

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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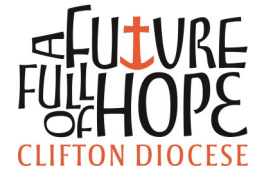
## PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK

### From Father Anthony

Twists of rose gold, cornflower blue and burnished copper, garlanded the horizon. The sun announced its arrival with easy flamboyance. It rose inexorably above the light it scattered upon good, bad and indifferent alike. The world, in turn, woke from slumber and climbed out of the land of shadows bowing before the light. I felt drab, in comparison: a black suit and little splash of white around the throat. A man whistled a jaunty tune, happy with the day so far; straying seagulls sang of the coast... and, Mrs Cat gave a long meow at my lack of attention!

Let us be under no illusion: the encounter with Christ is the most marvellous experience every human being will have, however they dress up the language or understand the tradition out of which they experience it. It is an experience akin to rising out of darkness into light, a movement from physical to spiritual sensation; an awakening, a resurrection. When we encounter Christ the coltish nature of the mind is controlled (Jesus rides the donkey) by a single desire and intention, a single focus. No longer is the mind straining here, seeking there and confused everywhere. The controlled mind is able to focus on an objective; Jerusalem, i.e. Union with the Divine, including, Peace, Harmony, Power, Wisdom, Understanding. Before it, all other thoughts bow down; not to be subdued but tested to see if they are fit for purpose. And what is the purpose? Passion and Resurrection. As a moth becomes one with the flame it circles, likewise, we become one with God; we return to the image of God we actually are by controlling the mind: letting go of images we think we are but are not. Awareness grows of how the Divine crucifies itself on the body of mankind by dreaming itself to be what it conceives: so that mankind might awaken and rise as the Divine out of whom it is created and sustained. The physical images of crucifixion and death are painful and distressing; the spiritual experience is blissful and consoling; rather like being cured of an intense painful disease.

Banner headlines of being a people of Light or a people of the Resurrection are so much jargon unless there is real Light and Resurrection. When we enter the lives of others it must be Christ they experience entering and lighting up the Jerusalem of their hearts.



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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"

## RESIGNATION OF BISHOP DECLAN

Following last week's announcement, the Right Reverend Declan Lang has written a letter to all parishioners of the Diocese informing us that he will act as Apostolic Administrator, continuing to oversee the Diocese until Bishop-Elect Bosco Macdonald is Ordained on 8 May. He asks for our prayers for both Bishop-Elect Bosco Macdonald and himself. For the complete letter and more click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

**Please note - The Parish Office will close for Holy Week & Easter at 4pm Tuesday 26 March to 9am Thursday 4 April. Do remember the clocks go forward one hour On Holy Saturday Night 30 March 2024.**

**Good Friday - Stations of the Cross** at 11am (*not 10am as mistakenly stated in last week's newsletter*) in St Osmund's. All welcome.

**Ecumenical Walk of Witness on Good Friday** (organised by our Parish). Begins at the West Door of Salisbury Cathedral at 11am and processes to the Guildhall. The Salvation Army band are providing the music. All are most welcome.

**At all of our Good Friday liturgies** there will be the traditional retiring collection for the Holy Places & Christians in the Holy Land.

**Easter Egg Donations please!** We are delighted to announce that we will once again be able to host an Easter Egg hunt for children after the morning Masses on Easter Sunday at both St Osmund and St Gregory. Donations of (individually-wrapped little ones, not full-size!) chocolate eggs will be gratefully received in your chosen church. Please hand eggs to welcomers at Church or to the Parish Office during the week. **Allergies:** please note that it remains the responsibility of parents to supervise the eggs their children consume and we cannot guarantee that the eggs hidden will be free of allergens.

**Easter Flowers** In honour of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Churches should be adorned with beautiful flowers, please do consider making a contribution. Donations can be placed in the normal collection basket at any Mass in a envelope marked 'Easter Flowers'. Alternatively, you can make a direct bank transfer - please use FLOWERS EASTER as the Reference and call the Parish Office if you need account details.

**Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré)** - Weekly on Tuesdays commencing 2 April 7.30pm at our Parish Centre.

**Lent Lecture held in Salisbury Cathedral by Deacon John Proctor on Immigration & Refugees 11 March** is now on our website. Click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Quiz Night Saturday 6th April 7pm at our new Parish Centre** - Organised by Salisbury Catenians, £10 per head which includes a ploughmans supper, all proceeds will go into much needed Parish funds. Please book your place with the Parish Office.

**My Generation** will be returning to St Gregory's Church Hall following its refurbishment on Wednesday 3 April at 2pm. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

**Coffee & Cake** in the Parish Rooms every Thursday after the 10am Mass at St Osmund. This will NOT take place on Holy Thursday 28 March (*no 10am Mass*) but will reconvene during Easter week on Thursday 4 April.

**Art and Craft Group** will NOT be meeting on Easter Monday 1 April.

**Bridge Club** will not be meeting on Tuesday 2 April.

**Parish Rosary Group** which meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm, will pause for two weeks, 27 March and 3 April. Please contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE RECEIVING SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION  
OVER EASTER

*André Pereira & Lawrence Hendry*

*who will be received into the Catholic Church at the St Osmund Easter Vigil at 9pm on Holy Saturday  
and*

*Sean Dempsey*

*who will be confirmed at the 9am Mass on Easter Sunday Morning at St Gregory & the English Martyrs*

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

**Baptism** Our next course will take place on three Sundays at St Gregory: 5, 12, and 26 May consisting of attendance at the 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the Sacristy. Please register with the Parish Office on 01722 562703. To apply for a baptism please complete a 'Baptism Application' by clicking on the 'Registration' button on our homepage or by [clicking here](#).

**First Holy Communion Programme 2024** The next session is on Saturday 20 April at 2pm in St Gregory's Church for both Parents and Children. . **Confirmation Programme 2024** - The next session is this Sunday 24 March (Palm Sunday) after the 11am Mass at St Osmund in the Parish Rooms.

**Palm Sunday 9 & 11 am Masses at St Osmund** The Procession which is held outside the Church, weather permitting, will be livestreamed via a mobile camera. To watch please go to the usual 'St Osmund & St Gregory Livestream' page and click on the 'mobile' tab in the panel for this part of the liturgy.

**Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 27 March 11am.** The coach (fully booked) is confirmed and will be departing St Osmund's Church at 7.20am, then leaves St Gregory 7.35am with a pick up at Amesbury library at 7.55am. Mass is at 11am. We expect the coach will depart before 2pm to arrive back in Salisbury by 4pm.

**Choir for Easter Triduum in St Osmund's** - the final rehearsal with Fr Joseph is on Tuesday 26 March in the Parish Rooms at 6pm.

**Easter Vigil St Osmund at 9pm.** The first part of the liturgy 'The Service of Light' (the Easter fire and the blessing of the Paschal Candle) which takes place outside the Church will be livestreamed via a mobile camera. Please go to the usual 'St Osmund & St Gregory Livestream' page and click on the 'mobile' tab in the panel.

**The Stations of the Resurrection (via Lucis)** The Stations are a prayerful way of journeying through Eastertide by meditating on the biblical scenes following the Resurrection of Jesus. Join us on Friday 5 April 6.20pm (prior to the 7pm Mass) at St Osmund.

**Words of Faith:** Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a short course to find the best words to give an account of our faith. To register for this 'Zoom' course (starting Tuesday 9 April) click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

**Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron** puts the focus on a series of people around Jesus as they react in different ways to the events of the Passion. Putting ourselves in the scene, who do we identify with in this story as Jesus comes toward his death?. To watch and listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#). The video will be available on our website on Saturday evening.

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Lent Week 6 and Psalter 2

## Saturday 23 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mini Francis RIP

## First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Simon Elsom RIP

## Sunday 24 March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

09:00 St Gregory MASS James & Margaret Harley RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Berna Cajimat for her healing & speedy recovery

11:00 St Osmund MASS Tony Brady RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

16:30 Holy Redeemer Syro-Malabar MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

## Monday 25 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Josephine Kohlhofer RIP

## Tuesday 26 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

## Wednesday 27 March

No Morning Mass **Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral 11am**

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

## RECONCILIATION

*By prior appointment only during Holy Week.*

# PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

## Pope Francis Intention for March -

### For the new martyrs:

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm [Click here](#).

## CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray these two weeks for the parishes of St George (Warminster), Corpus Christi/Our Lady of Lourdes/St Joseph (Weston-super-Mare).

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr Raymond Hayne, Fr Malcom Ferrier, Anita Pheby, Michael Lennard, Stefanie Hawtin, Andrew Osmond and Bernadette Gallagher 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

This gospel is read at the procession with palms before Mass:

*Mark 11:1-10*

*Blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Isaiah 50:4-7*

*I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed*

*Psalms 21*

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

*Philippians 2:6-11*

*Christ humbled himself but God raised him high*

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory:**

Christ was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high

and gave him the name which is above all names.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**

*Mark 14:1-15:47*

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*



## Easter Egg Hunt!

Donations of (individually-wrapped) Easter Eggs will be gratefully received in your chosen church for our after-Mass egg hunts! Please hand your eggs into the office or to the welcomers at each of our Churches this weekend.

**We do ask Parents to supervise the eggs their children consume on Easter Sunday**

## HOLY THURSDAY

10:00 St Osmund Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

### MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

18:30 St Gregory & the English Martyrs  
20:00 St Osmund

*Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14*

*Psalm 115*

**The blessing-cup that we bless  
is a communion with the blood of Christ.**

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the Father, Word of God:**

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the Father, Word of God.**

*John 13:1-15.*

## GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 St Osmund Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10:00 St Gregory & the English Martyrs  
11:00 St Osmund

### SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD

15:00 St Gregory & the English Martyrs  
15:00 St Osmund

*Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12*

*Psalm 30* **Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**

*Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the Father, Word of God:**

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death,  
death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the  
name which is above all names.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the Father, Word of God.**

*John 18:1 - 19:42*

## HOLY SATURDAY

MORNING PRAYER & OFFICE OF READINGS  
SWIECONE - BLESSING OF BREAD (POLISH)

10:00 St Osmund  
14:30 St Osmund

### EASTER VIGIL IN THE MOST HOLY NIGHT

20:00 St Gregory & the English Martyrs 21:00 St Osmund

*Genesis 1:1 - 2:2* *Psalm 103* **Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

*Genesis 22:1-18* *Psalm 15* **Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.**

*Exodus 14:15 - 15:1* *Canticle: Ex15: 1-6* **I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!**

*Isaiah 54:5-14* *Psalm 29* **I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.**

*Isaiah 55:1-11* *Canticle: Is 12:2-6* **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

*Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4* *Psalm 18* **You have the message of eternal life, O Lord.**

*Ezekiel 36:16-28* *Psalms 41:3.5;42:3.4* **Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God.**

*Romans 6:3-11* *Psalm 117* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Mark 16: 1-7* *Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.*

# LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Easter Week 1 and Proper of the Season

## SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

### 31 March

09:00	St Gregory	MASS
09:00	St Osmund	MASS
11:00	St Osmund	MASS
12:30	St Osmund	Ordinariate MASS
18:00	St Osmund	MASS

### Monday 1 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	J D P 88th Birthday
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### Tuesday 2 April

**10:00 St Osmund Requiem Mass Michael Lennard RIP**

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00	St Osmund	Benediction
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### Wednesday 3 April

10:00	St Gregory	MASS
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**12:00 Holy Redeemer Requiem Mass Anita Pheby RIP**

**ALL WELCOME**

18:00	St Osmund	Ordinariate MASS
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### Thursday 4 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Josephine Kohlhofer RIP
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Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00	St Osmund	Benediction
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### Friday 5 April

10:00	St Gregory	MASS	John-Paul Pearson RIP
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18.20	St Osmund	Stations of the Resurrection
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19:00	St Osmund	MASS	Doris Phelan RIP
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### Saturday 6 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Tony Peters-Ennis on his 80th Birthday
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### First Mass of Sunday

18:00	St Gregory	MASS	Margaret & Family - Private Intention
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## 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](#)

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:

*Acts 10:34,37-43*

*'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'*

*Psalms 117*

**This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad**

*Colossians 3:1-4*

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

*John 20:1-9*

*He must rise from the dead*

## 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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## EXCITING NEWS: OUR PARISH CENTRE READY TO OPEN!

We're thrilled to announce that our Parish Centre, located at the end of Exeter St., has undergone a refurbishment and is all set to open right after Easter. Thanks to the renovation, the Centre has been nicely decorated and cleaned and boasts high standards for the enjoyment of our Parish community.

We've got an exciting line up of activities already planned please see below. The opening of the centre presents a fantastic opportunity for us to come together and make the most of this versatile space, with our community's needs in mind.

If you have any ideas or activities you'd like to arrange in the Centre, we'd love to hear from you!

Additionally, as we prepare for the opening, we need a few items to help us get started:

- Good quality mugs and plates
- Quality cutlery
- Working vacuum cleaners or similar
- Cleaning supplies like washing up liquid, cleaning agents, and disinfectant

For any enquiries or to arrange a tour of the Centre, please contact Deacon Steve. We can't wait to welcome you to our Parish Centre!

## PARISH CENTRE CALENDAR - APRIL/JUNE 2024

### **Parish Prayer & Praise 7.30 - 9.30 pm (Alabaré)**

On Tuesdays commencing 2 April to 25 June. There will be a shared meal on 30 April, 28 May & 25 June.

### **Parish Life in the Spirit seminars, 7.30 – 9.30pm (Alabaré)**

On each Friday commencing 19 April to 31 May.

### **First Friday talks 7.30 - 9.00pm(Alabaré)**

On the first Friday in the month commencing: 7 June, 5 July, 2 August, 6 September, 4 October, 1 November and 6 December.

### **Bereavement Group ( Deacon John Detain)**

Each Monday at 10.45am commencing Monday 15 April until Monday 24 June with the exception of Monday 13 May.

### **Parish Quiz – 7 - 9.30pm (Catenians)**

Saturday 6 April

### **Diaconal BBQ Friday 14 June 6pm**

For deacons & wives of the diocese - Salisbury parishioners invited.

### **Parish Film Night**

Awaiting projection screen & blind installation before firming up

**More details of these events to follow.**