

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES



From Father Anthony

Years ago I went into a hall of mirrors; it was a laugh. I looked like a bloated toad, a string bean, a lopsided duck and so on. I remember thinking that this is what happens when we are attached to things or people; attachment distorts our true image. Only a 'proper' mirror reflected my actual image... *and revealed what really needed to change*. So much for theme parks!

We are commanded to '*love our neighbour as ourselves*' (Mt 22:37-39). Love is not an option; it is a necessity. Without love life becomes a distortion or shadow of itself. Love, to be love, must be rooted in Love... which is God. So the first '*commandment*' is to '*love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind*'. We demonstrate love of God, whom we cannot see, by loving what we can see and feel: our neighbour and our self. Jesus did not say, '*don't love mother, father, etc*' but do not love them *more* or *above* God. The deepest quality of love is recognising and embracing God's wishes for us above our own. God is the mirror in whom we see our true reflection and, therefore, what needs to transform. His Love draws us out of ourselves, to grow into whom He intends us to be... His Image not ours. Without God love becomes distorted by the ego which seeks out only what confirms its own bias.

So, we must '*lose our lives*' in God to find our true self rather than being attached to images of *self*, created by ourselves and others. Putting others first and being sensitive to their needs is a good way of detaching from these images (*whoever gives a cup of cold water*). But this is at variance with many social, political and cultural creeds that advertise and promulgate '*me*' first; failing to understand that '*me*' is the problem. Only by losing *me* in God's wishes for *me*, and in the needs of others, does *me* find itself!

Simon (*to hear*) *lost his life* by listening in spirit to God until, rooted only in God, he became Peter (*a rock*). Saul *lost his life* by ceasing to *persecute* Jesus in favour of *proclaiming* Him. Both *found themselves* in the mirror of God's transforming Action and Love. Are we following in their footsteps? Perhaps a good look in the mirror will answer that.

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NEW TO THE PARISH?

We wish you a very warm welcome.

Please register online

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WEEKDAY LITURGY TIME CHANGES

With effect from Monday, the following changes will be made to the regular Mass schedule:

- The Ordinariate Mass will move from Tuesdays at 6pm to Mondays at 6pm.
- The Wednesday 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart, Tisbury, will move to Thursdays at 6pm and will be celebrated by clergy from Salisbury.
- The Tuesday 9.30am Mass at All Saints', Wardour, will be suspended during the summer holidays of Wardour Catholic Primary School, i.e. from 21 July until 1 September, and will resume when the school returns after the summer break.
- Benediction at St Osmund's on Tuesdays & Thursdays will return to 6pm.
- Please note that on Wednesdays 1 & 8 July, the 10am Wednesday Mass at St Gregory's will be replaced by a Service of the Word.
- All other Masses will continue according to the existing schedule.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES - SUNDAY 28 JUNE

"These apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith." – St Augustine. For more on these principal pillars of the Church founded by Christ and a reflection by Bishop Robert Barron, [click](#) on the image in the Top News box.

Peter's Pence Collection this weekend This traditional annual collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion. For more on this [click](#) on the image in the 'Top News' box. Gift Aid Envelopes are available, please use one if you are a UK taxpayer. Many thanks.

Altar Server Training Opportunity – St Gregory's Church An opportunity is being offered this Saturday 27 June, from 10am to midday, for any young person who has recently made, or is preparing to make, their First Holy Communion who would like to train to be an altar server at St Gregory's. If your child plans to attend, let Deacon Steve know: stephen.godwin@cliftondiocese.com If there are young people who would like to become altar servers at St Osmund's, we also have training sessions with Emmanuel and Sam that you are welcome to join – contact the parish office for more details.

First Friday Talk – Friday 3 July 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Centre. **'Pilgrims, Progress and Punctures'**: some parishioners have travelled the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage, walking or cycling, and will be recalling their experiences of grace and grief on the famous "Camino." All are welcome, but if you cannot attend each talk will be recorded and available on our website over that weekend. Please click on '[Parish Activities](#)' on our main menu and then on '[First Friday Talks](#)'.

Safeguarding Matters. All holders of a DBS with the Clifton Diocese must now complete the safeguarding training which is a mandatory requirement for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Clifton Diocese provides free online training to all volunteers. You will shortly receive further details with a link to this training. If you have any questions, speak to Deacon John Proctor who is our Parish Safeguarding Representative. Many thanks.

CONFIRMATION 2027 – ENROL NOW!

If you have a child who will be in Year 9 or above from Sept, please use our online form to apply to join our preparation programme for 2027 as **there will be an information evening for parents during the first few days of September**.

There is a wonderful residential retreat for the group during the first term and so it is vital that you sign up NOW to receive all the information and dates that you will need. Please click on the '[Confirmation](#)' button on our homepage for the link to sign up. The Confirmation programme and Mass are a wonderful time in a young person's life and is gaining in popularity every year with our youngsters. Please sign up now to be assured of a place for next year.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

Family of Faith: The final session for the current year is next Sunday 5 July following the 9am Masses at the Parish Centre. The dates for 2026 – 2027 (starting Sunday 13 September) are now on our [Family of Faith](#) webpage.

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. This group is for those in Years 8-11 to meet up, relax, play games, chat about faith, ask questions, and pray. For more, click on [Youth Group](#) on our home page.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Congratulations to Levi, who will receive his First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass at St Gregory's this Sunday, 28 June. It would be lovely to celebrate with him in the hall after Mass, if you can bring some cake or nibbles that would be most welcome - just bring them into the Hall before Mass.

Congratulations to Eva Harrison-Byrne and Demi-Leigh Nikita Moore-Higham who were baptised last weekend, Please keep them and their parents in your prayers.

Not a Catholic but interested to know more? Our Journey in Faith group takes a short break from their planned sessions over the summer but we are always available to speak to anyone who feels drawn to (or to return to) the Catholic faith at any time. Speak to a member of the clergy, contact the parish office or speak to Dave Blake: salisbury.journeyinfaith@cliftondiocese.com

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Archbishop John Sherrington has expressed deep disappointment that the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is to return to Parliament this autumn.

The Catholic Church continues to oppose the Bill, alongside others who believe it risks crossing a serious moral threshold. Concerns raised in earlier debates remain unresolved. Medical organisations, disability groups, and others have warned of potential dangers, particularly for vulnerable people.

Archbishop Sherrington urges MPs to reject the Bill and instead focus on improving access to high-quality palliative care and proper hospice funding. He also calls on people of goodwill to support this intention through prayer and action. For the full statement please click on the '[Assisted Suicide](#)' button on our homepage.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-2 Ordinary Time Week 13 Week Proper of Solemnity

Saturday 27 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Joshua

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 28 JUNE SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

09:00 St Osmund MASS Joseph Neelamkavil RIP

09:00 St Gregory MASS Roy Muricken RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Ann Foils RIP

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
Deceased members of the
Hanby & Rockett families.

18:00 St Osmund MASS Intentions of Sebastian & family

Monday 29 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Birthday Thanksgiving

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

TUESDAY 30 JUNE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

10:00 St Osmund MASS Ordination Anniversaries:
Fr Martin Kelly (60th) & Fr Henry McCann (30th)

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 1 July

10:00 St Gregory SERVICE OF THE WORD

Thursday 2 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS (G) Elisa Dew RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

FRIDAY 3 JULY SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

18:00 St Osmund MASS John Stone RIP

Saturday 4 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Thanksgiving – Jacob family

First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS Gina Mizzi RIP

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Saturdays 4.30pm until Mass

St Osmund: Saturdays 9.30am until 12 noon

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

PAPAL PRAYER FOR JUNE

For the values of sports.

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray for the parish of St George (Warminster).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bridget Read, Maureen Mooney, Bill Allen, John Wilson, Philip Potter, and Bob Kimsey 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 register 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.

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