needs our awareness of and cooperation with it for it to be reflected in the world. Then He will take us aside and reveal deeper meanings.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?
We wish you a very warm welcome.
Please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org>
[“Registration/update”](#)

DAY FOR LIFE 2024 - SUNDAY 16 JUNE

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on 16 June. The theme is 'The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life'. For more, click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#). There will be a retiring collection this weekend (15 & 16 June) to assist Our Bishop's Conference in support of our Pro-Life stance for those who wish to contribute to this work.

New Lectionary Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, **all but one** of the editions of the new lectionary that we will need for our churches have been sponsored. The only edition that, as yet, has not been sponsored is a Chapel Edition for the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at Downton. If anyone would like to support the purchase of a lectionary for the Downton chapel, please contact the office by June 23rd (the deadline for our order to CTS). Parishioners who wish to order a new Sunday Missal through the parish and avoid carriage costs **MUST** complete this form [click here](#) by next Sunday 23 June **AT THE LATEST** if they wish to avoid P&P costs.

Parish BBQ this Sunday 16 June in St Gregory's Hall & garden after the 9am Mass. This is an event for the whole parish and we hope that parishioners from all of our churches will come along.

SCORE update. Grants totalling £4,000 were distributed at the June committee meeting. These were made to Salisbury Street Pastors, and Operation Impreza. Thank you for your generosity. Further details are on the SCORE page on our website under 'Parish Life' or [click here](#).

Rosary in Salisbury Cathedral - Friday 21 June The Rosary is prayed by Catholics and Anglicans in Salisbury Cathedral on the third Friday of each month at midday. The next meeting will be on Friday 21 June. If you would like to join us, we meet in the cathedral Refectory 1130-1150 before going into the Cathedral.

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 or Bernadette Petty on 01722 711137.

Diocesan Day - Saturday 6 July at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol. The focus of the day will be on Hope – especially in relation to the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. All are invited to join Bishop Bosco as we explore the theme of Hope together. We will look at where our hope lies, as well as our experiences of pilgrimage and where we might journey as a Diocese in 2025. If there is sufficient interest we will investigate the possibility of taking a minibus. Please do contact the Parish Office if you would like to go. For more please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

The Safekeeping Dragon of St. Osmund's Parishioner Edwin Hopley (age 10), has written his first book about a dragon at St. Osmund's. Edwin will be reading his story after 9am Mass this 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.

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

CONFIRMATION 18 JUNE 2024 - ST GREGORY

The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bosco, joined by all our priests and deacons. This is an important sacrament for the candidates as it completes the three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church. In Confirmation, the candidates will be sealed with and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help them live out their Christian calling. This is a cause for great celebration for us all. Parents, please bring donations of finger-food and drinks for the celebration afterwards to St Gregory's Hall, prior to Mass. Do please keep the candidates in your prayers. All candidates need to arrive by 6.15pm at the latest.

Volunteers - if you could to help set up the room/serve tea & coffee etc, we would love your help!

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. Due to a group cancellation we now have 6 places available on the coach. Please do contact the Parish Office if you would like to join 43 other pilgrims. The cost is just £20 per person.

Missio Mass next Thursday 20 June 7pm St Gregory Father Gary Brassington, Diocesan Director for Missio in Clifton, will be celebrating Mass for Missio volunteers, supporters, and the wider Parish community. Brother Eddie Slavinski MHM is joining Fr Gary to share his own experience as a missionary and will be encouraging support for the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries through prayer and donations to the Red Box.

Bereavement Friendship Group change of venue The group will now meet in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund. The 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. Any questions? Call John Detain 01722 415588.

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 25 June in the Parish Centre.

Baptism Preparation Course The next course starts this Sunday 16 June at St Osmund with 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the Presbytery followed by the next two Sundays 23 & 30 June. To register for a Baptism please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Marriage Preparation The next course is on 23/24 August and this will be the LAST one until next March. **Anyone wishing to marry in any of our churches between 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 reflects that people of faith see things differently. They see what the nonbeliever sees: the news and what's going on in the world, but they also see the world according to God's purposes. 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 11 Psalter 3

Saturday 15 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Karen Hickey-Dnyer RIP

SUNDAY 16 JUNE

09:00 St Gregory MASS Bridie & Harry Clapham RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

11:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:30 Holy Redeemer Syro-Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Caroline Gibbons

Monday 17 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS

13:30 St Osmund Requiem MASS Maura O'Mahony RIP

Tuesday 18 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Family Cummings Sylvere

No Exposition or Benediction

19:00 St Gregory Deanery Confirmation MASS.

Wednesday 19 June

10:00 St Gregory MASS Louis Godwin RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

Thursday 20 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS For the Jacob family's prayer intentions

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS

19:00 St Gregory Annual Missio MASS

Friday 21 June St Aloysius Gonzaga

10:00 St Gregory MASS

19:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 22 June SAINTS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE

10:00 St Osmund MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS

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 Mary in 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:

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 91

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Mark 4:26-34

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 Desiree for more details:
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