

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## LENT WEEK 1(A)

### From Father Anthony

I sat outside, tea in hand. The garden was a mass of dull, bare, bent forms. Low down there were signs of new life; daffodils, crocuses and snowdrops. The promise of Spring scented the air. As if to celebrate, the Brown Sparrows made aerial displays and dived in and out of the hedge while the Gunslinger sang his little heart out. I felt the tired, bent old ways that make up my life: and the underlying desire to let them go for something brighter more life giving. As if on que the sun burst through the clouds!

The Saints speak about three stages in spiritual development; the *purgative, illuminative and unitive way*. There comes a stage when, for whatever reasons, we challenge the values, beliefs and conditioning that make up our life. We become aware of how dull, bent and bare our lives may have become and what needs to transform. This is the beginning of the purgative way. In becoming aware of the life we are leading (*observing and feeling it*) we can free ourselves from it, i.e. we can *fast* from the diet of thoughts, feeling and actions that have made up our lives and that inhibit our spiritual growth.

*Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.* The word for *tempted* can also mean *tested*. The root word for 'devil' *diabállō*, means "to slander, accuse, defame" one who *condemns to sever a relationship*. During Lent we are invited to go into the wilderness of our hearts and test to see what in our lives is *severing our relationship with God*.

*Turn these stones into bread.* Bread is life giving; are we trying to find what is lifegiving in a diet of material goods rather than the spirit? *Worship me and I'll give you all of this:* are we worshipping material images of God? God can only be known as unknown (*the wilderness is the experience of God*). God is not the image we have of God. *Throw yourself down:* Most of us day dream about *how life could be!* But God is found in the moment, in the reality we are living. Anything else is testing God to be where He is not, i.e. trying to make Him in our image. Purgation can be unpleasant but it brings the great reward of Illumination (*Understanding*) and then... Unity with God.



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### OUR CHURCHES

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**St Gregory & the English Martyrs**  
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**Most Holy Redeemer**  
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**Chapel of the Good Shepherd**  
Barford Lane, Downton SP5 3QA

**Chapel of the Holy Family**  
Southampton Rd, Whaddon SP5 3EB

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

## BUILDING WORKS IN ST OSMUND CHURCH

The work on the ceiling on north side of the church is now complete, and the scaffolding has been moved to the south side to enable work on that ceiling to commence. There remains strictly **NO PARKING** other than our priests on site during this time as contractors need freedom to use the driveway at all times. Masses on Monday to Thursday which would normally be held in St Osmund Church continue in the Parish Rooms and will be livestreamed via a mobile camera but you must select the **MOBILE** tab on the Church TV - immediately above and to the left of the viewing panel.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 3 March– Lent Appeal** This Lent, join in Family Fast Day on Friday 3 March 2023. Your generosity and prayers will provide more families around the world with the tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis. CAFOD envelopes will be available in all our churches this weekend for collection 4 & 5 March or you can give online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](https://cafod.org.uk/lent) . For more click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Salisbury Foodbank - Lent collection.** During Lent, until Palm Sunday, we will be collecting tinned fruit and tinned potatoes for the Foodbank. Please put your donations into the box at the back of the church. Thank you for your January contributions.

**The Parish Office is being reorganised** on Wednesday 8 March and Thursday 9 March and **therefore will be closed**. The desks, pcs, bookcases, phones etc., are all being moved, therefore there will be no contact with the Office during this period. Please bear with us.

**Parish Charity Quiz Night - Saturday 4 March 7pm at St Elizabeth Hall.** £10 per head, includes a ploughman's supper but please bring drinks. Enjoy an evening out and support the work of the Sisters of Mercy Mission in South Africa. Contact: Steve at [carrivick79@gmail.com](mailto:carrivick79@gmail.com) or 07887 988123 to book places and pay on the night in cash.

**Parish Lenten Soup Lunch**, 12.30-1.30, Thursday 9 March, St Gregory's Hall. St Gregory's Ave. Homemade soup, Crusty Bread and good company. Come along and enjoy the occasion. Donations to Turkey/Disaster fund. All welcome.

**Choir for Easter Triduum in St Osmund's** - Fr Joseph is organising a group of singers - this time to support and enhance the music at our Triduum liturgies in St Osmund's Church. There will be rehearsals on the Wednesday evenings leading up to Easter. Everyone is welcome. Please inform the office if you would like to join in.

**The Ecumenical World Day of Prayer** is this year on 3 March in St Francis Church, Castle St at 2pm. All welcome. World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world. The service this year has been prepared by the women of Taiwan.

**Parking at St Elizabeth Hall** is *always* by **permission only**. However this weekend 25 & 26 February all permissions are revoked as we have a hirer that has **fully booked** the car park on both days. This is an important source of income for the parish - please do not jeopardise these bookings by parking.

**Art Group** meets on Mondays between 10.30am - 12.30pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. All are welcome, whether or not you have painted or drawn before. Contact John and Elizabeth on 01725 510310.

**Bible Book Club** meets on Tuesdays in the Parish Rooms 10:45am - 12:30pm. Please join us as we read and study the Psalms. For further details contact John 07899 244072.

**My Generation** - Will meet next Wednesday 1 March 2023 for Hoy Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For more information please contact Chris on 321109.

## TOWARDS RESURRECTION

### A Parish Retreat claiming the joy of the Resurrection whilst walking the Way of the Cross 17 - 19 March 2023

We are delighted to announce that Father Joseph is leading a three-day residential retreat at the Franciscan Centre, Ladywell, Godalming exclusively for parishioners of the Salisbury Deanery. There will be daily Mass, opportunities for Spiritual Direction and Confession, time together and time apart at this wonderful retreat centre. The grounds are beautiful, offering many different spaces for tranquillity, quiet reflection and enjoyment of God's creation. Cost for three days/two nights is £160 (£80 per night, per person based on two people sharing a room) or £240 (£120 per person, per night for a single room), there is the option to go one day early if you so wish. All meals are included from their 'Five Star' rated kitchen which has earned a good reputation for delicious cuisine freshly prepared on the premises. The centre is well set up to cater for those with mobility difficulties and families. Please contact the Parish Office to book a place (ideally by email if you can) [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org) or 01722 562703. Transport can be arranged for those who need it. Spaces are limited to 24 people, 13 of which have already been taken so please do book early to avoid disappointment. If you have any questions, contact Dave Blake: [nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org)

## LENT 2023

**The Stations of the Cross** also known as the 'Way of the Cross', is a beautiful devotion to recall and honour the Passion of Christ. There are Stations of the Cross devotions in St Osmund's Church **each Friday during Lent at 18:20** (prior to the 7pm Mass). You can also join via our [Church TV](#).

**Lent Reflections** - starting from Ash Wednesday we will be carrying daily reflections with Fr Jonathan Meyer on our website. Just click on the 'Lent Reflections' button on our homepage or just [click here](#).

**Tuesdays in Lent - Bewildering Books, Challenging Chapters, Villains in Verses** - There's a lot of strange stuff in the Bible! How a good Catholic grasp of Old and New Testaments will bring joy to your Lent 7.30-8.45pm at Riverside House (way down the end of Watt Road) starting 28 February. Need a lift? Ask a Deacon.

**Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 5 April.** We have booked a small coach to travel to the Chrism Mass which will be picking up in Salisbury and Amesbury. Places are limited. If you would like to join our priests and deacons at this Mass, please contact the office [office@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:office@salisburycatholics.org)

**Confirmation 2023** Confirmation in the Salisbury Deanery will be on 27 June this year and our programme will begin on 7 March. The deadline for applications to join the programme is **28 February** after which all applications will be deferred until 2024. Anyone in school Year 9 or above who hopes to be Confirmed this year, must apply online **NOW**. Click on the 'Registration/Update' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Congratulations** to Flynn Doyle who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend at St Gregory's. Please keep Flynn, his parents Kathryn & Darren and the godparents in your prayers at this special time.

**Baptism Preparation** To arrange for a baptism please complete an application by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#). John Proctor on 07802 631968 or Steve Godwin on 07583 254488.

**First Holy Communion Programme 2022/2023** Details are on our website, please click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then on 'Holy Communion' or [click here](#). The next session will Saturday 4 March at 2pm in St Gregory's Church for the children. It is very important that all sessions are attended.

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Lent Week 1 and Psalter 1

**\*Monday to Thursday Masses will be in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund, Friday to Sunday Masses are in the Church .**

## Saturday 25 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS In thanksgiving

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Bridget Kerr RIP

## SUNDAY 26 February

09:00 St Gregory MASS Nikolai Bogatyrev RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

11:00 St Osmund MASS Jose Cardoso

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Happy Wedding Anniversaries  
C & K and N & I

## Monday 27 February

10:00 St Osmund\* MASS Private intention

## Tuesday 28 February

10:00 St Osmund\* MASS

## Wednesday 1 March SAINT DAVID, PATRON OF WALES

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

18:00 St Osmund\* Ordinariate MASS

## Thursday 2 March

10:00 St Osmund\* MASS

## Friday 3 March

10:00 St Gregory MASS

18:20 St Osmund Stations of the Cross

19:00 St Osmund MASS

## Saturday 4 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Pat Mooney RIP

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Rita Tora RIP

## RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass

St Osmund Saturdays After the 10:00 Mass

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

*And by appointment with our priests.*

# PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

## POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR MARCH

### For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering. [Click here.](#)

## CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for Religious Communities.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marion Phillips, Michael Pyne, Pamela Finch, Michael Villis, Alma Bradley and Breeda Falconer who died recently and Alfred de Pas and Anita Sullivan who died some time ago. We also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7*

*Psalms 50*

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

*Romans 5:12-19*

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**Man does not live on bread alone**

**but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

*Matthew 4:1-11*

## 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 September 2024, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme. [Click here.](#)

**CONFIRMATION** If you have a child in Year 9 or above, 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](mailto:caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com)