

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

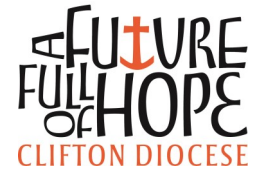
From Father Anthony

Heavy mist swirled and clung to the sea obscuring yesterday's horizon. It muffled the sound of seagulls and deadened the crash of waves against the promenade wall. I sat on a bench letting tendrils of mist nibble at my bare legs. Silently, a ghostly form loomed out of the murk, tall and angular. A ship! I felt a moment of alarm; had it slipped its moorings? Was it going to crash into the harbour wall? Then its engine was heard chugging through the mist; with controlled forward momentum it successfully negotiated the harbour entrance.

"First we overlook evil. Then we permit evil. Then we legalise evil. Then we promote evil. Then we celebrate evil. Then we persecute those who still call it evil" (Fr Dwight Longenecker). Without going into an exhaustive exposition of the word evil, Fr Dwight might have a point. When 1% enjoy exorbitant wealth: when there are wars all over the globe: when, we seek to legalise the termination of life from conception onwards: when we seem more concerned with developing artificial rather than natural human intelligence: when, in the face of global hunger and poverty, we spend billions on space; when we prosecute people for praying silently, and so on... might we be allowed to wonder - thought police, notwithstanding - if we have allowed something to go wrong!

Evil will always occur when we slip our spiritual moorings: a state of psychological entropy ensues bringing chaos and degradation until we all occupy a state of inert uniformity... the trend towards death (darkness). Yet, to remain moored to rigid boundaries is to remain tied, overly ordered, and uniformly 'enlightened': a state of psychological negentropy (false light). To avoid evil and grow spiritually, we must be moored to a stable Loving relationship: to a Person whose stability is that He is 'always with us until the end of time'. Together we write the script of our lives, always growing and moving forward, rejecting other scripts, be they political, corporate, religious or academic. In relationship with this Person (Jesus) we share in His Authority over Heaven and Earth to lead the world rather than being led by it.

Out of this relationship flows Love towards others; Love that draws them out of and away from the darkness and false lights of this world (Baptism). In mutual Love the mysteries of the Trinity reveal themselves and a broken world is renewed.



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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - SUNDAY 26 MAY

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the foundation of our faith. On it everything else depends and from it everything else derives. Hence the Church's constant concern to safeguard the revealed truth that God is One in nature and Three in Persons. On our website there is an explanation by Fr John Hardon SJ as to how the doctrine was developed and the various positions that, throughout the Church's history, have challenged the revealed Trinitarian faith. We also have a video named 'Meaning of the Trinity' by Bishop Robert Barron. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

FEAST DAYS THIS COMING WEEK

[Saint Augustine of Canterbury 27 May](#)

[The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 31 May.](#)

For more information about these saints and feast days, click above or click the image in the 'Top News box.

Collection for Bishop Declan Bishop Declan served our diocese for 23 years and, as you know, has had to retire sooner than we hoped due to ill-health. As a parish, those who would like to contribute to a retirement gift for him are being given the opportunity to do so via a special collection this weekend. If you would prefer to contribute via internet banking, please use reference **BISHOP** and pay into account 'Clifton Diocese' 66287111, 52-10-03. If you are away this weekend, you can place your donation into an envelope marked 'Bishop Declan' and drop into the collection over forthcoming weeks or into the parish office. Please continue to pray for Bishop Declan that he will have a comfortable and happy retirement. Many thanks.

Parish BBQ on 16 June at St Gregory from 10.30am. This will be an event for the whole parish and we hope that parishioners from all of our churches will come along and join in what promises to be a wonderful social occasions. If you would like to contribute in any way to the success of this event, do let us know and watch this space for more details to follow. Mark the date in your diary now!

Missio Mass 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 to come together in prayer for our global Church. Brother Eddie Slavinski MHM will be 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, solidarity, and donations to the Red Box.

Justice & Peace Group - Will be meeting at 2pm tomorrow Saturday 25 May in St Osmund's Parish Rooms and will be discussing 'Red Wednesday' which occurs on the 20 November this year and the 'Little Way Association'. [Click here](#) for their website. All are welcome.

Coffee and Cake following 10am Mass every Thursday morning. Come and enjoy friendly company in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. There is no charge but we welcome a small donation for our chosen charities.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 5 June 2024 for a Quiz at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Help Wanted on Confirmation Day On 18 June, 30 of our young people will be confirmed by Bishop Bosco at St Gregory's Church. They have been a fantastic group and all of the families involved will be bringing food and drink to share for a party afterwards but I would very much like to extend to the families some parish support in terms of setting up, arranging the food, serving drinks and clearing away afterwards to allow the families involved to focus on their young person and enjoy the celebration. If you would be willing to help, I would be so grateful - please email me: joseph.meigh@cliftondiocese.com

Priests' Retirement Fund - Next weekend we have a retiring collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund and special Gift Aid envelopes are available for this at the back of church this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES - SUNDAY 2 JUNE

The children in this year's programme will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the following Masses: 9am St Gregory, 9am St Osmund and 11am St Osmund. We expect these Masses will be very full and therefore Mass may take a little longer than normal. The pews at the front of each Church will be reserved for the candidates and their families. Neither the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday or the Sunday evening Mass 6pm will be affected.

For the Parents & Children on the programme: The final session is tomorrow Saturday 25 May at 2pm in St Gregory's Church. This an absolute '**must attend**' as it is the final session before the 'big day'!

Day on The Holy Eucharist - 'A Bond of Love that cannot be undone' A number of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are travelling together to this day which will be led by Fr Michael McAndrew at St Bernadette's. If you would like to join them, please [click here](#) or contact the parish office as soon as possible. There are now only 3 seats remaining. More information including travel times can be found by clicking the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). There is no charge for this day and we are looking forward to a good day out together.

Bereavement Friendship 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 in the Parish Centre. Any questions? Call John Detain 01722 415588.

Life in the Spirit Each Friday at 7.30pm at the Parish Centre. Last week's talk was given by Lee Proctor on 'Praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit'. This Friday 1 June, the subject will be 'Growth'. All the sessions can be viewed by clicking on the 'The Holy Spirit' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

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 28 May in the Parish Centre.

Baptism Preparation Course The current course finishes this Sunday 26 May at St Gregory. The next course will be at St Osmund starting 16 June. To register for a Baptism please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Funerals. Do your family know your wishes with regards to your funeral? In addition to the in-person service provided by the parish office, parishioners can now go online and create a draft plan by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or [click here](#) (and select Funeral Plan). For more information including suggested readings please select 'Parish Life' on our main menu and then 'Funerals'. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact the parish office.

Sunday Homily - the Church has reflected very deeply on who God is, and on this great doctrine of the Trinity. Bishop Robert Barron offers three ways of approaching this profound mystery. To watch and listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#). The video will be on our website on Saturday.

Children's Liturgy - What is the Trinity? A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for The Solemnity of The Holy Trinity. To watch click on the Children's Liturgy button on our home page or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 8 Psalter 4 and Proper of Solemnity

Saturday 25 May

Saint Bede the Venerable

10:00 St Osmund MASS Alastair Clark RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Nora Burke RIP

SUNDAY 26 May

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09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

09:00 St Osmund MASS Devasia Sebastian RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Michael Lynn RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Monday 27 May

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

10:00 St Osmund MASS Maire Anne D'Alton in sickness

Tuesday 28 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased Family of
Jenny Walker

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 29 May

10:00 St Gregory MASS The Kenny Family RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

Thursday 30 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Louis Godwin RIP

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18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 31 May

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 St Gregory MASS Intentions of Cathy, Jo & Debbie
Surey

19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Saturday 1 June

Saint Justyn

10:00 St Osmund MASS Nora Burke RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Thanksgiving - Mary Fleming

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 May

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for the Parishes of Our Lady & St Alphege (Bath) and St Joseph (Peasedown St John)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Maura 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.

Advance Notice: Requiem Mass for Lou Godwin RIP Friday 7 June 10am at St Gregory. All Welcome

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Psalms 32

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Romans 8:14-17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Matthew 28:16-20

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

NEW LECTIONARY

TO BE LAUNCHED IN ENGLAND AND WALES FOR ADVENT 2024

The Lectionary is a book which contains the readings for Mass (Sundays and Weekdays), for Saints and Sacraments, and other occasions, such as funerals. It is the big book on the ambo in our churches and chapels and it comes in four large volumes. At the Second Vatican Council, the Lectionary was revised so that more of the treasures of scripture would be heard at Mass. For example, whereas prior to the Council only 3% of the Gospel of Mark was heard now 96% is read. One consequence of this was that the Lectionary was, once more, a separate volume separated from the prayer texts of the Mass (the Roman Missal).

The Lectionary is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued to work through all the other liturgical rites. The changes are intended to make biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, using better, more up-to-date biblical scholarship and a text which is more proclaimable.

How will the launch of a new Lectionary affect us?

From the 1st Sunday of Advent 2024, the readings proclaimed at Mass **MUST** come from the new Lectionary. This new edition will use the English Standard Version Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. It will include an up-to-date Proper of Saints including the new universal and national feasts that have been instituted since the publication of the last lectionary in 1981.

Will the prayers of the Mass change?

No. The Roman (Altar) Missal remains unchanged however, people's Sunday & Weekday 'Missals' will need to be replaced as these are an amalgam of the prayers and the readings for Mass.

How much will the Lectionaries we use in the church cost?

The 4-volume Lectionary will be available in three sizes: a full-size Ambo Edition (£695) for our churches, a smaller Chapel Edition (£395) for use in small chapels, and a Study Edition (£250) that is needed by priests and the parish office for liturgy and homily preparation. This represents an unavoidable cost for both the parish and our priests and orders must be placed by 30 June to have them in time.

Would you like to sponsor or contribute towards one of these editions, perhaps in memory of a loved one?

If so please contact Caroline in the parish office or speak to one of the priests or deacons. A fully-sponsored edition comes with a bookplate to mark this memoriam which may be fixed in the inside cover of any editions fully sponsored.

People's Sunday & Weekday Missals

Sunday Missals will arrive in parishes in October 2024 and Weekday Missals in April 2025.

Many parishioners have a Sunday and/or Weekday Missal to either prepare the readings, to reflect on them or to follow the text during Mass and so may wish to order one through the parish to avoid carriage costs.

Sunday Missals for whole liturgical cycle retail from (Standard) £19.95 to (Burgundy) £29.95. Sunday Missal for 2025 only £9.95. More details and images can be found on our website, select 'The New Lectionary' on the main menu or [click here](#).

The Parish will be making a one-off bulk order so that parishioners can avoid the £3.95 packing & postage cost that you will pay if you order as an individual. To order one via the parish, [click here](#).