

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## FIFTH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

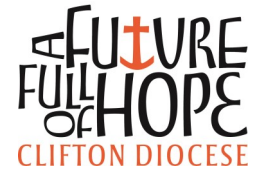
### From Father Anthony

I sat quiet and very still. After a period of prayer and meditation I opened my eyes. Early morning light peeped over the horizon and flooded the room with orange. Birdsong filled the air. Cathedral bells told the hour; Gangsters swooped and cawed. I stood up and looked down at the garden. Belatedly, nature has stretched her limbs and puffed out with new growth. The borders lay like a discarded necklace of reds, pinks and yellows topped with white. The early morning prayer had shaped the state of my consciousness such that I was disposed to take it all in and marvel at the beauty... unlike the previous day which had been characterised by a state of consciousness that noticed very little other than the worry and turmoil within!

*In my father's house there are many rooms.* For some early spiritual schools these *rooms* referred to what we would call *states of consciousness*. The word translated as *room* (μονή, μόνή) derives from a root meaning *to remain or abide...* hence *a state of consciousness*, the place where we abide in our mind, our experience of ourselves; the place from where we perceive and interpret the world. We are always in a state of consciousness. When asleep and dreaming we are having a real experience; we experience colour, sound, movement and relationship, however disjointedly. There is a state so profound and remote that it is characterised by the absence of experience (*the deep sleep state*). Then we waken to what we call *waking or everyday consciousness*. In death, with the body cast aside, life continues as a finer state of consciousness; thus, we say in the Funeral Rite, *'life is changed not ended'*.

Life, and our experience of it, changes all the time: it is always a function of the state of consciousness we have wittingly or unwittingly allowed ourselves to be in. In this sense there is no death, only life as experienced as the state of consciousness we are in. With the appropriate desire and intention: through prayer, meditation and correct living, we can arrive at a state of consciousness that is Christlike. Hence, we can do *greater things than He* because we will be operating from the same *state*. To see us (*perceive us*) will be to perceive the Father because it will be the Christlike state others perceive and experience; and He and the Father are one.

**Month of May** - during May we will be singing the Salve Regina after each of the weekday Masses in honour of our Lady.



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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"

## HOLY REDEEMER CONSULTATION

If you have not already done so, please now complete the questionnaire available on the future of this building. Click on the homepage button or [click here](#). Printed copies are available in all our churches. The deadline for questionnaire submission is Sunday 28 May.

There is an open meeting in Holy Redeemer Hall at 4.30pm on Saturday 13 May. In addition there is a meeting via ZOOM on Sunday 14 May at 3pm, to join go to the [Holy Redeemer Consultation](#) page then click on the meeting button or [click here](#).

## YOUNG CATHOLICS PRAYER & SOCIAL

For young Catholics (20s, 30s, students, couples, young families, all welcome). This time, an informal Bible study. BYO drinks & snacks. Thursday 18 May in St Gregory's Hall, starting around 8pm (after the 7pm Mass at St Gregory's for the Ascension). For more info, contact Fr Joseph ([joseph.meigh@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:joseph.meigh@clifftondiocese.com)).

**Clergy Training Fund** - There is a retiring collection this weekend 6 & 7 May. The Clergy Training Fund invests in men who have answered the call to serve the people of God. It takes 7 years to train for the priesthood, and costs around £30,000 per year per seminarian. Please watch our very own Fr Thomas Lawes now Assistant Priest at Holy Rood in Swindon talk about vocation and his own journey to priesthood, as well as his life and ministry as one of our newer priests. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). Envelopes will also be available in each of our churches.

**The Listening Place (Salisbury)** - which provides a friendly and safe place where people can share whatever is on their mind with a trained listener, are in need of more listeners. There is a course starting on Saturday 20 May followed by three further Saturday training sessions. If you are interested in volunteering please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) for all the details.

**Retired Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - If you have stepped down from this role and are no longer using your pyx we would like to put it to use in the parish. We have recently commissioned a number of new EMHCs and will have to purchase a number of pyxes if some of those previously in use are not returned to us. Please drop off at the parish office if you have one that you are happy to donate/return. Many thanks.

**The Rosary Group** will be praying the Rosary in St Osmund's Church on Wednesday 10 May at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join. No need to book, just come along. Never prayed the rosary? No problem, we will help you. Please contact Josephine for further information on 01722 328410 or email: [josephineandgin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:josephineandgin@hotmail.co.uk).

**Special SCORE meeting** on Monday 22 May 7-8.30pm in St. Osmund's Parish Rooms. There will be presentations from some of the charities supported by SCORE during 2022/23, including: Home-Start South Wiltshire; Salisbury Pantry, and EdUKaid. All parishioners are invited to attend and stay for refreshments.

**My Generation** will be meeting next on Wednesday 17 May 2023 for a Beetle Drive at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

**Salisbury Foodbank:** During May we are collecting tinned tomatoes for the Foodbank. Please place items in the box at the back of our churches.

## LIVING OUR FAITH - ENCIRCLES

ENCIRCLES was established in April 2019 as a Salisbury non-profit charity administered and operated solely by volunteers. One of their main activities is distributing food, each evening at the Salisbury Coach Park, to the Street Homeless, our friends living in Supported Accommodation and even some of our friends who are experiencing financial difficulties right now.

Previously, much of the food, in summer, was provided by Salisbury bakeries but the supply from this source has recently been significantly reduced. Thus, ENCIRCLES is seeking volunteers to prepare 20 sandwiches and deliver them to the Salisbury Coach Park (near the Boathouse restaurant) at 6:50pm.

Please can you advise Mike Riding at: [Finance.Salisbury@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Finance.Salisbury@cliftondiocese.com), if you would like to be a 'Sandwich Volunteer'. If there are at least six volunteers, Mike will develop a rota so that each volunteer would be required to supply the 20 sandwiches for one evening, every six weeks.

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Commissioning**

Thank you to all our EMHCs who have stepped forward once again to minister at Mass and to take communion to our housebound parishioners. If you have returned to this ministry but were not able to attend the training and Commissioning Day on the 11 March, Fr Joseph is organising two further sessions. The two dates planned are 13 and 20 June, both at 7pm in Holy Redeemer Hall and Church. The session on the 13th will focus on ministering at Mass and the 20th will focus on taking Communion to the sick and housebound. Direct invitations will be emailed in the coming days to those who are currently active but have not been commissioned since before the pandemic. Please do let the Parish Office know which of these two sessions you plan to attend.

**Nuptial Mass for Francesca Rule and Shaun Elliott 13 May 1pm at St Osmund.** They would love you to come and join them. They have many non-churchgoing friends but are hoping for a wedding where the prayers are prayed, the responses articulated and the hymns sung. Parking will be available in St Osmund's School carpark.

**Nicodemus Group** - the next session is Wednesday 10 May, 7pm at the St Elizabeth Hall, Exeter Street. Whether you are new to the Church, have grown up as a Catholic or are new to Christianity, you have a place at the table. For more information please click on 'Nicodemus Group' on our main menu or [click here](#). If you would like more information or to attend, please contact Kate Bullen at [nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org](mailto:nicodemus@salisburycatholics.org)

**Congratulations** to Louis Francis Giancarlo Parr who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday at St Osmund's. Please keep Louis and his parents Giulia & Michael and his godparents in your prayers.

**Baptism Preparation** To apply for a baptism please complete a 'Baptism 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 final session is on Saturday 3 June at 2pm in St Gregory's Church for the children. There will be a rehearsal for First Communion Masses on this day.

**Confirmation Programme 2023** next session will be on Friday 19 May 7pm for a Candidates' social and a meeting the following day (Saturday 20 May) at 11am for the candidates only. Both sessions will be held at St Osmund. The full programme is available on our website, please click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu or [click here](#).

**Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron 5 Sunday of Easter**, he reflects on the first reading and that of: 'the number of disciples was greatly increased and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith'. To listen and watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Children's Liturgy** from Catholic Kids Media: 'I am the Way the Truth and the Life' for this the 5th Sunday in Easter. Click on the 'Children's Liturgy' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Easter Week 5, Psalter 1 and Proper of the Season

## Saturday 6 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS James (Jim) O'Farrell RIP

**NB - no confessions after Mass at St Osmund this Saturday**

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Annamma Thomas RIP

## SUNDAY 7 MAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

09:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving for Freddie

11:00 St Osmund MASS Rodney Cotton RIP

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Laurence van Hoof

18:00 St Osmund MASS Private Intention

## Monday 8 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

## Tuesday 9 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Wednesday 10 May

10:00 Holy Redeemer MASS May Murtagh RIP

14:30 St Osmund Rosary

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS Christine Demichen RIP

## Thursday 11 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Leonard Hirst RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**11:00 St Gregory Requiem MASS William Burke RIP**

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Friday 12 May

10:00 St Gregory MASS

18.10 St Osmund Stations of the Resurrection (Via Lucis).

**Please note Stations are now 10 minutes earlier than previously**

19:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

## Saturday 13 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Sidney Flavel RIP

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Donal Ellis RIP

## RECONCILIATION

St Gregory Fridays After the 10:00 Mass

**St Osmund: There will be no confessions this Saturday 7 May as there is a wedding following the morning Mass.**

Holy Redeemer Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

*And by appointment with our priests.*

# PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

## Pope Francis Intention for May

### For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world. [Click here.](#)

## CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray this week for the parish of St Thomas More (Bradford-on-Avon).

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kenneth McNally, William Burke, Michael Stevenson, Judith Giles, Sidney Flavel and Anthony (Tony) Brady. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

*Acts 6:1-7*

*Psalm 32*

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

*1 Peter 2:4-9*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.'

**Alleluia!**

*John 14:1-12*

## 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)