

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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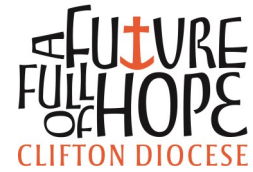
EASTER WEEK 3

From Father Anthony

The gunslinger was nowhere to be seen, gangsters squawked from under the eaves and the brown sparrows found hangarage in the privet. Storm Kathleen was giving the garden a wash and blow dry; it was not safe outside! Watery light oozed out of a sulphurous sky as I made a dash for the sacristy door... and got soaked. "Will it never end", someone said? Later that day I stood by the same door, head back, soaking up the warm, delightful rays of the sun under a clear blue sky... the transformation was amazing.

Last week we saw a transformation in Thomas from intellectual dependence (*marks of the cross*) to spiritual enlightenment, recognising Christ within, his 'I Am' (*my Lord and my God*). This transformation is so important to the Church that it repeats the same event again but from the context of Luke's Gospel. Once again Jesus stands among the disciples: He also represents our 'I Am', the Christ within each of us. His journey pre-figures the journey each one of us must make; and the principle source for encountering and learning about Him - and, therefore about ourselves because He is found within - is Scripture. Dependent solely on the intellect Scripture will reveal a narrative of the historic life and events of Jesus only. But when spiritual insight is awakened it reveals His life as the 'template' describing the development that each of us must pass through; then spirit illuminates our minds as the Gospel passage records, *"Then He [Spirit] opened their [our] minds, that they [we] might understand the scriptures; He said to them [Us], Thus it is written, that the Christ [you and I] should suffer, and rise again from the dead on the third day; and that repentance [change of mind and heart] and remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem [Peace, our spiritual centre]."*

When we meditate on Scripture with spiritual insight they *come alive*: they become for us the only text we will ever need to follow and integrate the life of Christ within. As the Word of God (not just history), His voice will speak to us personally; it will teach us. Following His journey, we find it is our own as we become as He is. From an *animated soul* we become a *life-giving spirit* assisting others and the world to transform likewise.



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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"

PARISH QUIZ

Last Saturday, 6 April, Salisbury Catenians hosted a fantastic quiz night in our newly opened Parish Centre. Over 50 parishioners from our two churches, turned out. The quiz, run by David Gillen our quizmaster had nine tables competing against each other. Participants also enjoyed a delicious ploughman's supper. But it wasn't just about the fun. We were also there to support our Parish, and thanks to a small entry fee, donations and a great raffle, over £500 was raised for Church funds. The Parish Centre is a wonderful facility for us, so let's keep the spirit alive and build and develop our community as we look forward to more events. A 'Beetle Drive' may well be in the offing in the near future - watch this space.

For those who missed it, or who would like to see the photographs, go to our 'Photo Gallery' or [click here](#). If you would like to lead or hold a future parish event in the centre, please contact Deacon Steve Godwin

St Gregory's Pastoral Network meets again tonight Friday 12 April 7pm in St Gregory's Hall starting with refreshments. This is a workshop to draw together those expressing a wish to actively support the Parish in its development and outreach. Everybody is very welcome.

Bereavement Friendship Group which was due to commence on Monday 15 April has had to be postponed until the necessary support team is assembled. We hope to have a new start date in the very near future.

SCORE There will be a retiring collection this weekend 13/14 April for Overseas Projects.

The Parish Centre Thank you for the many generous donations for our refurbished Parish Centre. As our programme of events develops, we are still seeking additional mugs, drinking glasses, cutlery and table cloths in good condition, lamps/up-lighters, large indoor plants, both real and artificial. If you would like to view the centre or would like collection of any items, please contact Deacon Stephen Godwin.

Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth. Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill to move the following Clause: 'removal of women from the criminal law related to abortion. In that no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy'. Therefore a woman who took abortion pills at home (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, even just before natural birth, would not commit any offence. Please contact your MP, asking them to oppose this extreme proposal. You can do this directly or via SPUC's website : <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments> .

Spiritual Bouquet. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) recently launched a new prayer initiative 'Let Life Flourish': A Spiritual/ Bouquet. The Intention for April is: For those grieving the loss of a child during pregnancy. You can commit to prayer at this website: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/letlifeflourish>

Salisbury Street Pastors (SSP) are recruiting new members to deliver care and safety onto the streets of Salisbury on Friday and Saturday nights. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office and they will put you in touch with one of our volunteer parishioners, for a chat.

Coffee and Cake following 10am Mass every Thursday morning. Come and enjoy the friendly company in the Parish rooms next door to the church. If you feel you could help from time to time with the preparation and serving, we would love to hear from you, please email Jane: jane.waspe@btinternet.com

My Generation will be meeting next Wednesday 17 April 2024 for Hoy Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Art and Craft Group meet each Monday after the 10am Mass at St Osmund's in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome whether you have painted, drawn or crafted before. For information contact Oltea on 07597 453989.

Life in the Holy Spirit The last talk (6 April) was on 'Discipleship' by the 'House of the Open Door Community'. You are now warmly invited to Life in the Spirit Seminars (requested by Pope Francis in 2019 for every Parish) which are about praying for a further or fuller release of the Holy Spirit in order to live a deeper Christian life each Friday at 7.30pm from 19 April to 31 May at the Parish Centre. All the sessions are recorded and can be viewed by clicking on the 'The Holy Spirit' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Lord, Teach us to Pray Pope Francis has given us 'The Year of Prayer 2024' in preparation for the 'Holy Year of 2025'. There is a series at St John the Evangelist, Bath, which draws us into prayer so that we might draw near to the Lord who calls us to be near to him. The next in the series is on Tuesday 30 April at 7pm 'The prayer of the Desert Fathers and Mothers (Fr John Udris)'. You can watch live on St John's website [click here](#). Full details of the series are on our Jubilee Year 2025 page or [click here](#).

Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré) are now occurring weekly on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre (except for the last Tuesday in the month). All are welcome.

Evening Supper on the last Tuesday of each month, the Alabaré Community are hosting a supper for parishioners to come together to share in fellowship and discuss how our faith can be lived out in daily life. All are most welcome but please contact Deacons John Proctor or Steve Godwin to register so that we know the numbers to cater for. There is no charge. The first supper is on Tuesday 30 April in the Parish Centre.

Rosary in Salisbury Cathedral - Friday 19 April The Rosary is prayed by Catholics and Anglicans in Salisbury Cathedral on the 3rd Friday of each month at 12 noon. The next meeting will be next Friday 19 April. We meet in the Cathedral Refectory 1130-1150 before going into the Cathedral. All are 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.

Diocese of East Anglia examines why adults decide to join the Catholic Church. In an increasingly secular society, why do some adults still decide to join the Catholic Church? A new report by the Diocese of East Anglia Commission for the New Evangelisation throws some light on the matter. Please visit our 'Blog' on our main menu or [click here](#) for their summary report.

First Holy Communion 2024 The next session will now be Saturday 20 April at 2pm in St Gregory's Church. Further information and the programme schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

Confirmation 2024 - The social event planned for Tuesday 23 April has had to be cancelled, all the Confirmation families have been informed. Fr Joseph is planning an alternative session, a trip via minibus to 'All Saints' Wardour for Mass, date to be decided. Further information and the programme schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

Baptism Preparation. The next course is at St Gregory starting 5 May. If you plan to attend, please contact the Parish Office. To register for a Baptism please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron discussing the various theories about what happens when we die held by Jews, Romans and others in the first century such as: we just return to dust, or just the spirit moves on, or as the Romans believed if you were important enough you became a God. Barron using the resurrection of Jesus returns us to our core belief that although by death the soul is separated from the body, our bodies will also be resurrected and reunified with the soul on the last day. To watch and listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#). The video will be on our website on Saturday evening.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Easter Week 3

Saturday 13 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS David Eugene Clarke RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Martin Lively & all old friends & neighbours RIP

SUNDAY 14 April

09:00 St Gregory MASS John Brook RIP
09:00 St Osmund MASS Bob, Mary & Moya McCarthy RIP
11:00 St Osmund MASS Arthur Buck RIP
12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
16:00 St Osmund Polish MASS
18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 15 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

Tuesday 16 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Ian Barton - blessings for your birthday

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 17 April

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Robson RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

Thursday 18 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Bridie & Harry Clapham RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

18:30 Downton MASS

Friday 19 April

Saint Alphege

10:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Buck RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS Joseph Neelamkavil RIP

Saturday 20 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jerin Jacob - Birthday
Thanksgiving

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Nickie & Ian Pearson Barton
21st Wedding Anniversary

RECONCILIATION

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

St Osmund: On the first Saturday of the month 9am to 12 noon,
other Saturdays after the 10am Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for April -

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray for Religious Communities in the Diocese

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Norah Burke, Ian Hewlett, Alastair Clark, John Pothecary, Anita Pheby, and Mike Lennard 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:

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Psalm 4:2. 4. 7. 9.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

1 John 2:1-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

Luke 24:35-48

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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