

# PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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## PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER



### From Father Anthony

The garden is beginning to bloom as spring supplants winter. Green buds and blossom adorn the trees. Blues, reds and yellows, pepper the borders. The Brown Sparrows twist and turn in aerial displays and there is a cool sweetness in the air. I let the Lapsang steam and watched daffodils sway in the breeze waving goodbye to winter. The Gunslinger landed and sang a few bars of his special tune and, with the sun rising, I felt new life in my heart and in the air. The tea was excellent too!

During our Lenten journey with Jesus, in the desert, we may have been given a glimpse of how fleeting, contradictory and challenging life on earth is; houses that give us no real shelter, roads that lead nowhere, sustenance for bodies destined to decay, resolutions made but never fulfilled. If that's the sum of our experience, we'd be justified in being depressed!! But hopefully, this understanding has come about because we've glimpsed something of the spiritual realm: and the material realm now seems dull and limited by comparison. Maybe we have begun to understand and experience the world as simply *appearance* or *effect* and felt the thrill that comes with sensing the closeness of Cause; Him whom we worship and whose Presence we long for. Having seen and experienced the winter of our life we gladly let it go for the springtime of Spirit and Heaven. Now we must bring this Spirit to the life we are leading here on earth and share it with others; as if smiling into the world the joy of Heaven; dare I say... renewing the world!

During the Jewish Feast of Booths, (Sukkot, סוכות) the people remember their time in the desert and their temporary dwellings made of Palms fronds and other branches (Lev 23;40). Celebrating their freedom from the forty-year sojourn in the desert and entrance into the Promised Land they waved Palms.

We are a people of the Spirit. Let the Palms we hold this Sunday be for us a remembrance of the temporary nature of life on earth and the joys of the Kingdom of Heaven which follow and can be found and lived now; that, where Jesus has led, we are to follow. His death will be our death and, although it seems that we will have lost something, we will in fact have found our Home, in Him.

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March until to 9am Monday 13 April**

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## EASTER OFFERINGS

It is ancient tradition of our Church that the Christmas and Easter collections are given in gratitude for our priests. Due to an administrative change in the way that stipends are paid to priests, Easter offerings can now be Gift-Aided. There are special Easter Offering envelopes available now in our churches - if you are a UK taxpayer **please** take a moment to complete your details on the envelope as this increases the value of your donation by 25% **at no extra cost to you**. If you make your offering at the machines in the church porch or using the QR code shown here, please select the Gift Aid option. Please be assured that your gift remains anonymous as all of the administration is carried out by our wonderful volunteer finance team.

If you would like to make an offering via online banking, our parish account details are:

Name: **Clifton Diocese re Parish of St Osmund** Sort Code: **52-10-03** No: **66287111** Please quote the reference **EASTER** or, if you are already registered for Gift Aid with the parish, please use reference **GAD Easter**. **Many thanks.**



## PREPARATION FOR EASTER

**The Deanery Penitential Service** will take place at 7pm next Tuesday (31 March) at St Gregory & the English Martyrs. This will be the **final opportunity for Confession before Easter**. Several priests will be available. On Wednesday of Holy Week, our priests travel to Bristol for the Chrism Mass, and on **Holy Thursday** we enter the Sacred Triduum. With only two priests in Salisbury, and with liturgical preparations and visits to the housebound, **Confession appointments will not be available after Tuesday**.

**Liturgy Time Changes next Tuesday 31 March** Benediction will be at the earlier time of 4pm and the regular Tuesday Ordinariate Mass at 5.30pm has been moved to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> to allow all clergy to be present at the Penitential Service.

**Easter Egg Donations!** There will be an Easter egg hunt for children after the 9am Masses on Easter Sunday at both St Osmund and St Gregory. Donations of (individually-wrapped little, not full-size!) Easter eggs will be gratefully received in your chosen church. Please hand your eggs to the welcomers at each of our churches this weekend or to the parish office on Monday or Tuesday of next week before the office closes at 4pm. Thank you.

**Easter Flowers** Thank you to those who choose to contribute to our Easter flowers.

**Holy Saturday 4 April 11.30am at St Osmund Church** – Would you like to help with readying the church for Easter? You don't have to be an ace flower-arranger, there are plenty of tasks! Please come along and help – there is no need to tell us in advance, just turn up on the day and help as much as you can. We especially need people willing to weed and tidy up around the outside of the front of the church in readiness for Easter. Many thanks.

**Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 1 April 11am.** There have been a couple of cancellations on the coach and so we now have a few places – contact the parish office as soon as possible if you'd like to travel on the coach. We will be departing St Osmund's Church at 7.20am for a pick up at St Gregory's departing there at 7.35am Pick up at Amesbury library is at 7.50am and then full-steam ahead to Bristol! The Mass can be watched by going to our '[Church TV](#)' page and then click on Clifton Cathedral or [click here](#).

**Good Friday** there will be the traditional retiring collection for the Holy Places & Christians in the Holy Land who are in great need this year given the troubled situation in the Middle East.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ELECT WHO WILL BE RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH  
AND CONFIRMED AT THE EASTER VIGIL

Christopher, Sophie, Luisa and Jennifer.

HOLY WEEK

**Holy Thursday - Mass of The Lord's Supper 7pm St Gregory** – After Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to the Altar of Repose, which represents the Garden of Gethsemane. This remains open until Midnight, so that we can answer His plea to the disciples: “Can’t you stay and watch with me for one hour?” During this time, we will have the Rosary, readings from the Gospel of John, and finish with Compline at 11.45pm. Please let us know if you can stay for part of the time by filling in the form here: [Sign up for a slot](#)

You can join those present for the watching by going to ‘[St Osmund & St Gregory Livestream](#)’ page and clicking on the ‘mobile tab’.

**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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 12 APRIL

*God loves you more than you can imagine and He is always ready to forgive you and help you.*

**You are warmly invited to a special celebration of Divine Mercy at St. Osmund’s Church at 2:30 pm**

Please note that this is not Mass, it is a beautiful prayer service and is open to everyone. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed starting at 3pm (the Hour of Mercy) and Confession will be available throughout. An image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, will be venerated during the service.

*Come and immerse yourself in the inexhaustible mercy of God. “Jesus, I trust in You”.*

For more information click on the [Divine Mercy](#) image in the ‘Top News’ box.

SHARING OUR FAITH

**Family of Faith: Next session is after the Easter break on Sunday 12 April** after the 9am Masses at the Parish Centre on Exeter Street.

**Confirmation 2026** - The next key [Confirmation](#) session is Wednesday 6 May at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**Baptism Preparation.** The next course starts Sunday 12 April after the 9am Mass at St Osmund for three consecutive Sundays, contact the Parish Office to join or click the ‘[Registration](#)’ button on our homepage.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - SUNDAY 12 APRIL

Please keep in your prayers, four children (Amelia, Bernadette, Ada & Mille) from our Family of Faith programme who will be making their First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass on Sunday 12 April in St Osmund’s Church. This is a truly important and meaningful moment in their journey of faith. In the Eucharist, Jesus comes to us in a unique and profound way, and as Catholics we never take this gift for granted. Our heartfelt thanks go to the parents and catechists who have prepared the children so well, and to everyone who has helped guide them to this special day. We look forward to a very full church and a celebration filled with joy!

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

.Year C-1 Lent Week 6 & Psalter 2

### Saturday 28 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Charlotte Barton belated birthday blessings

### First Mass of Sunday

17:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

### SUNDAY 29 MARCH PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

09:00 St Gregory MASS Celia Maidment RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

09:00 St Osmund MASS Doris & Nicholas Phelan RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS Mr & Mrs Sebastian – Anniversary

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Martina Armstrong for recovery

### Monday 30 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS Alistair and Terry RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

### Tuesday 31 March

10:00 St Osmund MASS 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Blessings for John Pearson DV

### All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

16:00 St Osmund Benediction

19:00 St Gregory Deanery Penitential Service

### Wednesday 1 April

No Morning Mass Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral 11am



### CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray for the parishes of St Benet (Kemerton), St Joseph (Tewkesbury) & St Nicholas (Winchcombe),

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:

#### Psalm Response

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

#### Gospel Acclamation

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

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

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



### Easter Egg Hunts! After 9am Masses

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.

**NB – As we cannot assure parents regarding allergens contained, responsibility for what the children consume remains the responsibility of parents at all times.**

## HOLY THURSDAY

10:00 St Osmund Tenebrae  
(Morning prayer & Office of Readings interspersed with musical reflections)

### MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

19:00 ST GREGORY & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

#### Psalm Response

The cup of blessing is a communion in the blood of Christ.

#### Gospel Acclamation

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

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

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

#### The Watch until Midnight.

After Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to the Altar of Repose, which represents the Garden of Gethsemane. This remains open until Midnight, so that we can answer His plea to the disciples: "Can't you stay and watch with me for one hour?" During this time, we will have the Rosary, readings from the Gospel of John, and finish with Compline at 11.45pm. Please let us know if you can stay for part of the time by filling in the form here: [Sign up for a slot](#)

## GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 St Osmund Tenebrae  
(Morning prayer & Office of Readings interspersed with musical reflections)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

09:00 St Gregory & the English Martyrs

18:00 St Osmund

### ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS

10:30 Salisbury Cathedral (West Door)

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

15:00 ST GREGORY & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

15:00 ST OSMUND

#### Psalm Response

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

#### Gospel Acclamation

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

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

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

## HOLY SATURDAY

Tenebrae 10:00 St Osmund  
(Morning prayer & Office of Readings interspersed with musical reflections)

Swiecone - Blessing of Bread (Polish) 13:00 St Gregory & the English Martyrs

### EASTER VIGIL IN THE MOST HOLY NIGHT

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, O God, for in you I take refuge.**

*Exodus 14:15 - 15:1* *Canticle: Ex15: 1-6* **Let us sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph.**

*Isaiah 54:5-14* *Psalm 29* **I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.**

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

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

*Ezekiel 36:16-28* *Psalm 41* **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!**

*Matthew 28:1-10* *'He has risen and he is going before you to Galilee'*

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

. Year A-2 Easter Week 1 and Proper of the Season

### SUNDAY 5 APRIL      SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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

### Monday 6 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Margaret & Steve Godwin Golden Wedding Anniversary
18.30	Downton	MASS	Fr Ignatius Gurd

### Tuesday 7 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Marie Therese Farley RIP
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All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

17:30	St Osmund	Benediction
18:00	St Osmund	Ordinariate MASS

### Wednesday 8 April

10:00	St Gregory	MASS	Frank Farley RIP
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### Thursday 9 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Mary Robson RIP
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All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

17:30	St Osmund	Benediction
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### Friday 10 April

18:00	St Osmund	MASS	(G) John Callan RIP
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### Saturday 11 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Ahini Aline & Raymond RIP
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### First Mass of Sunday

17:00	St Gregory	MASS	Private Intention
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### RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Saturdays 4.30pm until Mass

St Osmund: Saturdays 9.30am until 12 noon

## PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

### CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray for the parish of St Thomas More (Marlborough with Pewsey).

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:

#### Psalm Response

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice in it and be glad.

#### Gospel Acclamation

#### Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed;

let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

#### Alleluia, alleluia.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tony Broughton, 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.

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

. Year A-2 Easter Week 2, Psalter 2 and Proper of the Season

### SUNDAY 12 APRIL

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

09:00	St Osmund	MASS	David Eugene Clarke RIP
09:00	St Gregory	MASS	Bell Family RIP
11:00	St Osmund	MASS	People of the Parish
12:30	St Osmund	Ordinariate	MASS
18:00	St Osmund	MASS	Isabel – special intentions

### Monday 13 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Josephine Kohlhofer RIP
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### Tuesday 14 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	George & Monica Pickford RIP
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All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

17:30	St Osmund	Benediction	
18:00	St Osmund	Ordinariate	MASS

### Wednesday 15 April

10:00	St Gregory	MASS	In thanksgiving – Mary Fleming
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### Thursday 16 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Birthday blessings Ian Barton
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All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

17:30	St Osmund	Benediction	
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### Friday 17 April

18:00	St Osmund	MASS	(G) Daniel Callaghan RIP
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### Saturday 18 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Simon Thornton RIP
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### First Mass of Sunday

17:00	St Gregory	MASS	Intention of Margery Baker
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### 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 Salisbury Parishes,

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE:

#### Psalm Response

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good,  
his mercy endures for ever.

#### Gospel Acclamation

#### Alleluia, alleluia.

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

#### Alleluia..

## 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](mailto:salisbury.catholic@cliftondiocese.com)

## LIFE MATTERS

An amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill tabled to prevent a change to the law that would decriminalise abortion up to birth in a number of circumstances has been voted down in the House of Lords by 185 votes to 148.

The Archbishop of Southwark, the Most Reverend John Wilson, has described the legislation as “frightening” and that it not only ignores the unborn child, but also raises “serious concerns for the safety of women”.

Archbishop Wilson said: “This is a truly tragic moment for our nation. How can this frightening legislation, which, following Royal Assent, will permit the abortion of children right up until the moment of birth for any reason, have any place in a civilised society? For the full statement click on the image in the [‘Top News’](#) box or visit our [‘Blog’](#)’.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**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.

**Rosary in Salisbury Cathedral - Friday 17 April-** The Rosary is prayed by Catholics and Anglicans in Salisbury Cathedral on the third Friday of each month at 12 o’clock. If you would like to join us we meet in the cathedral Refectory 1130-1150 before going into the Cathedral.

**Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré)** each Tuesday 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the Parish Centre. All are welcome. There is a shared meal on the last Tuesday of the month, please let one of the Deacons know if you wish to join.

**Radiant** - our monthly group for women next meets on 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](#).

**Youth Group** – meets each Wednesday (in term time) at the Parish Centre at 6.30pm. All the dates are on our website, click on [Youth Group](#) on our home page. They next meet on Wednesday 15 April.

**First Friday talks** occur at the Parish Centre after the 6pm Mass at St Osmund. The next talk will be on Friday 1 May. Detail to follow

**My Generation** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays in each month at 2pm in St Gregory’s Hall, they meet next Wednesday 1 April 2026 for Bingo. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109

**Hope & Friendship Group** meets monthly on the second Monday of each month. 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. Mondays mornings 10.45 - 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Any questions? Call Deacon John Detain 01722 415588

**Catholic Book Club** – the group meet on the last Thursday of each month from 1:30–2:30 pm at the Parish Centre, Exeter Street. The next meeting is on Thursday 30 April. Come along for a friendly and welcoming social occasion as we read and discuss engaging books together. Everyone is welcome—feel free to bring a friend! Light refreshments will be provided and there is free parking. Further details are available from Frances on 07966 925995 or [rollestonfrances@gmail.com](mailto:rollestonfrances@gmail.com).

**Bridge Club** meets every Tuesday from 13:00-16:00 in the Parish Centre. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday 7 April. For further information, contact the Office 01722 562703.