

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 6(B)

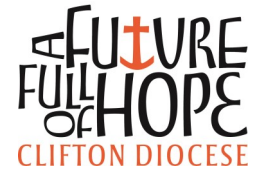
### From Father Anthony

Blackbirds are shrieking later into the lengthening evenings: the air is sweeter with fast approaching spring. I fussed in the garden. The gunslinger swooped and contemplated me with a challenging eye. Mrs Cat lurked; Spivs chattered a noisy warning. Still a mass of bare, skeletal shapes there are hints of new life and the riot of colour to come: even red bloom on the Quince! However, hidden beneath, germinates another resident, one who could easily obscure the natural beauty... bindweed!

'If you wish, you can make me clean'. The word used for clean is *katharizó*: καθαρίζω... *to cleanse, make pure*; spiritually, purifying thought from the contamination of error and illusion. Last week we saw Jesus dealing with the reflected effects of attributing to others and the outside world, things, events and feelings that actually originate within ourselves, (*projection*).

The bindweed of the soul goes deeper. There is *stuff* we are conscious of but keep hidden (*suppression*); *stuff* just out of awareness (*subconscious*) and *stuff* we are no longer conscious of it (*repression*). It all affects us. Spiritually, it is referred to as *leprous* - from lepros: λεπρός, meaning scaly... like the scales of a fish. The many scales or layers of our inner being confuse understanding and experience of *who we are, why we are, and what we are*, which obscures *that we are*. *That we are* (*pure consciousness*) is prior to *who, what and why we are*. It is from this Consciousness (*Christ*) that creation and awareness of everything takes place. It is the power and presence of God. Once again, Jesus touches the leprous soul with his hand... *the hand representing His creative ability, the power and presence of God*. He restores the leprous soul to its creative consciousness: restores its ability to direct itself, others and the world rather than being led by them.

His *hand* is found within because Christ, our creative consciousness, *through whom everything came into being (Jn1:3)* is found within. This is our healing. We must understand: only Christ Heals and only Christ should be acknowledged... not the world (*show yourself to the priests*): and, when we identify healing with personality (*tell it abroad*) healing action is closed (*He could not openly enter the city*). This is why we must rest in and act from our creative consciousness, i.e. prayer in the lonely place which is beyond label but from which everything emerges.



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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"

## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Recently, a Communion host was found on the floor of the parish hall, meaning that somebody had taken it away, and then dropped it. So please, when you come forward for communion, you must consume the host immediately. If you are receiving on the hand, please place your palm flat, pick it up with your other hand, and put it in your mouth before returning to your place. You may wish to take a step to the side to allow the next person to come forward, but please don't walk away until you have consumed the host. It is not permitted to take a host home, or to anybody else, unless you are a special minister taking the Sacrament to the sick, by arrangement with the priest. All of this, of course, is to ensure that the utmost care and reverence is shown to Our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you.

## MASS FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH - SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 10AM AT ST OSMUND

Following the 10am Mass on Saturday (10 Feb) will be Adoration and the opportunity for Confession and/or the Anointing of the Sick. The priests will be available for Confession and Anointing until 11am or until the last person present has received the Sacraments. Please invite anyone you know who may be in need of these Sacraments.

**World Day of Sick Sunday 11 February** 'It is not good that man should be alone, Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships', is the theme of Pope Francis' message for the 2024 commemoration of the World Day of the Sick, this Sunday 11 February. For more and the full message from Pope Francis click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Life in The Spirit!** The last talk and testimony was by Caroline Robson on her walk on 'The Camino de Santiago de Compostela'. The next talk will be by Gerlinde Symons on 'Prison Ministry' on Friday 1 March after the 7pm Mass at St Osmund. Each session is recorded and can be viewed by clicking on the 'The Holy Spirit' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**Volunteer Sacristan** needed for the Wednesday 10am Mass at St Gregory's. To be part of a rota, probably 3-weekly, to unlock and lock the church and the preparation of the Altar for Mass. Full training will be provided. Please contact Deacon Steve Godwin for more information or to volunteer.

**Alabaré - The Big Sleep Friday 8 March** in Salisbury Cathedral in aid of the homeless and vulnerable. Please support our own parishioner, Graham Herbert, who will be sleeping on the floor of the cloisters. If you would like to sponsor Graham please ring him on 01722 333873 or bring your sponsorship money to the Parish Office.

**Justice & Peace Group** are in need of someone with a laptop and the technical knowhow to connect to either the large screen in the Parish Rooms or to a projector to screen films (YouTube) for the group. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office.

**Rosary in Salisbury Cathedral - Friday 16 February** The Rosary is prayed by Catholics and Anglicans in Salisbury Cathedral on the third Friday of each month at midday. The next meeting will be on Friday 16 February. If you would like to join us, we meet in the Cathedral Refectory 1130-1150 before going into the Cathedral. All welcome.

**Parish Rosary Group** meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for information. Everyone is welcome to join.

**My Generation** will be meeting next on Wednesday 21 February 2024 at 2pm in the Lounge of Roman Road Methodist Church, due to the current work being carried out in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

## LENTEN RETREAT: FROM THE DESERT TO THE MOUNTAIN 22-25 FEBRUARY

Following the highly successful Parish Retreat last year, we will be returning to the Franciscan Centre near Godalming for a retreat to kick-start your Lenten experience so that we enter the Easter season with a renewed sense of faith and personal mission. There are still places available. The cost per person is about £250-£300. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**There will be a further Retiring Collection** on 17/18th Feb after all our Masses which will enable you to support this. (Gift Aid envelopes will be available). All money collected will go towards helping those who cannot afford a place on the retreat to attend.

### ASH WEDNESDAY - 14 FEBRUARY

#### **Mass and Imposition of Ashes**

10:00 St Osmund, 12:00 St Osmund, and 19:00 St Gregory.

Please note: there will be NO Ordinariate Mass on this Wednesday as Fr Jonathan will be celebrating Mass in Tisbury.

**Downton Churches Together** (Ecumenical) Service with imposition of ashes will be at 7pm in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Barford Lane. All welcome.

### LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

#### **Wednesday 6 March 7pm at St Osmund**

Now that Bishop Declan is planning to come to Christ the King in Amesbury to preside at a Penitential Service for the Deanery on 20 March, we have moved our previously planned Penitential Service from 21 March to **6 March**. Please amend your diary/Parish Planner accordingly. Many thanks.

### MORE FOR LENT

**Stations of the Cross** Every Friday during Lent 6.20pm at St Osmund starting next Friday 16 February

#### **The Lent Encounter**

Stuart Ford, who spent a year in this parish as a seminarian, and who now works for the Bible Society, has edited and contributed to a series of Lenten devotions called: The Lent Encounter: where is Jesus in the Old Testament? Take a journey through the Old Testament this Lent to find the answer. Sign up for free at: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-lent-encounter-sign-up/> and you'll receive a free daily devotion from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

**Rite of Election on Saturday 17 February 11am Clifton Cathedral.** This is when those who are journeying towards becoming part of our Catholic community are presented to Bishop Declan. This year, we are delighted to be 'sending' Andre Pereira to Clifton Cathedral from our parish. Please keep Andre in your prayers as he moves into this next important stage in his faith journey.

**Baptism.** Our next preparation sessions will take place at St Osmund's on Sunday 18 & 25 February and 3 March commencing at the 9am Mass and followed by a short session in the Presbytery. If you plan to attend, contact the Parish Office. To register for a Baptism click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

**First Holy Communion 2024** The next session is on Saturday 2 March at 2pm in St Gregory's Church. Further information and the programme schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

**Confirmation 2024** The next session is on Shrove Tuesday 13 February at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Further information and the programme schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 6 and Psalter 2

### Saturday 10 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS The Sick of the Parish  
Followed by Confessions and/or Anointing  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Brenda Quinn RIP

### SUNDAY 11 February World Day for the Sick

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish  
09:00 St Osmund MASS Katia Cowan & Family RIP  
11:00 St Osmund MASS Damien Fleming RIP  
12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS  
16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS  
18:00 St Osmund MASS Marie McFlynn RIP

### Monday 12 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Peter Fulton, Ted & Barbara Sim  
RIP

### Tuesday 13 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Wednesday 14 February ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Muricken RIP  
12:00 St Osmund MASS  
19:00 St Gregory MASS

### No Ordinariate Mass this Wednesday

### Thursday 15 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mitchel Chinedum - Birthday

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

### Friday 16 February

10:00 St Gregory MASS Frank Farley RIP  
18:20 St Osmund Stations of the Cross  
19:00 St Osmund MASS Julia Ryan RIP 50th Anniversary

### Saturday 17 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bridget McEvelly RIP

### First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Rita Tora & Patricia Dicks RIP

## PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

### Pope Francis Intention for February.

For the terminally ill.

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment. [Click here.](#)

**CLIFTON DIOCESE** - We pray for the parishes of Holy Rood (Swindon), St Peter (Swindon) and Sacred Heart (Royal Wootton Bassett).

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Natalie Morabito, Joan Cave, Marianne Clare and Sheila Crooks 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

*Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46*

*Ps 31*

**You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

*1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.**

**Alleluia!**

*Mark 1:40-45*

### 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:

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## RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after the 10:00 Mass & Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

St Osmund: Saturdays after the 10:00 Mass (extended hours on the first Saturday in the month have been paused for the time being)

*and by prior appointment with our priests.*