

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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EASTER WEEK 7

From Father Anthony

Rain! I woke to the soft, tiny pitter patter of rain drops dancing on the path, bouncing off leaves and tapping at the window. I had been worried about the grass going brown and what the lack of rain would do to the garden. The garden itself did not seem to care much. Splashes of pink, white, red, purple and yellow indicated vibrancy and life. Birds sang, sunlight twinkled, clouds sailed by... I was full of hosepipe bans and sprinkler thoughts. Had I surrendered to God I could have spared the worry because... the rain came!

"... I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one". We are included in that prayer. We are those who believe in Him through the word passed on to us. Jesus prayed that, together, we be one and one in the Father and the Son. Being God, what Jesus asks for is granted because *His Words create what they ask for*. Therefore, through Jesus we have access to a quality of consciousness that allows us to experience oneness with God and each other. But God does not force it on us as that would be trespass. We must want it and be disposed to receive it. How?

Oneness is not an intellectual exercise; it is a way of living and being. We are known, loved and lovable by God who only wants what is best for us. In this knowledge live your life as you live it with all your plans, aspirations and longings... with this difference. Don't strive or try to manipulate others and the world for what you want. *Loose it*; surrender it to God. There is a spiritual law that states that *what you attempt to grasp with effort eludes you; what you loose comes back to you*. Surrender (*loosing*) everything to God *without conditioning His response*. Surrender is a receptive state; we are open to receive what God gives; He knows what we need rather than what we think we need. He is the giver; we the receiver. Our *giving* is to allow Him the joy of giving.... by receiving the life He gives us as it unfolds, regardless of whether we like it or not. That's all we 'do'.

The surrendered state, characterised by giving, receiving and giving, *is* the experience of oneness.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

[Click Here](#)

PENTECOST SUNDAY 8 JUNE

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter, and marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were cowering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone—even those who spoke other languages. On our Pentecost webpage there is a short video of the story of Pentecost, a reflection and a question 'Aren't all Christian denominations the same?'. Also we have a **Pentecost Novena** which is traditionally prayed from the Friday after the Feast of the Ascension until the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday. All of this can be found by clicking on the image in the 'Top News' box or by [clicking here](#).

On Pentecost Sunday we also have Confirmation at the 9am Mass in St Osmund's

Please keep Kirsty, Ersilia, Hayley, Nick & Maria in your prayers this week as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday.

World Communications Day Sunday 1 June - There will be a retiring collection this weekend to support the work of the Bishops' Conference in communicating news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church. This year's theme is 'Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts (cf. 1 Pet 3:15-16)'.

Encounter 2025 - Life in The Spirit The third recording in the series is by Michelle Moran on '*Sent in Jesus' Name*', is now on our website, please click on 'Life in the Spirit' on our homepage or the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#) . This evening (Friday 30 May) 7pm at the Parish Centre a recording of the fourth talk will be played, Charles Whitehead on '*Transformed in the Spirit*'. All are welcome.

Men's Breakfast - The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday 14 June at 8.00am in the Parish Centre. The speaker will be Daniel Mungai on 'Faith without borders, integrating into community'. Tickets are £10 each. Payment can be made on the day in cash or direct to Deacon John Proctor. To book your place please [click here](#) or for the QR code [click here](#) .

Diocesan Day - Jubilee Celebration of Hope: Saturday 19 July Downside School & Abbey with Bishop Bosco. Father Anthony & Deacon Steve are going and would like to take a small group along with them. Please register your interest with the Parish Office. Places will be allocated on a first come/first served basis. For more information please follow this link: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/jubilee-celebration-of-hope/>

SCORE – There will be a retiring collection next weekend 7 & 8 June for SCORE overseas projects.

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 Wednesday 4 June 2025 for a Visit from the Bobby Van at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall also there is a coach trip to Weymouth on Wednesday 25 June leaving St Gregory at 9.30am, seats are available at £10 per person. For further information and to book please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Youth Group will reconvene after half-term next Wednesday 4 June 6.30pm at the Parish Centre. 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](#)

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Archbishop-elect John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has made a statement after the Private Member's Bill seeking to legalise assisted suicide entered its Report Stage on Friday, 16 May 2025. Within his statement he reiterates the Catholic Church's principled objection to the bill as well as raising some serious concerns. He concludes by urging all people of goodwill to take action by praying and contacting their MP to raise awareness about the irreversible harm this bill would cause. For the full statement please click on the 'Assisted Suicide' button on our homepage or [click here](#). Further debate and voting will take place on 13 June. That would be followed by a vote on whether to pass the bill as a whole to its next stage or reject it, either on the same day or a future date.

[Please contact your MP using this link.](#)

SHARING OUR FAITH

Family of Faith the next session is this 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 - next week there is the 1-to-1 mentoring sessions on the **3, 4 & 5 June** which are all booked. The candidates next meet at St Gregory's hall on the following **Saturday 7 June** for a prompt start of 4pm and finishing with the Pentecost Vigil Mass at 6pm. 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 received the sacrament of Baptism last Sunday at the St Gregory. Please keep Francis, his parents Alexandra & Joseph and godparents in your prayers.

Tomorrow Saturday 31 May we will also welcome Peyton Bean Toledo (10am Mass) and, in the afternoon, Isla Jane Green who will receive the sacrament of Baptism at St Osmund. Please keep Peyton, her parents Phebe & Joseph and Isla, her parents Zita & Josh and the godparents in your prayers.

2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - will take place from Friday 22nd August to Friday 29th August 2025. For all the details and how to book please visit our [blog](#) or [click here](#).

A History of Catholics in Salisbury c.1700 - c.1860 - We now have a section on our website called 'History' within it there is an interesting paper authored by parishioner Graham Brown detailing the history of Catholics in Salisbury from about 1700 - 1860. In time further insights into Catholics in the region will follow. To read click on 'History' on our main menu or [click here](#).

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron on the Feast of the Ascension - he reflects that Jesus now having ascended into heaven is present to all, across all space and time and that having entered with the ultimate sacrifice of the cross we have an eternal offering which is represented at every Mass through all time. To watch, click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year C-1 Easter Week 7 & Psalter 3

SATURDAY 31 MAY THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:00 St Osmund MASS

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS (G) Ellen Lambert RIP

SUNDAY 1 JUNE

09:00 St Gregory MASS James & Margaret Harley RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Birthday thanksgiving for Brian

11:00 St Osmund MASS Celia Maidment RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS People of the Parish

18:00 St Osmund MASS Donal John Ellis RIP

Monday 2 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Margot Wilson RIP

Tuesday 3 June Saints Charles Lwanga & Companions

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mariam Chakkappam RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 4 June

10:00 St Gregory MASS Angel Mary Joseph

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

Thursday 5 June Saint Boniface

10:00 St Osmund MASS Ann-Mary – personal intention

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 6 June

10:00 St Gregory MASS Doris Phelan RIP

18:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 7 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Prayer intentions – Jacob family

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS For the Confirmation Candidates

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

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world. [Click here.](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray this week for Religious Communities.

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

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. 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