

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

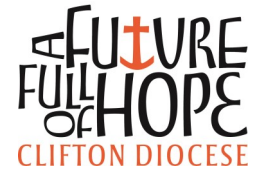
From Father Anthony

Agnes pulled steadily and ate up the motorway miles. Signposts flashed by as we tracked North; Oxford, Northampton, Leeds, Northallerton, Sunderland.... finally, humidity gave way to the refreshing breezes of Northumberland. I parked, opened the door and let the wide blue sky embrace me. Long lines of white, foam topped, waves raced each other for the shore, sighing and drawing over pebbles. I stretched luxuriously breathing in ozone, salt and seaweed. The long hours locked in behind the wheel were worth it.

'On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews...' Regardless of temperament or personality most of us, at some stage, experience life as being 'locked in' for fear of some aspect of others, society or 'the world'. Very often the aloneness which comes with separation - the experience of being a spiritual being, locked in a body - is sufficient for this; we feel 'in here', being oppressed by something 'out there'. Some authors place the origins of this experience back to when God banished Adam from the Garden. A variant of this, much less acknowledged by scholars, understands the original language to mean that it was Adam who banished God from the Garden! Far from God sending his child away... it was the child who pushed away his parent. Ever since, the price of our 'autonomy and freedom' has been aloneness and fear; ever since, God has wanted to be back restoring in us His peace and security.

Of course, God can never really be banished. He resides with us in Spirit (Jesus stood among them) even if that Spirit is unacknowledged or rejected. Locked in and opening up are internal, spiritual states. When we wonder why God does not come... it is because we do not recognise Him already present; we are not open to his Spirit within.

His Spirit is recognised and experienced through Love exercised as Forgiveness. Finding Him in others, we go beyond their surface presentation to who they are in truth. Recognising His Spirit in others is to contact Spirit in ourselves; and then we speak the same language: the language of the Holy Spirit which is Love (*fiery tongues*). Pentecost (50 days out from Easter) signifies a movement from physical to the spiritual senses; from chronological, sequential time, Chronos (Χρόνος), to Kairos (καιρός) inner, quality, time leading to action.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?
We wish you a very warm welcome.
Please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org/Registration/update>

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 19 MAY

On Pentecost Sunday, God breathed the Holy Spirit into the apostles; Jesus had died, risen from the dead and ascended into heaven but they were not left alone. Jesus' followers were afraid and unsure of their future. The Holy Spirit came to comfort them even though Jesus wasn't there to physically comfort them any more. There is a short video of the story of Pentecost, a reflection and a question 'Aren't all Christian denominations the same?' All of this can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or by [clicking here](#).

FEAST DAYS THIS COMING WEEK

[Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church 20 May](#) [Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest - 23 May](#).

For the background and more information about these feast days, click on the title above or the image in the 'Top News' box.

SCORE There will be a retiring collection this weekend 18/19 May for local projects. Applications for SCORE grants need to be submitted by the end of May for consideration at the June committee meeting. The grant application form can be found on our website by clicking on 'Parish Life' on our main menu and then selecting 'Score' or [click here](#)

Lou Godwin RIP You are warmly invited to join the Godwin family in celebrating the long life of Lou Godwin, Deacon Steve's father. His Requiem Mass will be held at 10am on Friday 7 June at St. Gregory's Church, followed by a reception in the hall immediately afterwards. Lou cherished his friends from the parish, and we would be grateful for your presence. Steve and the family deeply appreciate all your kind words and support over these recent days.

For our Catechists and anyone interested in becoming a Catechist - You are invited to a day with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph that is being held in Trowbridge to explore the practical implications of renewing our approach to sacramental preparation. To register visit our 'Blog' or [click here](#). There is no charge.

In Conversation with Bishop Declan On the evening before his successor's episcopal ordination, James Abbott from the Bishops' Conference has been able to record a video with Bishop Declan Lang. To watch click on the Bishop's image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Volunteer Maintenance Person Required Do you have some experience in general repairs and maintenance, and a few hours a week that you could volunteer in the parish? Please email Deacon Steve stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com. For more information click the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Justice & Peace Group - Will be meeting at 2pm on Saturday 25 May in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. They will be discussing the 'Little Way Association' [click here](#) for their website and also 'Red Wednesday' which occurs on the 20 November this year. All are welcome.

Coffee and Cake following 10am Mass every Thursday morning. Come and enjoy friendly company in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. There is no charge but we welcome a small donation for our chosen charities.

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.

Art and Craft Group meet each Monday after the 10am Mass at St Osmund's in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome even if you have never painted, drawn or crafted before. For information Oltea on 07597 453989.

Day on The Holy Eucharist - 'A Bond of Love that cannot be undone' There is an opportunity on Saturday 8 June to deepen our understanding and love for the Eucharist - participating together as the Body of Christ so that we may be the Body of Christ to the world. A number of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are travelling together to this day which will be led by Fr Michael McAndrew at St Bernadette's. If you would like to join them, please [click here](#) or contact the parish office as soon as possible. There are only 5 seats remaining and we have a lovely group travelling together. More information including travel times can be found by clicking the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). There is no charge for this day.

Bereavement Friendship Group is for anyone experiencing grief or loss, even from a while ago. A friendly hour or so among people who will listen to one another with care and encouragement. Monday mornings 10.45 - 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Any questions? Call John Detain 01722 415588.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit The nine days between the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost is traditionally kept by the Church as a time of prayer to the Holy Spirit. In our parish we will join together in prayer immediately after each Mass. For those parishioners who cannot get to daily Mass but who would like to keep this period of prayer, please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Life in the Spirit Each Friday at 7.30pm at the Parish Centre. Last week's talk was given by Deacon John Detain on 'Receiving God's Gifts' this Friday 24 May the talk will be on 'Praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit'. All the sessions can be viewed by clicking on the 'The Holy Spirit' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré) on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre (except for the last Tuesday in the month - see 'Evening Supper' below). 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 next supper is on Tuesday 28 May in the Parish Centre.

First Holy Communion 2024 The final session is next Saturday 25 May at 2pm in St Gregory's Church. This an absolute '**must attend**' for all Parents & Children. First Holy Communion Masses are on Saturday 1 June 3pm at St Gregory & Sunday 2 June 9am at St Gregory, 9am & 11am at St Osmund.

Baptism Preparation Course The current course enters its second week at St Gregory this Sunday 19 May with 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the sacristy. The next course will be at St Osmund starting 16 June. To register for a Baptism please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Funerals. Do your family know your wishes with regards to your funeral? In addition to the in-person service provided by the parish office, parishioners can now go online and create a draft plan by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or [click here](#) (and select Funeral Plan). Your wishes are stored confidentially with your parishioner record and will be given to your family at the appropriate time. For more information including suggested readings please select 'Parish Life' on our main menu and then 'Funerals'. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact the parish office.

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron this week on the feast of Pentecost Barron focuses on the second reading of St Paul to the Galatians (ch 5: 16-25). He reflects that the Holy Spirit can be found in those who have the attributes of: love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity and self control. 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.

Children's Liturgy - Pentecost! A fun Catholic reflection for kids based on the readings for the solemnity of Pentecost. To watch click on the Children's Liturgy button on our home page or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 7 Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Saturday 18 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Frank Farley RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Joan Brady RIP

SUNDAY 19 May

PENTECOST SUNDAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS For Ariel Lopez & Bryan Nataniel Ortega RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Irene Hayes 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 For the intention of Lilian & Graham Brown

Monday 20 May

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

10:00 St Osmund MASS Eileen Butterfield RIP

Tuesday 21 May

10:00 St Osmund MASS Michael Francis Lynn RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 22 May

10:00 St Gregory MASS Special Intention

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

Thursday 23 May

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

10:00 St Osmund MASS For the Intentions of Maire Anne D'Alton

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 24 May

Saint Aldhelm

10:00 St Gregory MASS For the intentions of Isabel

19:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 25 May

Saint Bede the Venerable

10:00 St Osmund MASS Alastair Clark RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Nora Burke RIP

RECONCILIATION

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

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

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for the Parish of Christ The King (Amesbury).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Patrick Sellers, Lou Godwin, Don Whelan, Maisie Elliott, Nora Burke, Ian Hewlett, and Alastair Clark 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.

Advance Notice: Requiem Mass for Lou Godwin RIP Friday 7 June 10am at St Gregory. All Welcome

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 103

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Galatians 5:16-25

Pentecost Sequence

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

John 15:26-27,16:12-15

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: caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com

NEW LECTIONARY

TO BE LAUNCHED IN ENGLAND AND WALES FOR ADVENT 2024

The Lectionary is a book which contains the readings for Mass (Sundays and Weekdays), for Saints and Sacraments, and other occasions, such as funerals. It is the big book on the ambo in our churches and chapels and it comes in four large volumes. At the Second Vatican Council, the Lectionary was revised so that more of the treasures of scripture would be heard at Mass. For example, whereas prior to the Council only 3% of the Gospel of Mark was heard now 96% is read. One consequence of this was that the Lectionary was, once more, a separate volume separated from the prayer texts of the Mass (the Roman Missal).

The Lectionary is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued to work through all the other liturgical rites. The changes are intended to make biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, using better, more up-to-date biblical scholarship and a text which is more proclaimable.

How will the launch of a new Lectionary affect us?

From the 1st Sunday of Advent 2024, the readings proclaimed at Mass **MUST** come from the new Lectionary. This new edition will use the English Standard Version Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. It will include an up-to-date Proper of Saints including the new universal and national feasts that have been instituted since the publication of the last lectionary in 1981.

Will the prayers of the Mass change?

No. The Roman (Altar) Missal remains unchanged however, people's Sunday & Weekday 'Missals' will need to be replaced as these are an amalgam of the prayers and the readings for Mass.

How much will the Lectionaries we use in the church cost?

The 4-volume Lectionary will be available in three sizes: a full-size Ambo Edition (£695) for our churches, a smaller Chapel Edition (£395) for use in small chapels, and a Study Edition (£250) that is needed by priests and the parish office for liturgy and homily preparation. This represents an unavoidable cost for both the parish and our priests and orders must be placed by 30 June to have them in time.

Would you like to sponsor or contribute towards one of these editions, perhaps in memory of a loved one?

If so please contact Caroline in the parish office or speak to one of the priests or deacons. A fully-sponsored edition comes with a bookplate to mark this memoriam which may be fixed in the inside cover of any editions fully sponsored.

People's Sunday & Weekday Missals

Sunday Missals will arrive in parishes in October 2024 and Weekday Missals in April 2025.

Many parishioners have a Sunday and/or Weekday Missal to either prepare the readings, to reflect on them or to follow the text during Mass and so may wish to order one through the parish to avoid carriage costs.

Sunday Missals for whole liturgical cycle retail from (Standard) £19.95 to (Burgundy) £29.95. Sunday Missal for 2025 only £9.95. More details and images can be found on our website, select 'The New Lectionary' on the main menu or [click here](#).

The Parish will be making a one-off bulk order so that parishioners can avoid the £3.95 packing & postage cost that you will pay if you order as an individual. To order one via the parish, [click here](#).