

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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EASTER WEEK 5

From Father Anthony

I stood, chin wagging, in the market. The sun beamed, a light breeze ruffled the trees, gulls circled overhead noisily competing with stall owners for attention. As always, it was a pleasant jumble of sights, sounds and movements. Resembling a pack horse I made for home. Down Catherine Street, along St Johns. Some way down Exeter Street, a brave lady stopped the traffic and assisted another lady with a Zimmer frame, across the road. There were smiles and waves from drivers: no horns, no antagonism; a simple, lovely moment of love and care.

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." There are four words in Biblical Greek for our one-word Love. Jesus is not referring to love characterised as *best mates*, *Philia* (φιλία): nor *erotic, romantic love*, *Eros* (ἔρως): nor the *fierce, protective, yet affectionate love between family members*, *Storge* (στοργή). He is referring to another quality; love characterised as unconditional and self-giving, *Agape* (ἀγάπη). It is a quality of *preferring what the other prefers*. It is not the easiest word to translate. In a sense it means attempting to inhabit the life of another person; seeing the world from their perspective; not using one's own life as the measure against which to understand and compare theirs but embracing them *as they are* without condition. It means leaving one's own life; dying to it, for the sake of understanding the other person. We attempt to become one with the other person. We go beyond ourselves for others, ever attentive to their needs. However idealistic this may sound the world would be a very different place if we all Loved like this.

Jesus calls you and me to follow Him; to listen out for and hear His call. He also asks us to Love as He did. We may not like others but that is not the same as loving them; and we *are* called to Love (*Agape*) them, understand them, be as them. Loving in this manner draws us out of ourselves. It allows us to experience Christ in them and see ourselves from their perspective; and what needs transforming in ourselves. Similarly, knowing (*feeling*) them *as they are in themselves*, we know what needs transforming in them and can offer it. Attempting to Love like this is the *hallmark* of His disciples. It should be our hallmark too!



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

[Click Here](#)

POPE LEO XIV

On our webpage we carry videos of our new Pope's first Urbi et Orbi address, first Regina Caeli prayer on Sunday and much more, please click on 'Pope Leo XIV' on our main menu or [click here](#).



ENCOUNTER 2025- LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

A Diocesan-wide "Encounter" programme which commenced Saturday 3 May in Clifton Cathedral followed by talks each Wednesday from 7 May to 4 June. Starting last Friday 9 May at the Parish Centre parishioners were able to watch a recording of the first Wednesday talk by Caroline Sadd on a 'New Life in Jesus'. This evening at 7pm in the Parish Centre parishioners can watch a recording of the second Wednesday talk by Ann Tarr on 'Promise of the Father' to which we are all invited. Our website will be updated with each recording soon after for those unable to attend. Please click on 'Life in the Spirit' on our homepage or the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

The Chosen: Last Supper Part 2 – (The Chosen a Netflix-style retelling of the Life of Jesus). Following on from Last Supper Part 1 shown in April our local cinema the Odeon is now showing Part 2 this evening Friday 16 May at 7pm and tomorrow Saturday 17 May at 3.15pm and 7pm.

To book please visit: <https://www.odeon.co.uk/cinemas/salisbury/>

First Friday Talks – On Friday 2 May there was an interesting talk on Marian Dogma, led by Fr Jonathan Creer and Deacon John Detain. We now have the audio on our website, please click on the button 'First Friday Talks' on our homepage or [click here](#).

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

SCORE Grants. If you are involved in a charitable project here or overseas, you may apply for a grant from SCORE. Applications will be considered at the next committee meeting on 2 June. Guidelines and an application form can be found on the parish website (Parish Life on the main menu then click on SCORE), 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.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 21 May 2025 for Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

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.

Parish of St Osmund App - The app is primarily for mobile phone users, for those on the go. For the guide to access the app please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). 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.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Family of Faith the next session is on Sunday 1 June 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 – A WhatsApp message to the candidates and an email to the parents' went out last Friday with the message that the meeting on the 20 May has been replaced by 1 to 1 mentoring sessions on the 3, 4 & 5 June. Links have been provided for the candidates to book their session. 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](#).

Congratulations and welcome to - Francis Emmanuel Addai who will receive the sacrament of Baptism next Sunday 25 May St Gregory 9am Mass. Please keep Francis, his Parents Alexandra & Joseph and the godparents in your prayers.

YOUTH GROUP



After a safety briefing and prayer, St Osmund's Youth Club group walked to Churchill Gardens with skateboards, scooters, basketballs, footballs and a great desire to enjoy the evening. Next week we will be back at the Parish Centre before breaking for Half Term. Many thanks to everyone for the blessings of a lovely session together. The 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](#)

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron reflects on this Fifth Sunday of Easter, Jesus on the night before he dies, says to his disciples, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another". To understand Jesus here, we have to understand what a strange thing love is—and the way the word is being used.. To watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Children's Liturgy - from Catholic Kids Media. This week we have 'A New Commandment!' A fun Catholic reflection for children based on the readings for Easter Week 5 Cycle C and also a short bio of Pope Leo XIV for children outlining his life and mission. To view click on 'Children's Liturgy' on our homepage or [click here](#)

LITURGY THIS WEEK

.Year C-1 Easter Week 5 & Psalter 1

Saturday 17 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thomas Lloyd RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Joan Brady RIP

SUNDAY 18 MAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Canon Michael – for a speedy recovery from surgery

09:00 St Osmund MASS Sister Bernadette 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 Personal Intentions

Monday 19 May Saint Dunstan

10:00 St Osmund MASS Eileen Butterfield RIP

Tuesday 20 May

10:00 St Osmund Liturgy of the Word

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 21 May

10:00 St Gregory MASS James O'Farrell RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 22 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Doris Phelan RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 23 May

10:00 St Gregory MASS Bridie & Harry Clapham RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

Saturday 24 May Saint Aldhelm

10:00 St Osmund MASS Patricia Twinney RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Angel Mary Joseph

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 parishes Corpus Christi / Our Lady of Lourdes / St Joseph (Weston-super-Mare).

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:

Psalm Response

I will bless your name for ever, my God and King.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, That you love one another, just as I have loved you. 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