

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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LENT WEEK 2(A)

From Father Anthony

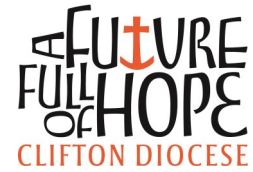
There was a moment during one of the weekday masses, just after the Gospel, when we sat in silence together; you could have heard a pin drop. The only sounds were birdsong and distant traffic... which only intensified the silence. It was sublime. I felt the cares and worries of the world melt away and a sense of the real me smiling back: the effects lasted for the rest of the day.

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Among other things Lent is a time for interior listening amid the noise of the world. *'Listen to Him.'* The word used, *akouó* (ἀκούω, *from which we get the word acoustic*) means to hear, to listen, *to comprehend by hearing*. Spiritually: a state *whereby we can be taught by God's inward communication*. We listen within so as to hear (*comprehend*) God communicating with us.

The Gospel passage tells us how to do this but in a subtle manner! Tightly bound to the physical events, which the Gospel passage records, are the spiritual realities which underpin them. We must use our spiritual eyes and ears to see and hear what is contained within these historical events.

Spiritually, Peter, James, John and Jesus represent four aspects of humanity: Body, Soul, Spirit and Ego, *i.e. our Individuality, I Am. Going up the mountain* represents leaving the psychological, physical world for the world of Spirit... silence. Here we attempt to listen *and hear*. By turning away from our habitual life with its cares and worries (*going up the mountain*) we begin to feel the Love (*Jesus*) *which we are* shining back. Love is the motivating force: we let it lead us beyond the silence. It brings forth and combines our *natural wisdom (Moses)* with our *innate power and resolution (Elijah)*. The dialogue between them (*conscience*) transforms us in body, soul and spirit (*the three tents*). It is this transformation we bring to the world (*coming back down the mountain*): not by talking about it (*tell no one*) but by *being it, i.e. raising ourselves above our habitual, worldly and dead ways of thought, word and deed (until the son of man has risen from the dead)*.

During Lent let us seek this silence so as to feel the Love which we are... and listen (*comprehend*) to it. It will gently transform us and our dealings with the world.



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Chapel of the Good Shepherd
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Chapel of the Holy Family
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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"

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 four adults who are 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. Photos can be viewed via the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Friday 3 March 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 are available in all our churches and 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](#).

The Parish Office is being reorganised on Wednesday & Thursday 8/9 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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Reminder Fr Joseph has organised a day for all EMHCs **next Saturday 11 March** - those who were previously distributing Holy Communion at Mass AND those who were, or still are, taking Holy Communion to the housebound, care homes or to the hospital. The day is from 10am-3pm beginning at 10am with Mass at St Gregory. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

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 and support the work of the Sisters of Mercy Mission. Contact: Steve at carrivick79@gmail.com or 07887 988123 to book and pay on the night in cash.

Lenten Soup Lunch, 12.30-1.30pm, 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/Syria disaster fund.

Choir for Easter Triduum in St Osmund's Fr Joseph is organising a group of singers to support and enhance the music at our Triduum liturgies in St Osmund's Church. There will be rehearsals on Wednesdays 15, 22, 29 March & 5 April in the Parish Rooms at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Please inform the office if you would like to join in. Everyone is most welcome.

Confirmation Programme 2023 commences next Tuesday 7 March at 7pm at St Osmund for both Parents and Candidates. All those enrolled in this year's programme are encouraged to attend. The programme is available on our website, please click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then select 'Confirmation' or just [click here](#).

Congratulations to Cece Jade Houston who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend at St Osmund's. Please keep Cece, her parents Robyn & Joseph and the godparents in your prayers.

Baptism Preparation To arrange for a baptism please complete an application by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

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 is this Saturday 4 March at 2pm in St Gregory's Church for the children. It is very important that all sessions are attended.

St Gregory's Pastoral Group On Monday 6 March at 6.30pm in St Gregory's Hall a meeting to discern the next stage of planning for our pastoral mission. We are moving away from the old PPC model of discussing bricks, mortar and finance and will be considering pastoral and outreach matters to build our Catholic community and grow our church. Everybody is encouraged and very welcome to attend. Refreshments from 6pm.

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. 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). 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 or 01722 562703. Transport can be arranged for those who need it. There are only a few spaces left for those who are prepared to share, any questions please contact Dave Blake: nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org

ADOPT A STREET ON THE NEW ESTATES THIS EASTER 2023

This Easter we are concentrating our Outreach efforts exclusively on the new housing developments. The estates of Longhedge, Old Sarum, St Peter's Place, Harnham (nr Bookers) and off The Avenue, Wilton. If you are fit and able please volunteer to deliver our Easter cards with all the liturgy times from Maundy Thursday through to Easter Sunday. There is no door knocking, just simply posting cards through letter boxes. The available streets are all listed on our website, click on the 'Adopt a Street' button on our homepage or [click here](#). To claim a street, please email outreach@salisburycatholics.org or call the office with the name of the street or streets you wish to adopt. By posting cards these cards we are responding to Pope Francis' call to be an 'outward facing' church involved in a process of a continual invitation. *We scatter the seeds and we leave the rest to God.*

LENT 2023

Lenten Penitential Service on Tuesday 21 March 7pm at St Gregory's Church. There will be three priests available to hear individual Confessions.

The Stations 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 6.20pm** (prior to the 7pm Mass). You can also join from home via our [Church TV](#).

Stations of the Cross in St Osmund's School Our children are once again preparing their reflections on Jesus' journey to Calvary by creating their own Stations of the Cross representations in the school hall. Parishioners and family members are very welcome to attend on Thursday 23 March between 9-11am and 1.30-4pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to join us in prayer and reflection as part of our joint parish/school preparation for Easter.

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

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Lent Week 2 and Psalter 2

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

Saturday 4 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Pat Mooney RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Rita Tora RIP

SUNDAY 5 March

09:00 St Gregory MASS Sherly George & Thressiamma Xavier RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Mary-Anne Clarke RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 6 March

10:00 St Osmund* MASS Beatrice Meech RIP

Tuesday 7 March

10:00 St Osmund* MASS Peggy Lemonde RIP

Wednesday 8 March

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS

18:00 St Osmund* Ordinariate MASS Fr Keith Robinson in sickness

Thursday 9 March

10:00 St Osmund* MASS

Friday 10 March

10:00 St Gregory MASS

18:20 St Osmund Stations of the Cross

19:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

Saturday 11 March

10:00 St Gregory MASS Anne & David Power RIP

Please note this Saturday morning Mass is at St Gregory and there will be no confessions at St Osmund.

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Remember in your prayers Sidney Flavel

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 St Ambrose / Diocesan Curia / Diocesan Services.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-4

Psalms 32

**May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

2 Timothy 1:8-10

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!

Matthew 17:1-9

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:
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