

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 16 (C)

From Father Anthony

Another glorious day, ozone fresh with hints of salt and seaweed. Sunlight danced across the sea. Lowry figures peppered the beach; children shrieked and splashed; waves lapped against the harbour wall. Northern gangsters, silver hatted and black suited, just like their southern cousins, stood sentry along the cliff face warding off gulls. And, just below, a solitary woman sat, alone and quiet.

At a certain level Martha represents an aspect of soul concerned with doing: Mary with being. Obviously, it is necessary to do things otherwise nothing would get done! But, the best spiritual outcome is achieved when what we do is a result of awakened being. This has to do with the cultivated ability to listen and to hear; to listen so deeply that the 'Word', through which everything came to be and which is behind everything, may be discerned, understood and acted upon. It is this being aspect of soul that Jesus, in the Gospel, urges us to cultivate so that it informs and directs what we do in the world. Being comes before doing... beautifully illustrated when Simon (to hear) becomes Peter (the rock) upon whom the church, and therefore all of us, is built upon.

However, a world centred upon utility and materialism has little time for being and attempts to reduce life to systematised, rote like doing. It puts the cart before the horse and wonders why it is in such a mess! This puts us in danger of forgetting, or of not bothering, to develop the spiritual shepherd within us (being). Consequentially, like sheep, we trust and blindly follow political, judicial, educational, media and other worldly voices. Beware! the fate of sheep is at best they get fleeced; at worst they end up with the mint sauce.

Jesus entered a village. He enters our Being. He is found within and it is from within that we must listen for His voice; especially from our troubled, anxious areas; where we feel He is not listening to the many prayers we have made leaving them ignored and unanswered. If we listen in the present, disembodied from past or future, we might hear our name called, followed by ... you are anxious and worried about many things but one thing is necessary. We will then be led to the quiet cloisters of our soul from where everything we are inspired to do will be transformed by His Presence.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

[Click Here](#)

REMINDER OF SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6pm (Saturday evening Vigil Mass) St Gregory's Church

9am St Osmund's Church 11am St Gregory's Church

12.30pm Ordinariate Mass St Osmund's Church & 6pm St Osmund's Church

FEAST DAYS THIS COMING WEEK

[Saint Mary Magdalene Monday 22 July](#)

[Saint Bridget of Sweden Tuesday 23 July](#)

[Saint James , Apostle Thursday 25 July](#)

For more on these feasts please click on the title above or the image in the 'Top News' box.

SCORE - There will be a retiring collection for local charitable projects this weekend 19 & 20 July.

'The Harvest is plentiful, but the Labourers are Few' - Can You Help Our Parish Thrive? We are reaching out to ask for your support in helping our parish continue to flourish, even while we adjust to having fewer priests. There are so many ways you can help, if you would be willing to offer the time and talents you have. For examples of the way you can help please click on '[The Harvest](#)' on our main menu or [click here](#).

Volunteer Role: Social Media Support - A flexible, remote role requiring a few hours per week to assist with basic social media tasks. Ideal for someone reliable and enthusiastic with a basic understanding of social media platforms. The goal is to help share inspiring content and enhance parish outreach. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Deacon Steve Godwin.: stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com

Volunteer to Lead a New Parish Book Club! - Several parishioners have expressed interest in attending a church-run book club, but we need a volunteer to bring this vision to life! Our Parish Centre established for parish activities has several daytime slots still available weekly. A short walk from St Osmund with free parking. If you have an interest in books, please consider leading this exciting initiative. Contact Deacon Steve Godwin: stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com to discuss further.

Pastoral Ministry course - online session: 23 July. A final opportunity to find out more about our new ONE-year course in Pastoral Ministry starting in the Autumn. This course is for anyone who is or would like to be of service to their parish and wider community. For all the information please visit our 'Blog' or [click here](#).

Traffic Signal and associated road works near St Osmund from last Monday 14 July for 5 weeks. The roads affected are all adjacent to the church. During this period there will be no parking in Ivy Street and St Ann Street will be restricted to one lane of traffic and no parking. Please do allow extra time to travel and park.

Youth Group – Have now had their last session before the summer break and will reconvene on the 10 September 6.30pm at the Parish Centre.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 6 August 2025 for Bingo at 2.00pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Parish Rosary Group meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please contact Alison on 01722 741681 for information. All are welcome to join.

Hope & Friendship Group is for anyone experiencing grief or loss, even from a while ago, meets again Monday 11 August 10.45 - Midday in the Parish Centre. Any questions? Call Deacon John Detain 01722 415588.

GAZA'S HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Cardinal Nichols expresses prayer and sorrow after 'appalling strike' on Gaza's Holy Family Church Following the shelling by an Israeli tank of the Church of the Holy Family in Gaza with reports of two deaths, serious injuries, and extensive damage to church buildings, Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: "I condemn this appalling strike on the Holy Family Church in Gaza, pray for the dead and injured, and stand in solidarity with Fr Gabriel Romanelli and the people sheltering in the compound – Christians and Muslims alike. I add my voice to Pope Leo's call for a return of hostages, and an immediate ceasefire to end the suffering in Gaza and bring peace to the region. I encourage you, in your homes and parishes, to pray for peace and an end to this war". For more please visit our blog or [click here](#).

SHARING OUR FAITH

Family of Faith – 'Readiness' forms can all be found by clicking on the '[Family of Faith](#)' button on our homepage or [click here](#). The first session after the summer break will be on Sunday 28 September.

Congratulations to Igor Podsiadlo and Jann Sagun who will make their First Holy Communion at the 9am & 6pm Masses respectively this Sunday 20 July.

Journey in Faith – For adults who are not confirmed Catholics and for those who are returning to the faith of their childhood. The new programme which starts in the Autumn is now on our website with the first session on 21 September 10.30am at the Parish Centre. If you are interested in joining do contact Dave Blake at Salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com. For more including the timetable click on the '[Journey in Faith](#)' button on our home page or [click here](#).

Congratulations and welcome to Fallon Carmella Jaeggi who will receive the sacrament of Baptism next Saturday 26 July and to Niamh Ann McGrath who will also receive the sacrament of Baptism at the 9am Mass on Sunday 27 July at St Osmund. Please keep Fallon & Niamh, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Baptism Preparation Course – The first course after the summer break is scheduled to start on Sunday 5 October and will run for 3 consecutive Sundays at St Osmund. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to join. To request Baptism for your child, please click the 'Registration' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Confirmation 2026 - If you have a child who will be in Year 9 there is an information evening on Wednesday 10 September 6.30pm for the parents in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund. The potential candidates will join with Youth Group at the Parish Centre. Please note that Confirmation sessions next year will be on Wednesday evenings.

Marriage Preparation - The next course is on 6 September 2025. Anyone planning to marry in any of our churches should attend THIS course. Please tell anyone you know who may be planning to marry next year. Contact the

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury 7 September - This year's pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 7 September 2025 and will be centered around the theme of 'Mary, Woman of Hope', aligning with the Jubilee Year's theme of "Pilgrims of Hope".

We have booked a coach at a cost of £22 per adult, children 12 to 18 years £15 **and under 12s go free**. There are sign-up sheets in both churches, please do include your contact details. If you would like to go but finance is a problem, you can speak confidentially to Caroline in the office or one of our clergy. All the information including an introduction by Fr Dominic Findlay-Wilson can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-1 Ordinary Time Week 16 & Psalter 4

Saturday 19 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jane, Hannah & Sophie Tucker

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Maura O'Mahony RIP

SUNDAY 20 JULY

09:00 St Osmund MASS Michael Price RIP

11:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Florence Devine RIP

16:30 Holy Redeemer Syro-Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Francis & Olga Walker RIP

Monday 21 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Rachel Simon RIP

TUESDAY 22 JULY SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

10:00 St Osmund MASS Rosilde Brooks RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mary-Anne Elizabeth Clarke RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS (G) Maria Anna Lambert RIP

Thursday 24 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Arthur Kidston RIP

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FRIDAY 25 JULY SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

10:00 St Gregory MASS Intentions of Kevin Kelly

18:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Louis William Weeks RIP

Saturday 26 July Saints Joachim & Anne

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bernadette Moloney RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

RECONCILIATION

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

St Osmund: Saturdays after the 10am Mass until 12 noon

and by appointment

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

For formation in discernment Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray this week for the Parish of St Peter & St Paul (Bath).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Terri Thomas, Mary Eyre, Fr Keith Robinson, Alan Donegan, Emanuel De Sousa and Maurice Petty 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:

Psalms Response

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

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 2026 For children who will be year 9 there is an information evening on Wednesday 10 September for potential candidates and their families.

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@salisburycatholics.org