

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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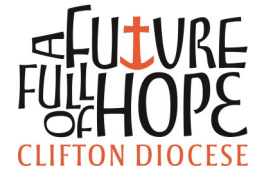
LENT WEEK 2(B)

From Father Anthony

Walking on water, I hurried down Catherine, along St John's and onto Exeter Street. One hand held my hat on, the other gripped a shopping bag. Squalls had been predicted... and had not disappointed! Soaked through, I unpacked, made some tea and went into the office. The garden looked bleak. Lined and creased, the sky wore a dark, damp face. It frowned balefully: then, for a playful moment, opened an eye and bathed the world in light. The garden smiled back with splashes of red and lots of green. The eye closed. The rain continued. I drank the tea.

For a moment nature provided an insight into the experience of transfiguration. When we encounter Christ, we encounter His Consciousness; the world and others are transformed. Nothing changes, as such: yet, everything is transformed. Reality supplants illusion and the dream of life. Depression gives way to joy, darkness to light, confusion to understanding and, so on. Everything is as it radiantly is (*an expression of God*) because, finally, we are truly who we radiantly are, His image and likeness. The constructions we have fashioned of ourselves through pride, envy and resentment, fall away like crumbling walls. The mind ruled by flesh gives way to a mind ruled by spirit (*up the mountain*). Body, Soul, Spirit & Love expressed as Faith, Wisdom, Power and Love (*Peter, James, John & Jesus - aspects of the human person*) now operate outside of our normal experience of the world. The darkness of our soul transfixed and wedded to the world is illumined from within. Transformed, we begin to understand the relationship between Elijah, Moses and Jesus. Elijah, sheer power and prophesy. Moses, Divine Wisdom, the working of the Laws that underpin the Universe. Jesus, the Image of the Father that created it all out of Love. This is what we aspire to during Lent; but...

...it all took place *after six days*. Spiritually, periods of time, (*hours, days, etc*) often represent different 'levels' or 'degrees' of spiritual understanding. Six days represent the highest level before resting, out of body, in Spirit. It might take a minute, a day or years in chronological time. Spiritually, time is a function of our desire and intention to encounter Christ and, once we have made the encounter, bring the experience to others (*Evangelisation or coming down the mountain*). Lent is a time to realistically ask, 'do I want this?'



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

FEAST OF SAINT DAVID, PATRON OF WALES - FRIDAY 1 MARCH

Were we restricted to hard manual labour and a diet of bread, vegetables and water, most of us would find little reason to rejoice. Yet joy is what David urged on his brothers as he lay dying. Perhaps he could say that to them and to us because he lived in and nurtured a constant awareness of God's nearness. For the story of Saint David click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Friday 23 February Your generosity and prayers on this Fast Day helps hardworking fishermen in Liberia (East Africa) to return home safely and feed their families for good. CAFOD envelopes are available in all our churches. There will be a retiring collection this weekend, or you can give online at cafod.org.uk/lent For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

World Day of Prayer Friday 1 March. There will be an Ecumenical Service led by Fr Joseph at St Osmund 2.30pm. The theme is *'I beg you, bear with one another in love'*, we will be praying this year for all the countries in the Middle East caught up in the current crisis. Following the service there will be tea, coffee & cake in the Parish Rooms, to which all are welcome. Donations of cake would be greatly appreciated.

Journey in Faith: This is a programme for adults who are interested in Christianity but who are not confirmed Catholics. The next meeting is Sunday 3 March at 4.30pm in the Parish Rooms, next to St Osmund's on Exeter Street. For more on this programme please visit 'Exploring Your Faith' on our main menu or [click here](#).

Famous Organ Hidden on a Suburban Street! Ben Maton has released a video giving us a wonderful insight into the organ at St Gregory's Church. Built by (Father) Henry Willis, the foremost organ builder in the Victorian Era, we get a little history and hear some beautiful music played in our church. To watch and listen click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Life in The Spirit! The next talk will be by Gerlinde Symons on 'Prison Ministry' on Friday 1 March after the 7pm Mass at St Osmund. The following session on the 5 April will be on 'discipleship of the House of the Open Door Community'. Each session is recorded and can be viewed by clicking on the 'The Holy Spirit' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

World Mission Sunday 2023 - We have received a letter from Missio thanking us for our Red Box contributions last year. The total raised by our parish was £700.48. Thank you.

Alabaré - The Big Sleep Friday 8 March in Salisbury Cathedral in aid of the homeless and vulnerable. Please support our own parishioner, Graham Herbert, who will be sleeping on the floor of the cloisters. If you would like to sponsor Graham please ring him on 01722 333873 or bring your sponsorship money to the Parish Office.

Coffee & Cake in the Parish Rooms every Thursday after the 10am Mass at St Osmund. Do come along.

Art and Craft Group are meeting each Monday after the 10am Mass at St Osmund's in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome whether you have painted, drawn or crafted before. For information contact Oltea on 07597 453989.

Parish Rosary Group meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for information. Everyone is welcome to join.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 6 March 2024 at 2pm in the lounge area of Roman Road Methodist Church. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Children's Liturgy - We have: 'Abraham, Isaac and Jesus Transfigured!' A Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for 2nd Sunday in Lent, Cycle B. To view, click on 'Children's Liturgy' on our homepage or [click here](#).

Sunday Homily by Bishop Robert Barron - reflects on the first reading this Sunday where the Lord puts Abraham to the absolute test of faith. Click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

RITE OF ELECTION

Last Saturday, our diocesan family gathered together at Clifton Cathedral to celebrate the Rite of Election, where those who are journeying towards becoming part of our Catholic community are presented to Bishop Declan. This year, we were delighted to have presented Andre Pereira who is planning to join our Church at Easter. Please pray for all the elect of our diocese, that they will be filled with grace this Easter as they continue forth on their spiritual path to a life in Christ. For more and some photos click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

LENTEN SERVICES

Penitential Service Wednesday 6 March 7pm at St Osmund

Penitential Service Wednesday 20 March 7pm at Christ the King, Amesbury (with Bishop Declan)

Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent 6.20pm at St Osmund until 22 March.

HOLY THURSDAY 28 MARCH

Morning Prayer 10am St Osmund

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6.30pm St Gregory & 8pm St Osmund

GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH

Morning Prayer 10am St Osmund

Stations of the Cross 10am St Gregory & 11am St Osmund

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ 3pm St Gregory & St Osmund

MORE FOR LENT

Cardinal Nichols invites us to follow him through the Stations of the Cross using the traditional text from Saint Alphonsus Liguori. On our 'Lent' page click on 'The Way of The Cross' or [click here](#).

Clifton Diocese Lenten Reflections - 'Journeying Through the Desert'. For week two Sister Hyacinth reflects that we need to find our 'desert' because in the desert we have nothing and in our helplessness we finally turn to Him. The videos are on our [Lent](#) page.

Alabaré Lenten Reflections on the Passion - Being held on Tuesdays during Lent at Riverside House 2 Watt Rd SP2 7UD. The next one titled 'The women at the Passion' is next Tuesday 27th Feb starting at 7:30pm. On the 5th March the title is 'The crowd at the Passion' and on the 12th March the title is 'The authorities at the Passion'. Light refreshments will be available

For all our Lent resources please visit our Lent page, click on the 'Lent' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Baptism Preparation. Week two of the current course is this Sunday 25 February at St Osmund's with 9am Mass and followed by a short session in the Presbytery. The next course is at St Gregory starting 5 May. If you plan to attend, please contact the Parish Office. To register for a Baptism please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

First Holy Communion 2024 The next session is on Saturday 2 March at 2pm in St Gregory's Church. Further information and the programme schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

Confirmation 2024 An extra session has been added to the original programme on Tuesday 12 March at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Further information and the programme schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Lent Week 2 and Psalter 2

Saturday 24 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 25 February

09:00 St Gregory MASS Justin Vargese RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS For the newly weds Tina & Mark Day

11:00 St Osmund MASS Nora O'Reilly RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Rosalina & Joey Padralvez in thanksgiving

Monday 26 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Pauline Brown RIP

Tuesday 27 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Michael Lennard RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 28 February

10:00 St Gregory MASS John Harnett - in sickness

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 29 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Anne Gray RIP

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Friday 1 March

SAINT DAVID, PATRON OF WALES

10:00 St Gregory MASS

18:20 St Osmund Stations of the Cross

19:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 2 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for February.

For the terminally ill.

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment. [Click here.](#)

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Michael Lennard, Stefanie Hawtin, Andrew Osmond, Bernadette Gallagher and Natalie Morabito 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

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

Ps 115

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

Romans 8:31-34

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Mark 9:2-10

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 Caroline for more details:
caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after the 10:00 Mass & Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

St Osmund: Saturdays after the 10:00 Mass (extended hours on the first Saturday in the month have been paused for the time being)

and by prior appointment with our priests.