

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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EASTER WEEK 4 GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

From Father Anthony

I drove out to see the bluebells, a carpet of blue floating on a sea of green; and the scent! Leaves rustled in the breeze, the sun smiled, as springtime began to say goodbye, a dog barked in the distance. I found the stream, propped up against my favourite tree, closed my eyes and listened. The noise of ugly thoughts scrabbled for attention, but I let them float away to the sound of flowing water.

My sheep hear my voice. There is something about the sound of a loved one. The sound of his or her voice, especially after a long separation; the sound of your child; the sound of a mother or father for a child. There are the sounds of nature; birdsong in the morning, wind in the trees, water flowing, lambs bleating, a cow mooing and so on. We recently had Fr Josephs sisters beautiful dog (*Kiwi*) staying with us. At first, she was wary but as she grew used to the sounds - and smells - she relaxed, accepted us as she was accepted and became part of our little household. She is gone and we are bereft!

Each of us has our own sound, vibration, frequency. In Genesis *'the spirit hovers over the waters'*; the word translated as hover means *to vibrate*. The universe comes into being through sound and vibration... no wonder Nikola Tesla said, *"if you want to find the secrets of the universe, think in terms of energy, frequency, and vibration."* Jesus has His own Sound (*Voice*). It is **the** sound, **the** frequency, **the** vibration; *"through It all came to be and without It nothing came to be that is in being"*; *through It all is sustained*. And His Sound (*Voice*) is found within; it lives within us. If we are attentive enough, we can encounter this sound, vibration, frequency, energy... His Voice within.

Just as a lullaby soothes fear or stress in a child, so his Voice, his Sound, will soothe our thoughts (*sheep*) of anger, stress, hate, fear, irritability and very much more. His Presence will lead the thoughts of our minds into pleasant pastures as we begin to think, feel and will like Him until, as St Paul says, it is *'not me but Christ in me'*. Then, to be in our presence will be to be in His Presence... and the sound of us will heal the world.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

[Click Here](#)

POPE LEO XIV

"Peace be with all of you!" - the first words of Pope Leo XIV. The Conclave has elected Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost as the 267th Bishop of Rome. The new Pope was announced to the waiting crowds by Cardinal Protodeacon Dominique Mamberti.



Annuntio vobis gaudium: HABEMUS PAPAM

The first Augustinian Pope, Robert Prevost - now Leo XIV - is the second Roman Pontiff from the Americas after Pope Francis. However, unlike Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the 69-year-old Robert Francis Prevost is from the northern part of the American continent, though he spent many years as a missionary in Peru before being elected head of the Augustinians for two consecutive terms.

For much more background on our new Pope including his first Urbi et Orbi address please click on 'Pope Leo XIV' on our main menu or [click here](#).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 11 MAY

On Sunday the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate and religious life? Visit our web page for prayers for vocations, a message from the late Pope Francis and four short videos by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). There will be a retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund this weekend 10/11 May. Gift aid envelopes are available in the porch of each church. Clifton Diocese has three seminarians in formation for the priesthood: Neil Peixoto, Nohil D'Souza, and Martyn Jones, so please be generous.

ENCOUNTER 2025- LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

A Diocesan-wide "Encounter" programme commenced 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. Starting this evening Friday 9 May at 7pm, and each following Friday until the 6 June, 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

The app is primarily for mobile phone users. 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'.

When you first open the app please 'Allow Notifications' to receive notifications from us via the app.

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.

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SHARING OUR FAITH

Family of Faith the next session is this 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 meeting on the 20 May has been replaced by 1 to 1 mentoring sessions in early June. An email with all the details has been sent to all the Candidates parents. Please click on 'Confirmation' on our homepage or [click here](#) for more information.

Baptism Preparation Course – The next course is scheduled to start on 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](#).

Requiem Mass on 1 May for Celia Maidment RIP – Kevin (Celia's son) wishes to extend the family's thanks and appreciation to the Parish as well as those members who joined them on the day; your support was very welcome and meant a lot to them.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St Osmund occurs twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday following the 10am Mass until Benediction at 6pm. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just sit in silence before the Lord. We are seeking more volunteers to keep watch with the Lord and form a rota. Please do sign up by completing the form in the porch.

Youth Group - meets every Wednesday during term time at the Parish Centre at 6.30pm. Do you want to join? This is for anyone in Years 8-11. All the dates are on our website, click on Youth Group on our home page or [click here](#).

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

Hope & Friendship Group – Monday 12 May, 10.30 am - 12 noon. Join us for a friendly chat and refreshments among people who'll listen. Parish Centre at the end of Exeter Street - just a three minute walk from St Osmund's. All welcome. Second Monday of each month: contact John Detain for information 01722 41 55 88.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 21 May 2025 for Bingo at 2.00pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

SCORE - There will be a retiring collection for SCORE home projects next weekend 17/18 May.

In support of Salisbury Hospice - The Fabulous Family Fun Day is back for its 11th year! This 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

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron reflects on Jesus referring to himself as the good shepherd. This is a remarkably apt metaphor for how God reaches out to us—knows us personally—and how we are able to discern and follow his voice. But how do we hear the voice of the shepherd? In a lot of ways—but I wonder if the clearest way isn't through the conscience. To watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

.Year C-1 Easter Week 4 Psalter 4 & Proper of Season

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

SUNDAY 11 MAY

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate & Consecrated life

09:00 St Osmund MASS The recovery of a sick friend

11:00 St Osmund MASS Lucilie Rala RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Hans Dieter Scholz RIP

Monday 12 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mathai K. V. RIP

Tuesday 13 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

10:00 St Gregory MASS Peter Gange RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 15 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Dolores Schofield RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS Margaret Price RIP

Friday 16 May

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Robson RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Daniel Callaghan RIP

Saturday 17 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Thomas Lloyd RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Joan Brady RIP

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' INTENTION FOR MAY

For working conditions Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized. [Click here](#).

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray this week for the parish of St George (Warminster).

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:

Psalms Response

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia.

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