

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

HOLY REDEEMER + ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK

From Father Anthony

Some weeks back I went into the countryside. Apart from birdsong and distant traffic it was quiet with a cold but gentle breeze. Trees stood tall on my left while the landscape fell away to the right with exquisite views towards Wardour. Two women on horseback made their way along a weathered track. Something spooked one of the horses. It neighed and rose up, dancing on its hindlegs. With amazing skill, the rider leaned forward kept her balance and controlled the skittering horse. Visibly shaken she, nevertheless, patted the horse and continued on her way. It made me think of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey.

Spiritually, Jerusalem is a symbol of Peace. It is this peace we hope to attain through spiritual practice – especially during Lent. Very often the donkey (*or horse*) is spiritually symbolic of the Mind. Tethered to the world (*you will find a donkey tethered*) the mind is tied to the senses; which are unstable and may lead us a merry dance! The mind has to be freed from the senses by being controlled *by* and *in* Love... Jesus rides (*controls*) the donkey (*mind*). The donkey is also the mount of a King... the controlled mind is King. The King comes meek and mild means... *not bearing weapons*. The controlled mind is quietly confident. It does not argue with or attack others but it does not succumb to the whims or conditioning of society. It is marvellous: yet terrifying.

The controlled, self-actualised, person, being secure in themselves, is liberated. They liberate others. They free others to grow in spirit and are often a joy to be with: we welcome them (*palms*). *But*, they are a threat to those still captivated by the herd mentality. The threatened will ridicule and *dumb down* such a person at best – get rid of or kill them at worse! Similarly, as we grow in spirit we will encounter in ourselves the voice of liberation and the voice of criticism. We may feel our new-found liberation *is of the devil!* It may depress and confuse us and we may suppress or kill it.

To distinguish what is of God and what is of the World needs great discernment. It can be a tough time... the desert outside the city, the storm before the calm, death before resurrection. However, such confusion is often a sign that Christ is near at hand!



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Chapel of the Good Shepherd
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Southampton Rd, Whaddon SP5 3EB

NEW TO THE PARISH?
We wish you a very warm welcome.
Please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org>

Please note - the Parish Office will be closed from midday on Holy Thursday 6 April up to and including Wednesday 12 April.

Good Friday There will be the traditional retiring collection on Good Friday for the Holy Places & Christians in the Holy Land.

Parish Coronation Tea & Talk - Sunday 7 May 23 at 3pm at The White Hart Hotel. This is a pre-bookable event only. Book via the Parish Office on 01722 562703 or office@salisbury Catholics.org. £16.50 per head which includes tea and a buffet of small sandwiches, cakes and scones. For more details please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Fabulous Family Fun Day is being held at Salisbury Rugby Club on Saturday the 13 May from midday. This event is in aid of Salisbury Hospice. If anyone would like to purchase raffle tickets, help on the day or ask any questions about this event please contact Sarah Varney: svarney401@gmail.com.

Salisbury Foodbank Our Lent collection for the Foodbank ends on Palm Sunday. The collection boxes will then be removed from the churches until after Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt! 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, also eggs will be given out after the Mass at Holy Redeemer. Donations of (individually-wrapped) Easter Eggs will be gratefully received in your chosen church. Please hand your eggs into the office or to the welcomers at each of our Churches.

Easter Flowers In honour of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Churches will hopefully be adorned with beautiful flowers, please do consider making a contribution. Donations can be placed in the normal collection basket at each of our churches in a envelope marked 'Easter Flowers'. If you would like to help with the Easter Flowers at St Osmund's, please come along at 11am on Holy Saturday.

Prayer & Pub Warm invitation for young Catholics (20s, 30s, students, couples, young families, etc.) to celebrate Easter week with a time of prayer (from 6.30pm), followed by toasting the risen Lord at the New Inn (7.30pm). Thursday 13th April, St Osmund's church. For more info, contact Fr Joseph.

Salisbury Catholics Parishioner Lunch is after the midday Mass on Thursday 13 April in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Come and enjoy a home-cooked lunch in friendly company. There is no charge for lunch but any donations given will go to our SCORE Ukraine fund. We look forward to seeing you there.

A Parish Get-Together will be held at St Gregory's Hall on Sunday 23 April after the 9am Mass. We extend a warm invitation to all and would be delighted to have you join us to build our community. Please bring a plate of food ready for a shared table, that can be eaten without the use of cutlery. For the poster please visit our blog or [click here](#).

My Generation will be meeting next Wednesday 5 April for Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Hall. On Wednesday 19th April 2023 there will be no afternoon session as the group will be out for lunch. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109

SCORE - There will be a retiring collection on the weekend 15/16 April for SCORE overseas projects.

Art Group & Bible Book Club will not be meeting in Holy Week or Easter Week 1 & **Rosary Group & Bridge Club** will not be meeting in Easter Week .1

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ELECT OF OUR PARISH

Tina Arnold Heather Carey Marian Elwin Martin Turner

Reception into the Catholic Church will take place at the St Osmund Easter Vigil Mass 9pm on Holy Saturday

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism Our next course will take place on three Sundays at St Osmund: 16, 23, and 30 April consisting of attendance at the 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the Presbytery. 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 2022/2023 Details are on our website, please click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then on 'Holy Communion' or [click here](#). The next session is tomorrow Saturday 1 April at 2pm in St Gregory's Church for both Parents and Children. It is very important that all sessions are attended.

Confirmation Programme 2023 next session will be on Friday 19 May 7pm for a Candidates' social, followed by a session, the following day (Saturday 20 May) at 11am for the Candidates only. Both sessions will be held at St Osmund. The full programme is available on our website, please click on 'Sacraments' on our main menu and then select 'Confirmation' or [click here](#).

Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 5 April. The coach is confirmed and will be departing St Osmund's Church at 7.30am with a pick up at Amesbury library at 8am. Mass is at 11am and we expect the coach to depart before 2pm to arrive back in Salisbury by 4pm. There are still places available, so please book as soon as possible by emailing office@salisburycatholics.org or phone 01722 562703.

Divine Mercy Sunday - There will be Adoration in St Osmund's Church from 2.30pm until 4pm on Divine Mercy Sunday (16th April), with Confessions available and praying the chaplet at 3 o'clock. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and can be found on our website along with the Chaplet, click on the image in our 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

The Stations of the Resurrection (via Lucis). The Stations are a prayerful way of journeying through Eastertide by meditating on the biblical scenes related to Jesus' Resurrection, Ascension, and Sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Join us on Fridays commencing 14 April at 6.20pm (prior to the 7pm Mass). You will also be able to join from your home via our Church TV.

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron A reflection on the second reading today - a passage from the Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Paul is reflecting on the downward trajectory of the Son of God - all the way down into death itself, even death on a cross. To watch and listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#). The video will be available on our website from late on Saturday evening.

Children's Liturgy from Catholic Kids Media: 'What is Holy Week? Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter!' Click on the 'Children's Liturgy' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

How We Talk About Our Faith - Clifton Diocese, in partnership with 'Light of Truth', are offering a five-week course on how we talk about our Catholic Faith with other adults, young people and children. For all the details please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year A-1 Lent Week 6 and Psalter 2

Saturday 1 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Sheila Finneran RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 Holy Redeemer MASS Mabel Perkins RIP

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

09:00 St Gregory MASS Bridie & Harry Clapham RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Joseph Neelamkavil RIP

11:00 St Osmund MASS All friends of Mary Fleming

12:15 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 3 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mary Robson RIP

Tuesday 4 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS 40th Wedding Anniversary for Robert & Annette

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 5 April

No Morning Mass Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral

There are still a few places left on our coach to the Chrism Mass. If you would like to join our clergy on the coach to this beautiful Mass with Bishop Declan and all the priests of our Diocese, please telephone the office: 01722 562703 as soon as possible. We ask for a contribution to the costs of the coach but children can travel for free.

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

RECONCILIATION

By prior appointment only during Holy Week.

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for April

For a culture of peace and non-violence.

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CLIFTON DIOCESE

We pray these two weeks for the parishes of Christ the King (Amesbury), Our Lady & St Alphege (Bath) and St Joseph (Peasedown St John).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ray Whatley, Michael (Steve) Stevenson, Anthony (Tony) Brady, Marion Phillips, Michael Pyne, Pamela Finch, and Michael Villis. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

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

Matthew 21:1-11

Blessings 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!

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



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 are a little bit short at the moment! Thank you.

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Psalms 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

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

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

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
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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.

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John 18:1 - 19:42

HOLY SATURDAY

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

10:00 St Osmund
14:15 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 *Psalms 103* **Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

Genesis 22:1-18 *Psalms 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 *Psalms 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 *Psalms 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 *Psalms 117* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Matthew 28:1-10 *He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you into Galilee*

LITURGY THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

9 April

08:00	Holy Redeemer	MASS	
09:00	St Gregory	MASS	
09:00	St Osmund	MASS	
11:00	St Osmund	MASS	
12:15	St Osmund	Ordinariate MASS	
16:00	St Osmund	Polish MASS	
18:00	St Osmund	MASS	

Monday 10 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Thanksgiving - Tessy & Jose Vazhappilly
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Tuesday 11 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Josephine Kohlhofer RIP
All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament			
18:00	St Osmund	Benediction	

Wednesday 12 April

10:00	Holy Redeemer	MASS	Emmanuel Kibuuka RIP & the souls in purgatory
18:00	St Osmund	Ordinariate MASS	

Thursday 13 April

12:00	St Osmund	MASS	David Eugene Clarke RIP
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament			
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Friday 14 April

10:00	St Gregory	MASS	
18.20	St Osmund	Stations of the Resurrection (Via Lucis).	
19:00	St Osmund	MASS	Marie Therese Farley RIP

Saturday 15 April

10:00	St Osmund	MASS	Frank Farley RIP
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First Mass of Sunday

18:00	Holy Redeemer	MASS	People of the Parish
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RECONCILIATION

St Gregory	Fridays	After the 10:00 Mass
St Osmund	Saturdays	After the 10:00 Mass
Holy Redeemer	Saturdays	17:30 until Mass

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SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm 117

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

Colossians 3:1-4

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

John 20:1-9

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 September 2024, please use our online form to apply to join our next preparation programme. [Click here](#).

CONFIRMATION If you have a child in Year 9 or above, 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:
caroline.williams@cliftondiocese.com

HOLY REDEEMER CONSULTATION

Last weekend at all Masses, an announcement was made that a parish-wide consultation about the future of The Most Holy Redeemer Church was to be launched. During the week, Fr Anthony emailed all registered parishioners the following message:

We are currently preparing for a future where fewer priests will serve larger areas with the possibility of diminishing congregations and income. Our parish has three church buildings within 2 miles of each other and the roof at Holy Redeemer requires extensive essential repairs if it is to remain open. Therefore, we must ask the question whether our mission in this city is best served by raising sufficient funds to repair and maintain this building. If not, should we redevelop the land in order to provide an income for the future? It goes without saying that this would be a very difficult and sad decision to have to take, given the fondness which many of us share for this beautiful and community-built church.

The salient facts are:

The church is used twice-weekly for a congregation of between thirty to ninety persons.

Projected essential repair costs are between £K500 - £1m.

Even if we could raise the money (which is doubtful), there is a compelling moral argument as to whether we should, weighing cost against strategic necessity and projected usage.

Closing the church would cause inconvenience and sadness but there are two other churches to choose from within a short distance.

With fewer priests and diminishing congregations - and therefore diminishing finance - redevelopment of the land may eventually provide an income for the future mission of the Church in Salisbury.

If the church does close, the Saturday Evening Mass will migrate to one of our other two churches.

Permission to conduct this consultation was granted by Bishop Declan on 7 February 2023 and the final decision will rest with him. It is my hope that through a period of discernment, prayer and dialogue we can provide him with the best possible evidence to inform the decision-making process.

There is a dedicated page on our website: <https://salisburycatholics.org/hr>

with all the important information and I respectfully ask that everyone in the parish, regardless of which church you regularly attend, to pray, reflect and engage with this process.

God bless,

Anthony

Fr Anthony Paris

QR code for those who wish to access the questionnaire via a mobile device.



Consultation Meetings/Discussions

Saturday 13 May 4.30pm (prior to Vigil Mass) in Holy Redeemer Hall

Sunday 14 May 3pm Online via ZOOM for those who cannot attend the meeting above.

Sunday 28 May Please ensure that your Questionnaire is received by this date

Report Writing/Submission

30 May – 20 June Submission preparation/collation of responses

21 – 23 June Submission of recommendations to Bishop Declan

5 July Council of Priests' Meeting (Clifton Diocese)