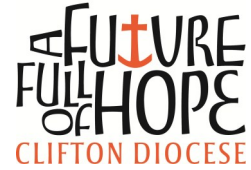


PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 7(C)



From Father Anthony

It was another icy cold morning and still early. Having said my prayers, and with dressing gown wrapped tight, I went downstairs, opened up the church, lit a candle for us all, made some tea and went back upstairs to watch the dawn and listen. A train rumbled and a motor bike roared through the gears: both faded into the distance. Birds greeted the dawn with exquisite song; cathedral bells answered. Someone coughed on the street. I followed the sounds until 'I' was not there; worries, concerns, anxieties, self-preoccupations, for a short while, vanished. Something took it all in... but it was not 'me'. The phone went... oh well!

Jesus said to his disciples, "to you who hear, I say..." Part of discipleship (*being a learner*) is to listen, to hear. The word used is ἀκούω, akouo... *the physical act of listening or hearing*. At a deeper level, it means understanding or comprehending what is heard; the ability to discern the Word of God, or the Message of Jesus: not only in the Scriptures and Gospels, but within the whole tapestry of life.... the rhythm or sound (*voice*) of God in the universe. It requires sensitivity and an absence of self; so that *the other* can be heard as *it is* and not as we are.

It is easy to write about *listening* and almost trendy to do so, especially in religious circles. But, beyond trends the reality is not so easy. It requires practice. That is why we are called learners or disciples. In common with Adam we might still be at the stage of *living beings*. Obviously, we begin with the physical, which comes first. But, as St Paul implies, we should not be content to remain as a *living being*: to do so is to remain in a lesser or retarded state, *i.e.* the state governments, institutions, corporations, (*the world*) condition us into. The physical must be for us a springboard into the spiritual; *from living beings* we must become *life giving spirits*. Dying to who we think we are, we emerge as who we truly are... images of God, in Jesus. From disciples we become Apostles. The world is crying out for Apostles; those sent by Jesus with His Message.

For that, we must have heard His Message and must continue to hear and understand it. Then it will be Him that others encounter through us.

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We wish you a very warm welcome.

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LENTEN SERVICES IN MARCH

ASH WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH - MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Mass times: 10:00 St Gregory, 12:00 St Osmund. and 18:00 St Osmund.

Please note there will be no Ordinariate Mass on this Wednesday.

Downton Ash Wednesday: The Downton Churches Together (Ecumenical) Service with imposition of ashes will be at 7pm in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. All welcome.

Lent Penitential Service 7pm on the 18 March at St Gregory - There will be a number of priests available to hear confessions.

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent 5.20pm at St Osmund, starting on Friday 7 March.

APPOINTMENT OF DEACON TERRY ASPELL TO ST GEORGE WARMINSTER

On his visit to St George (Warminster) last Sunday Bishop Bosco announced that Deacon Terry Aspell has been asked to be Parish Deacon.

We are delighted that Deacon Terry and his wife Marion have agreed to provide both pastoral and sacramental support as well as being the focal point in the running of St George and they will be based in the presbytery there. A formal start date is yet to be confirmed, as he has commitments in his current parish.

Fr Anthony previously worked with Deacon Terry in Royal Wootton Bassett, where Fr Anthony was Priest in Residence with Deacon Terry running the parish.

Parish Centre storage - Our heartfelt thanks to the generous donors for their kind donations. Their contributions mean we can now proceed with installing storage in the Parish Centre, which will greatly benefit and facilitate the activities of our parish groups.

Work on St Gregory's Church car park - Work on widening the entrance/exit to the car park at St Gregory's Church, starts Monday 3 March 2025 and is expected to take about a week. Please park responsibly on the road during that week.

World Day of Prayer on Friday 7 March, 2pm at Salisbury Methodist Church. This is a ecumenical service featuring the Cook Islands. All are welcome.

St Osmund's Candle Stands - Many thanks to Hadyn and Rowena who having serviced the two candle stands for many years have now decided to step down. We are therefore in need of new voluntary help. There is a short video of what it entails, just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#), guidance will also be given by the outgoing duo. **We really need your help**, please do apply to the Parish Office.

Men's Breakfast - The next men's breakfast will be on 15 March at 8.00am in the Parish Centre. The speaker will be Matthew Higgins (new head of St Joseph's school). Tickets are £10 each. Payment can be made on the day in cash or direct to Deacon John Proctor. Please [click here](#) to book your place.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 5 March 2025 for a 60's theme afternoon at 2.00pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Art and Craft Group - which normally meets on Monday morning is now on hold until the end of March.

Phyll Babb who is ninety nine is walking in the cathedral close for a homeless charity. She walks about half a mile and has completed over one hundred walks so far. She is looking to do another one hundred before her birthday in July. If you could walk with her please contact Maureen Pardy on 01722 504295.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

Family of Faith is now on a break until the Sunday 9 March then 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 - will reconvene after half-term on Wednesday 26 February at 6.30pm at our Parish Centre. 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. Help needed 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 - The next session will be on Shrove Tuesday 4 March February at 7pm in the **Parish Centre (please note the venue)**. This will be a joint session with the Youth Group. 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.

Adult Confirmation - Fr Joseph is meeting with adults who have expressed an interest in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at 3pm on Saturday 1 March in St Osmund's Presbytery. If you as an adult have not received this sacrament and are now interested in being confirmed just turn up or email Fr Joseph joseph.meigh@cliftondiocese.com

Journey in Faith Our ongoing programme for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. The next session is Sunday 2 March at 10.30am at the Parish Centre. Contact Dave Blake salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com if you are interested in joining or [click here](#)

Rite of Election on Saturday 8 March 11am Clifton Cathedral. On the first Saturday of Lent, as at the start of every Lent, our diocesan family gather around our bishop in Clifton Cathedral to celebrate the Rite of Election. This is when those who are journeying towards becoming part of our Catholic community are presented to Bishop Bosco. This year, we will again be 'sending' candidates to Clifton Cathedral from our parish. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this important stage in their faith journey. Please do join our diocesan family as we welcome to our Cathedral both catechumens and candidates. All are most welcome to attend!

Baptism Preparation Course - The current course at St Gregory has two more sessions on 2 & 9 March. The next course will also 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](#).

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@cliftondiocese.com for more information. The full timetable is on our website, just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-1 Ordinary Time Week 7 & Psalter 3

Saturday 22 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Saramma Paily RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Doris Phelan RIP

SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Pope Francis in sickness

09:00 St Osmund MASS Nailme Francine on her 100th birthday.

11:00 St Osmund MASS Tulia-Flavia Pop RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 24 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Connor RIP

Tuesday 25 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Liz Barker RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 26 February

10:00 St Gregory MASS Slawek, Narendra, John and Elon - special intention

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 27 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Veronica Fulton RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 28 February

10:00 St Gregory MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS

SATURDAY 1 MARCH SAINT DAVID, PATRON OF WALES

10:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS

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 Parish of St Osmund (Salisbury).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Rosemary Brown, Gerald Curtin, Christopher Piggins, and Sylvia Weston 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

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. 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@salisburycatholics.org