

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 6(A)

From Father Anthony

Black clouds bashed and bruised one another sending down torrents of rain driven mercilessly by a ferocious wind. The sea, white topped and boiling with rage, flung itself against the promenade with claps of thunder and billowing spume. The bent forms of brave souls hung onto one another as retribution visited us from on high. It was beautiful in its rawness; it also reflected the rage, anger and silent desperation of the unreconciled human mind against others, the world, unfulfilled wishes and events. I've been that weather: not at all beautiful!

Leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. At the centre of this week's Gospel passage is the Altar, *thusiastérion* (*θυσιαστήριον*); literally, a place of sacrifice; spiritually, the place where we meet (*commune with*) God, *hear* His Word and do it. Elsewhere, Jesus tells us that true worship takes place in spirit and truth not in buildings or on mountains; it takes place within, in the place we call *heart* or *soul*. This internal altar, as with all altars, is to be approached with preparation and respect. If we are raging like the weather, all turmoil and torment, what chance is there of becoming aware of and listening to God. If someone or something has really rubbed us up the wrong way we must find a way to be reconciled. Internally, we must *still* our hearts and find the reality of... *be still and know that I am God, Psalm 46:10*. Then prayer (*exchanging wishes*) can take place.

If life seems disappointing and elusive, society rotten, the world in chaos, it is simply because we are *cut off from God, (cut off from me you can do nothing, Jn 15:5)*. Perhaps we have reduced God to a mental ritual, a duty, a nice idea instead of feeling the Divine Presence as reality. Prayer, meditation and contemplation is where we meet with our ever-present God (*my father and your father, Jn 20:17*). Yet, being infinite, God cannot be grasped, understood, contained or conditioned: only loved and experienced. His Presence is experienced beyond the mind in a stillness and silence through which He rouses within us an ancient memory of Him. Our presence at this meeting at the Altar *is* the gift we bring; what sort of a gift if filled with rage, anger and worldly distractions?

CHANGED PARISH OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Please note that this week, the office is open from 9am – 2pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.



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OUR CHURCHES

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St Gregory & the English Martyrs

St Gregory's Ave SP2 7JP

Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Barford Lane, Downton SP5 3QA

NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

[Click Here](#)

LENTEN LITURGIES

Ash Wednesday 18 February - Mass and Imposition of Ashes (for more on the meaning of Ash Wednesday, see the video on our [website](#).) **8am & Midday in St Osmund**

10am and 7pm in St Gregory.

Ash Wednesday in Downton: There will be an Ecumenical Service with imposition of ashes in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd on Barford Lane at 7pm. All welcome

Stations of the Cross - Fridays during Lent 5.20pm at St Osmund, starting 20 February.

Rite of Election - Saturday 21 February 11am Clifton Cathedral. Those who are preparing to enter full communion in the Catholic Church are presented to Bishop Bosco and their names recorded in the Book of the Elect. This year, of those being received into the Church at Easter in our Deanery, **8 candidates** (already baptised) and **3 Catechumens** (those not yet baptised) are travelling to Clifton Cathedral with their friends, family, catechists, sponsors and Fr Anthony to the Rite of Election. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this important stage in their faith journey. All are most welcome to attend! Contact the office if you'd like to attend but have transport difficulties.

1st Sunday of Lent – Ordinariate Mass for Fr Keith Robinson RIP. The Ordinariate Community have generously purchased a set of beautiful purple vestments for St Osmund's Church in memory of Fr Keith – the much-loved first Ordinariate pastor in Salisbury who died last year. The vestments will be blessed at the 12.15pm Ordinariate Mass which will be celebrated by Mgr Keith Newton, the Ordinary Emeritus with Fr Tomas also present. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Lent Penitential Service with Bishop Bosco at Sacred Heart Church in Tisbury at 7pm on Thursday 5 March. The priests of our deanery will be present to hear individual Confessions. More information in the '[Top News](#)' box on our website. Transport a problem for you? If there is sufficient need, we will take a minibus and travel there together! Contact the parish office if you'd like to go but need transport.

Deanery Penitential Service 7pm on Tuesday 31 March at St Gregory - with several priests to hear confessions.

EMHC TRAINING DAY & RECOMMISSIONING - 7 MARCH

Fr Joseph is inviting **ALL** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to join him at 3pm in St Gregory's Hall. There will be a short talk followed by the worldwide premiere (!) of our recently recorded training materials for EMHCs.

Ministers will be re-commissioned at the 5pm Mass at St Gregory's after the session.

Please could ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Communion please inform us whether you are able to attend by completing the online form [here](#) as soon as possible.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Choir for the Easter Triduum in St Gregory's & St Osmund's. Rehearsal Dates for your Diary!

Fr Joseph has invited Faye Eldret (parishioner and local singing teacher/soloist) to lead/support a group of singers to enhance the music at our Triduum liturgies. The Triduum spans both churches and so we hope that singers from both churches will join to form one unified choir. You do not need to be able to read music or have choral experience. If you enjoy singing with others and love to sing in church then this is for you! The first get-together will be on Wednesday 25 February followed by rehearsals on Wednesdays 4, 18 & 25 March. The first gathering will be in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund at 6pm.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

Bible Study with the Fathers of the Church - Father Joseph's group for Young(ish) adults (open to all in their 20s & 30s) will be starting a new course from next Tuesday (17 Feb). It is a Bible Study with the Church Fathers (the great saints and theologians who formed our Christian doctrines through the early centuries of the Church). St Osmund's Parish Rooms, every other Tuesday at 8pm, also available to join online via Zoom. Please email Fr Joseph to be added to the WhatsApp group for notifications. joseph.meigh@cliftondiocese.com

Family of Faith: Next session is Sunday 1 March after the 9am Masses at the Parish Centre on Exeter Street. The [Family of Faith](#) webpage includes helpful 'signs of readiness' documents for parents discerning their child's readiness for the Sacraments. Online forms for both sacraments are also available.

Youth Group – meets each Wednesday (in term time) at the Parish Centre at 6.30pm. All the dates are on our website, click on [Youth Group](#) on our home page.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Journey in Faith – For adults who are not confirmed Catholics and for those who are returning to the faith of their childhood. The next session is next Sunday 22 February 10.30am at the Parish Centre on Exeter Street. If you are interested in joining do contact Dave Blake at salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com For more including the timetable click on the '[Journey in Faith](#)' button on our home page.

Confirmation 2026 - The next key Confirmation session is Wednesday 11 March at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please click on '[Confirmation](#)' on our homepage for more information.

Baptism Preparation The last session of the current course is this Sunday 15 February after the 9am Mass at St Osmund. The next course will be on 1 March after the 9am Mass at St Gregory for three consecutive Sundays, contact the Parish Office if you wish to join. To request Baptism for your child, please click the '[Registration](#)' button on our homepage.

SCORE collection for SCORE Home projects this weekend 14/15 February.

SCORE grants. Applications for a grant for a local or overseas charitable project will be considered at the meeting on 2 March. Please use the form on the website to apply and submit it before the end of February. Click on '[Parish Life](#)' on our main menu then on '[SCORE](#)'.

Rosary in Salisbury Cathedral - Friday 20 February 2026 The Rosary is prayed by Catholics and Anglicans in Salisbury Cathedral on the third Friday of each month at 12 o'clock. Next meeting is on Friday 20 February. If you would like to join us, we meet in the cathedral Refectory 11:30-11:50 before going into the Cathedral.

Welcomers needed at the 9am Mass at St Gregory If anyone would like to join the Welcoming Team for the 9am Mass at St Gregory's on Sunday, please contact Jane on 07810774855 or jane7dench@gmail.com

St Osmund's Archive Did you know that the house immediately on your right as you walk out of The Close through the High Street Gate was the very first Catholic chapel in Salisbury since the Reformation? Learn more about it in the [latest post](#) on our history blog.

St Joseph's Catholic School are recruiting part time (paid) Exam Invigilators. The role of the invigilator is to ensure that examinations are conducted in accordance with exam regulation procedures. Invigilators therefore have a key role in upholding the integrity of the examination process. All details and how to apply are on our website [here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Ordinary Time Week 6 & Psalter 2

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY SS CYRIL, MONK & METHODIUS

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Maurice Petty RIP

18:00 St Osmund Polish MASS

SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY

09:00 St Osmund MASS Birthday blessings - Mitchel Chinedum

09:00 St Gregory MASS Celia Maidment RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:30 Holy Redeemer Syro-Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Birthday Blessings Christian & Caroline

Monday 16 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Michael, Peter & Susan Leyden RIP

Tuesday 17 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Saramma Paily RIP

12:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Veronica Barreiro RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

17:30 St Osmund Benediction

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY ASH WEDNESDAY

08:00 St Osmund MASS Anthony Scouller RIP

10:00 St Gregory MASS Pat & Errol Raynor in sickness.

12:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Conaway RIP

19:00 St Gregory MASS Eileen Pratt RIP

19:00 Downton Ecumenical Service

Thursday 19 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 Downton MASS Barbara Wilkinson RIP

17:30 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 20 February

10:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Orlando Saraze RIP

10:00 St Gregory Rosary

17:20 St Osmund Stations of the Cross

18:00 St Osmund MASS Mr Talpade Senior in his recovery

Saturday 21 February

10:00 St Osmund MASS Jose Cardoso & Hansel Dcruz RIP

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Saturdays 4.30pm until Mass

St Osmund: Saturdays 9.30am until 12 noon and by appointment

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for the parishes of St Stanislaus (Dulverton) and Sacred Heart (Minehead with Watchet).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anthony Scouller, Orlando Saraze, Joan Conner, Veronica Barreiro, Rosemary Thomas, Christopher Warren, Patricia Dry and Shane O'Neill 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:

Psalm Response

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom of heaven to little children.

Alleluia.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS Please request using this online [form](#). 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 [register](#) your interest in our Family of Faith programme.

CONFIRMATION 2027 For children who are year 9 or above please visit the Confirmation [page](#) our website.

MARRIAGE Please speak to a priest for guidance at least six months in advance of your hoped-for wedding date.

FUNERALS Do your family know your wishes with regards to your funeral? Registered parishioners can provide these details which are stored confidentially with your parishioner record and can be given to families at the appropriate time.

Contact Désirée: salisbury.catholic@cliftondiocese.com