

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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EASTER WEEK 4(A) GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

From Father Anthony

I threaded my way along the Wylde Valley towards Warminster. It was early and dew soaked. The sky was blue with cotton candy cloud and a strengthening sun. I passed the lakes and distant railway line away in the valley. I drove along avenues of high, budding trees and flowering hedges; the road twisting and turning, climbing and descending. I passed a field of cows, heads bent, docile and serene apart from little calves... prancing around and cajoling their mothers, lovely!

Throughout scripture we find pastoral scenes where God or Jesus, is the shepherd and we the sheep. If these scenes are to become more than historical notes we have to internalise them: understand how they reveal a relationship with God that can be experienced now.

How are we sheep? How do we hear the voice of God? Spiritually, sheep are our thoughts and feelings, the guided or unguided internal qualities that lead us through life? Whose voices are they listening to? Who shepherds our thoughts and feelings? Many voices claim to be shepherds, clamouring for our attention and allegiance; especially those wanting our vote, our finances, our trust and prejudiced devotion. We are bombarded with news, advertising, social media, all churning out cheap human philosophy, probably lots of lies and sowing confusion masquerading as insight. They are voices rooted solely in the world and rarely point towards Heaven or the Divine. On the contrary, they actively distract us from finding the Kingdom within. Are they not the thieves and robbers mentioned in the Gospel passage?

How do we hear the voice of Jesus? We have been given the Word of God in Scripture. Let's use it, listen to it; let it speak to us and follow it. Use mind first. Take a line of scripture and focus our mind on it; think into it and tear it apart. Let it illuminate and saturate the mind. With perseverance it will lead to little moments of stillness. Over time we begin to spend longer and longer in this stillness until eventually we become aware of a *'still small voice within'* (1 Kings 19:12-13). It is different from worldly voices; it brings peace and understanding; we relax. It belongs to the Presence of God and now has a place in our minds. We do not have to hear it in books or sermons; it is the gate within leading to the Father.

Please note: There will be no Ordinariate Mass at 6pm on Tuesday 28 April.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

[Click Here](#)

WITH GRATEFUL THANKS FROM FR ANTHONY & FR JOSEPH...

The long-established tradition of giving in thanksgiving for our priests at Easter once again leaves us feeling humbled and grateful for your unfailing generosity and kindness to us. Thank you so much for your financial offering but also for the countless contributions of time, love and effort that went into making our Easter celebrations so joyful and for the various treats and gifts that were delivered to the presbytery. Thank you.

SCOTT HAHN COMING TO THE CLIFTON DIOCESE

Dr Scott Hahn, Catholic writer, author, broadcaster and teacher is coming to this country in May and will be speaking at **St John the Evangelist, Bath, on Tuesday 26 May at 7pm**. It will be a limited number, ticketed event only. (£20) This is a truly great opportunity and tickets will sell out quickly. Fr Joseph has booked to attend and is happy to drive a minibus if others would like to join him. To purchase your ticket, click [here](#) and, if you let the parish office know **after** you have bought a ticket, we will happily add you the list to travel with Fr Joseph on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't wait, book now if you want to go!

MOVING ONLINE...

With every passing day, the use of computers and IT more generally brings helpful, time-efficient ways of doing things in every area of our lives and the parish is no exception! You will have noticed that increasingly you are invited to sign-up for events, request Mass intentions or simply provide your availability for rotas via online forms. Your willingness to do this helps us tremendously. When you respond in this way, your input is recorded more accurately and is organised into a usable format with little or no input from office staff. We are so grateful to you for your co-operation in this and your openness to learning to do this if it is new to you. However, it is really important that no-one feels excluded by these new processes and so, if you do not have access to the internet or need help to use these new methods, please contact the parish office in person or by telephone in the 'old-fashioned' way! Many thanks to all.

Word Day of Prayer for Vocations - we join with the universal church this weekend in praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Clifton Diocese has three seminarians in formation for the priesthood: Neil Peixoto, Nohil D'Souza, and Martyn Jones. We get to meet Neil & Nohil in a video together with a message from Pope Leo XIV on our website [here](#). **There will be a retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund this weekend 25/26 April. Gift aid envelopes are available in the porch of each church.**

SCORE Newsletter will be distributed after all Masses this weekend and can also be found on our [website](#).

Radiant - our monthly group for women meets next Thursday 30 April 7pm. We would love you to join us for prayer, scripture and friendship. Bring a small plate of something for a shared supper. Please get in touch if you need a lift. For information Xanthe 07904 589360 or click [here](#).

Encounter 2026 – From Eastertide to Pentecost. Join us for a series exploring the Holy Spirit. We will be screening a set of talks from Clifton Cathedral at the Parish Centre each Tuesday from 7-9 pm. The first talk by Harry Sadd aged 16 on 'Called to New Life: How the Holy Spirit Began to Guide My Life' is now [website](#). The next talk is on Tuesday 28 April, is 'Listening to the Promise: Recognising the Voice of the Holy Spirit', given by Kevin Loud, Lay Chaplain.

Come Holy Spirit – A new prayer and discernment group meeting weekly on a Friday afternoons 4-5.30pm at St Gregory's to explore the gifts of the Holy Spirit through scripture and prayer over coffee and cake. More info [here](#)

First Friday Talk – Next Friday 1 May will feature a talk by Xanthe Vanderputt on 'Our Lady Queen of Peace'. All are welcome and the talk will be recorded and should be available on our website [here](#).

PASTORAL AREA RETREAT MONDAY - THURSDAY 18-21 MAY

This year, our popular residential Retreat to Ladywell Abbey is taking place during Eastertide rather than Lent and we plan to reflect upon how we respond to the exhortation at the end of Mass to 'go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!' We will focus therefore upon mission and discipleship – living our faith. Never been on a retreat before? Not sure if it is for you...? Why not give us a ring to talk it through? Retreats are not just for the super-Holy (far from it!) or the super-religious! A Residential Retreat can provide a short break for thought and prayer for those who need a bit of a 'reset' or for those who maybe need a break from their routine to focus upon matters of the heart and reconnect with their faith in a beautiful rural setting. For further details see below or go to our [website](#). To book a place, click [here](#)



FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

Family of Faith: Next session is this Sunday 26 April 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.

Bible Study with the Fathers of the Church - Fr Joseph's group for Young(ish) adults (open to all in their 20s & 30s) meets on alternate Tuesdays at 8pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms, also available to join online via Zoom. Please email Fr Joseph to be added to the WhatsApp group for notifications. joseph.meigh@cliftondiocese.com

Youth Group (Wednesdays in term time) at the Parish Centre at 6.30pm, visited Bemerton Lodge Care Home this week, where they chatted and played games with the residents. . Do you want to join? This is for anyone in Years 8-11. For more, just click on [Youth Group](#) on our home page.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Confirmation 2026 - The next key [Confirmation](#) session is Wednesday 6 May at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre. This session will be followed by 1 to 1 readiness sessions on 13 & 14 May. If you have child that will be in Year 9 or above in the next school year and wishes to be confirmed, you can sign up for the 2027 programme by visiting our [Confirmation](#) page.

Baptism Preparation. The last session of the current course is this Sunday 26 April after the 9am Mass at St Osmund. The next course will run for three consecutive Sundays starting 3 May after the 9am Mass at St Gregory, please contact the Parish Office to join or click the '[Registration](#)' button on our homepage.

SPUC Salisbury branch would like to invite new members to their meetings and to share in their activities. If you are Pro-Life minded and would like to find out more then please let Alison know on 01722 741681. They meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm although the time is up for discussion so that working people could attend.

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 6 May 2026 for Hoy Bingo at 2.00pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Men's Breakfast - The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday 9 May at 8.00am in the Parish Centre. Come along for a time of prayer, food and fellowship, the speaker TBA. 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 on the image in the '[Top News](#)' box.

Office Email Account – as advised recently the account office@salburycatholics.org is no longer in use, therefore your emails to this address will go unread and ignored! Please use salisbury.catholic@cliftondiocese.com

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Easter Week 4 Psalter 4 & Proper of Season

Saturday 25 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thomas (William, Albert) Hutton RIP

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Mrs Sebastian – Birthday Intentions

SUNDAY 26 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

09:00 St Osmund MASS Ben Watson

09:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

11:00 St Osmund MASS Benny & family – special intentions

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Private intention

Monday 27 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Nancy Kirwan RIP

Tuesday 28 April

10:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Bob Kimsey RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

17:30 St Osmund Benediction

No Ordinariate Mass this week and next week.

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

10:00 St Gregory MASS (G) Sara Edmonds RIP

Thursday 30 April

10:00 St Osmund Requiem MASS Tony Broughton RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

17:30 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 1 May

18:00 St Osmund MASS In sickness - Benny

Saturday 2 May Saint Athanasius

10:00 St Osmund MASS Elizabeth & William Connors RIP

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Mary Buck RIP

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Saturdays 4.30pm until Mass

St Osmund: Saturdays 9.30am until 12 noon

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR APRIL

For Priests in crisis.

Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray for the parishes of St Joseph (Stonehouse) and Annunciation (Woodchester),

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Philip Potter, Bob Kimsey, Tony Broughton, Carlo Zaccariello, Evin Harold, Lynda Nunn, Christopher Turner, Beth Newman and Darren Barnes 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.

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



PASTORAL AREA RETREAT

Glorify the Lord by your life: living our faith every day.

Monday May 18th – Thursday May 21st

This year, our popular residential Retreat to Ladywell Abbey is taking place during Eastertide rather than Lent and we plan to reflect upon how we respond to the exhortation at the end of Mass to 'go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!' We will focus therefore upon mission and discipleship – living our faith.

To maximise participation by both laity and clergy from our pastoral area we are going during the week this time, rather than over a weekend and we hope this will mean that some who have previously not been able to attend may be able to do so.

Speakers: Sister Magdalene Cletus, a Franciscan Missionary of the Divine Motherhood (the resident community) and Father Tomas Krejci, priest in residence at Tisbury. We have organised the schedule this year to allow more time for reflection, quiet prayer and contemplation than in previous years as a result of our experience and feedback from you.

Travel: last year we all managed to give lifts to those who needed them, so we will do the same again, rather than try to take bus mid-week in term time.

Accommodation: Ladywell offers us full board – breakfast, lunch and dinner with unlimited tea, coffee and biscuits in between. All the rooms are *en suite* and some have accessible bathrooms or are situated on the ground floor. There are lifts for those who find stairs a challenge. There are single rooms and double rooms for couples, but you can also opt to share a twin room with a friend for a reduced cost.

Worship: we will join the community for Mass every day and there will be opportunity for confession. We will begin the day with prayers and end with Compline.

Activities: the afternoons will be free, but we will have some optional walks, reflections and times when you can seek spiritual guidance or request confession. The important thing at Ladywell is to allow yourself to relax into the spirituality of the place and its beautiful surroundings.

Cost: £300 per person, single. £600 for a couple in a double room. £270 per person, friendly sharing in a twin room.

Financial Assistance: if you would like to attend the retreat but would have difficulty affording it, please speak confidentially to one of our clergy, or call the St Osmund's Parish Office and speak to Dezi or Caroline.

Offering: if you would like to make a financial offering so that other people could go on retreat who might not otherwise be able to afford it, then please contact the St Osmund's Parish Office.

Book online [here](#):

