

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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EASTER WEEK 3

From Father Anthony

It had rained hard all night long. Water dripped from gutters, trees shed blossoms, paths glistened, the sun a dull bulb behind dirty net curtains. Doves cooed and courted on the church roof as the Gunslinger sang a morning anthem; the sun peeped out from behind the dirty curtains. I drank my tea and watched a blackbird peck at the soaked lawn... but it found nothing!

So, they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. What a wonderful depiction of mankind wedded to the world through the five senses (*boat*), using only sensory information (*night*) to attempt to capture and understand (*fishing*) the realm of spirit, its true food... and failing (*caught nothing*). At best life's a pleasant dream; at worst a nightmare. In either case a dream, what the world confuses as reality! Deep down we know or feel that there is more to life than the experience we are having: that something must dawn in us and awaken us to the problem; that we have allowed our minds (*nets*) to be formed by and serve the world which brings us nothing.

The way forward is to use our minds to 'face' the realm of spirit (*pay out your nets to the right or east; east represents the realm of spirit*). Obviously, we must *intend and desire* to catch something, recognise that we cannot do it on our own and that we don't know what to do (*you cannot know what you don't know*). At this point Jesus, through our experience of and openness to the Holy Spirit, instructs us to *do the same thing*, live our same life (*go fishing*) with the difference the He directs and guides our attention to the spiritual meaning and experience of earthly events. We turn our minds away from the world to face Him who is spirit, understanding and knowledge. He is the Catch. He fulfils us. It is Him we bring to the world to transform it (*drag the net ashore*)

Through prayer and reflection, we allow Jesus to pull back the curtain of our minds; in His light we glimpse spiritual realities which we bring to the world. It is a journey without distance; moving from where we are to where we have always been... *but what journey!* Darkness becomes light: ignorance, understanding; hate, love: and loneliness... friendship with all humanity in His company.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

[Click Here](#)

CONCLAVE

A Conclave to elect a new Pope begins on Wednesday 7 May

Only those Cardinals under the age of 80 are allowed to vote. Although there are 135 who qualify, 2 will be absent due to ill health.

The election takes place exclusively in the Sistine Chapel within the Vatican Apostolic Palace, which will remain completely sealed off until the election is concluded.

Praying for the Conclave: Adopt-a-Cardinal

Our prayers are very much with those cardinals who begin the conclave on Wednesday to elect our new Pope, that the Holy Spirit would guide their discussion and decision. As a focus for prayer, why not adopt a cardinal to pray for? To do so, go to: <https://praycardinal.com/>

For much more information click on '[Conclave](#)' on our main menu on our website. .

POPE FRANCIS – REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please visit our dedicated webpage '[Pope Francis RIP](#)' by clicking on the item on our main menu there you will find links to: all the main events including a full recording of the funeral Mass which took place last Saturday 26 April in St. Peter's Square.

FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Tomorrow Saturday 3 May at St Osmund - there will be Anointing and Confessions from 9am to 12 noon with Adoration following Mass at 10am.

ENCOUNTER 2025

A Diocesan-wide "Encounter" programme commences this Saturday 3 May at 9.30am in Clifton Cathedral followed by talks each Wednesday from 7 May to 4 June. A powerful moment of renewal where we come together to strengthen our faith, open our hearts, and unite as a community empowered by the Holy Spirit. On each following Friday (9 May – 6 June) at 7pm we are all invited to the Parish Centre to watch a recording of each talk. For more information click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Parish of St Osmund App – Following difficulties with Apple App Store accepting our status as a charity within Clifton Diocese we have decided to release the app as a web app. The main benefit to us is we are able to update the app without timely submissions to the App stores.

The app is primarily for mobile phone users and provides key information for those on the go. To access the app you first need to navigate with your phone to our website <https://salisburycatholics.org/> - click on 'MENU' then click on 'Parish App'. You will then just need to add it to your home screen.

For Apple users click on the share icon scroll down and select 'Add to Home Screen'.

For Android users using Chrome click on the 3 dots top right then select 'Add to Home Screen' and 'Install'.

Sounds complicated? Experience difficulty? Don't be put off! Come into the parish office with your mobile phone and we will happily help you out.



SHARING OUR FAITH

Family of Faith the next session is Sunday 11 May 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](#).

Journey in Faith - A new programme will start in the Autumn for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. Contact Dave Blake salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com if you are interested in joining or [click here](#)

Confirmation - The Confirmation group will meet next on Tuesday 6 May at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Please click on 'Confirmation' on our homepage or [click here](#) for more information.

Baptism Preparation Course – The next course is scheduled to start on the Sunday 15 June and will run 3 consecutive Sundays at St Osmund. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to join. To request a Baptism for your child, click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Clergy Training – There will be a retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund next weekend 10/11 May. Clifton Diocese has three seminarians in formation for the priesthood: Neil Peixoto, Nohil D'Souza, and Martyn Jones.

Requiem Mass for Peter Gange RIP will take place in St Osmund's Church at 12 noon next Thursday 8 May. There will be no 10am in St Osmund's on this day. All parishioners are warmly welcomed to attend the Requiem for Peter.

Requiem Mass for Gertie Harmon RIP will take place next Friday 9 May at 10am at St Osmund's. This Mass will be the parish morning Mass for that day, replacing the normal Friday 10am Mass at St Gregory. All welcome

First Friday Q & A this evening Friday 2 May 7pm in the Parish Centre after the Friday evening Mass. The subject will be 'Marianology'. We hope to see you there.

Radiant - A group for women, meets again next Thursday 8 May, 7.00 - 9.15pm at the Parish Centre, New ladies are always welcome. Bring a plate to share, nothing too fancy or difficult and an open heart. For more information contact Xanthe on 07904 589360 or click on 'Radiant' on our homepage or [click here](#).

My Generation will be meeting next Wednesday 7 May 2025 for a V E Day tea at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

The Assisted Dying Bill is having its 3rd reading in Parliament on 16 May. SPUC intend to hold a silent witness against this Bill tomorrow Saturday 3 May between the 11am – 1pm. We will stand holding a banner along the Southampton Rd opposite Wiltshire College. Please contact Alison Verrian on 01722 741681 if you can commit to joining this important event.

In support of Salisbury Hospice - The Fabulous Family Fun Day is back for its 11th year! Saturday 10 May from 12 noon at Salisbury Rugby Club. Lots for everyone to enjoy! If anyone would like tickets for the grand raffle please contact Sarah Varney by email Svarney1@me.com

Parish Rosary Group meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm, resumes on Wednesday 4 September. Please contact Alison on 01722 741681 for information. All are welcome to join.

Hope & Friendship Group – meet on the second Monday of each month at the Parish Centre 10.30am to 12 noon. Next meeting 12 May.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

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SATURDAY 3 MAY SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

For the Sick of the Parish

09:00 – 12:00 Confessions & Anointing with Adoration after Mass

10:00 St Osmund MASS Gwylm Walker RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

SUNDAY 4 MAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS In thanksgiving –Illas Family

09:00 St Osmund MASS Bob, Mary & Moya McCarthy RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Gertie Harmon RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 5 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Amminni Thomas RIP

Tuesday 6 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 7 May

10:00 St Gregory MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 8 May

No 10:00 Mass on this day.

12:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Peter Gange RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the Requiem Mass

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 9 May

No 10:00 Mass at St Gregory this day

10:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Gertie Harmon RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS (G)John Callan RIP

Saturday 10 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Buck RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Peter Ivaldi RIP

18:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

RECONCILIATION

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

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

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS' LAST MONTHLY INTENTION

For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray this week for the parishes of St John the Baptist (Trowbridge) and St Bernadette (Westbury).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pope Francis, Peter Gange, Peter Emmett, Margaret Price, Gertie Harmon, Celia Maidment 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:

Psalm Response

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race.

Alleluia.

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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