

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

From Father Anthony

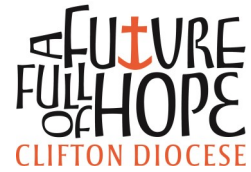
I listened to gangsters quarrelling on the school roof as the sun peered over the horizon. A priest challenged a friend of mine: *'just how serious are you about the church? It's not an 'in and out' private devotional sport, you know. It's about being part of a worshipping community; Us. What part do you play in it? what are you giving to it? not just financially but of yourself'*. 'Ouch' I thought, as I sipped the tea. My friend had been incensed... and took it out on me! I cooled him down but it made me think. Does that challenge apply to you and me?

The two great leaders of the Church, Peter and Paul were challenged by Jesus; Peter with *'who do you say I am'*; and Paul with; *'why are you persecuting me'*. We might ask how Jesus is challenging us? Peter and Paul can assist us in discovering an answer as they are representative of spiritual qualities we must develop in order to lead the church into the future. Their very names indicate something of these qualities.

Simon becomes Peter; Saul becomes Paul. *Simon* is a quality of interior attention (*hearing*) which allows us to discern what is not of God; we know God by constantly knowing what He is not. This *via negativa* develops Faith; we become rocklike and foundational in God – meaning of Peter. Paul's name presents a different but similar quality. The 'L' sound in both Saul and Paul represents a Staff, symbolic of a Leader or Teacher. The S sound in Saul is a *tooth* and indicates leadership or teaching by force or coercion (*teeth devour*); Saul persecuted Christians in favour of the Law. After his encounter with Jesus, on the road to Damascus, the S sound changes to a P sound; meaning a *mouth*. Now he leads and teaches by the Word not by Force; and what a teacher!

Each one of us has a place in the church with unique spiritual gifts based in Faith and Teaching. When Jesus challenges us it is not to humiliate but to assist us to grow in and offer our gifts to one another... painful at times. As a community, one of our tasks, surely, is to help each other grow in confidence to share our gifts. But we must become aware of them first and for that we might need to be challenged!

Wednesday Mass 3 July - The children at St Osmund's School are no longer able to join us for St Thomas' Day Mass on Wednesday. Therefore, despite our earlier announcement, the Mass will at St Gregory's at 10am as normal.



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NEW TO THE PARISH?
We wish you a very warm welcome.
Please register online at:
<https://salisburycatholics.org>
["Registration/update"](#)

PARISH YOUTH WORKER APPOINTMENT

We are delighted to announce that Mo (Maureen) Wills has been appointed as our new Youth Worker. Mo is 'home grown', having been raised in St Osmund's parish and will already be known to many of you. She comes to us with experience working in schools and is really looking forward to this new challenge. She is employed for 35 hours per week and will be introduced in due course at all of the Masses. She will be at the St Gregory's after-Mass meeting this Sunday - do come along. If you would you like to get involved with youth work in our parish, Mo is waiting to hear from you! Please get in touch with your ideas, your hopes and join in! yw.salisbury.catholic@cliffondiocese.com or phone the parish office.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES - SUNDAY 30 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 principle pillars of the Church founded by Christ and a reflection by Bishop Robert Barron, please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#)

Saint Thomas, Apostle (Wednesday 3 July) - if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith "My Lord and My God!". For the story of Saint Thomas click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

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Peter's Pence Collection this weekend This 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 collection click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#). Gift Aid Envelopes are available in each of our churches labelled 'Peter's Pence', please use one if you are a UK taxpayer. Many thanks.

Children's Liturgy support needed: could you lead Children's Liturgy of the Word or assist at the sessions? Both St Osmund's Masses 9am and 11am, plus at Gregory's 9am need help. There will be a training session, weekly planning, and resourcing support. At the back of the church this weekend, there will be a signup sheet (for information gathering purposes only). If you have any questions please contact Mo Wills, our parish Youth Worker on: yw.salisbury.catholic@cliffondiocese.com

St Gregory's Church meeting - everyone is warmly invited to a short meeting after 9am Mass this Sunday. Grab a tea or coffee from the hall and back to the church for the different groups. Mo Wills our youth worker is joining us.

Diocesan Day - Saturday 6 July at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol. The focus of the day will be on Hope. All are invited to join Bishop Bosco as we explore the theme of Hope together. For more information please click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Coffee and Cake following the 10am Mass every Thursday morning. Come and enjoy friendly company in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. There is no charge but we welcome a small donation for our chosen charities.

My Generation will be meeting next Wednesday 3 July 2024 for a Beetle Drive at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Parish Rosary Group meets to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on each Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please contact Josephine on 01722 328410 for information. Everyone is welcome to join.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

After two very successful years, 'Journey in Faith' returns in September. These sessions are for adults who are interested in Christianity, but who are not confirmed Catholics. We will meet on a Sunday morning to learn about what it is Christians believe, why they believe it, and explore what it means for our own lives.

This programme can lead to becoming a confirmed Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, should you choose to do so and when you feel ready. For more click on 'Exploring Your Faith' on the Main Menu of our website or [click here](#).

Arriving late to Mass on a Sunday - Mass is the central act of worship in the life of a Catholic. Coming to Mass is about spending time with God and the community at an appointed time each Sunday. Of course, there are occasional reasons why being late is unavoidable but routinely we should endeavour to be on time for the most important appointment of our week out of respect for Our Lord and courtesy to those around us.

Growing Seeds of Hope Saturday 13 July at St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge. The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph are returning to lead us in our exploration of how we form people in the Faith. Their knowledge and practical experience will help to guide and inspire us in our ministry as catechists. For more information on the day please click on the image in the Top News box or [click here](#).

Bereavement Friendship Group - The group is 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. Monday mornings 10.45 - Midday. The meeting will be in the Parish Rooms at St Osmund next Monday 1 July and then from the 8 July onwards in the Parish Centre. Any questions? Call John Detain 01722 415588.

Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré) on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre (except for the last Tuesday in the month - see 'Evening Supper' below). All are welcome.

Evening Supper on the last Tuesday of each month, the Alabaré Community host a supper for parishioners. All are most welcome but please contact Deacons John Proctor or Steve Godwin to register so that we know the numbers to cater for. There is no charge. The next supper is next Tuesday 23 July in the Parish Centre.

Congratulations and Welcome to Zoe Dalen who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday. Please keep Zoe and her parents Lauren & Chirista and her godparents in your prayers

Advance Notice - The baptism of Chidalu Pearl Ofoche will take place at the 11am Mass at St Osmund next Sunday 7 July.

Baptism Preparation Course The current course finishes this Sunday 30 June at St Osmund with the 9am Mass followed by a meeting in the Presbytery. The next course is scheduled for the 8 September. To register for a Baptism please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Marriage Preparation The next course is on 23/24 August and this will be the LAST one until next March. **Anyone wishing to marry in any of our churches between now until next March should attend THIS course.** Please tell anyone you know who may be planning to marry in the next year. Contact the parish office.

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron - this week's reflection is on the Gospel for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B). He reflects on the two stories of the daughter of Jairus and of the hemorrhaging woman. Of course we read these as marvellous miracle stories of Jesus, but they're meant to speak of the miracle of grace that still goes on in the life of the Church today. To watch and listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Ordinary Time Week 13 Psalter 1 and Proper of Solemnity

Saturday 29 June

10:00 St Osmund MASS Mullan Family intentions

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS People of the Parish

SUNDAY 30 JUNE

SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

09:00 St Gregory MASS Roy Muricken RIP

09:00 St Osmund MASS Deceased members of the Hanby and Rockett families

11:00 St Osmund MASS Family Yamatay & Cummings

12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS

18:00 St Osmund MASS Alison Mary Wyatt & Arthur Kidston RIP

Monday 1 July

DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

10:00 St Osmund MASS

Tuesday 2 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 3 July

SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

10:00 St Gregory MASS John Stone RIP

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

Thursday 4 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Family Yamatay - Charly

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 5 July

10:00 St Gregory MASS Angel Jacob's birthday

19:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 6 July

10:00 St Osmund MASS Robin Turvey RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS

RECONCILIATION

St Gregory: Fridays after the 10am Mass & Saturdays 17:30 until Mass

St Osmund: On the first Saturday of the month from 9am to 12 noon, and on other Saturdays after the 10am Mass

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for June

For migrants fleeing their homes:

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE We pray for the Parishes of St Joseph (Bridgwater) & Our Lady & the English Martyrs (Burnham-on-Sea).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Emma Middleton, Maura O'Mahony, Patrick Sellers & Lou Godwin 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:

Acts 12:1-11

Psalm 33

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Matthew 16:13-19

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 is coming to Mass regularly, for whom preparation for First Communion may be appropriate, please use our online form to register your interest. [Click here](#)

CONFIRMATION If you have a child who in secondary school from Sept 2024, please use our online form to register your interest in our youth faith formation. [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 Desiree for more details: office@salisbury Catholics.org

13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

In the normal 'run of things', this Sunday would have been the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B). However, with 29 June falling on a Saturday this year, the Solemnity of the Feast of St Peter and Paul is moved to the Sunday.

Fr Anthony had already prepared his exegesis for us based on the scripture of the 13th Sunday before we noticed this! It seems a shame not to publish it - especially for those who like to follow the lectionary sequence of the Sunday Gospels and anticipate his reflections upon them. Please find below Fr Anthony's musings on the 13th Sunday scripture if this had not occurred. A double dose! Enjoy:

From Fr Anthony

I parked Agnes, found an empty hide, opened the window and settled down. The lake stretched before me rippling in the breeze. Canada Geese honked in the distance: a swan glided by. Reed, sedge and garden warblers, warbled. Clouds of damselflies hovered about the reedbeds and an emperor dragon fly, glinting in the sun, caught insects on the wing. Hidden below all this life, the murky depths of the lake stirred.

The soul, lost in worldly thoughts, guided by worldly wisdom and attached to many things longs to hear, in spirit, the loving, gentle words of Jesus "*Talithia cumi*," These two Aramaic words, have the sense of "*Arise, dear little girl*". From the murky depths of our soul we long to rise to the Life this Gospel passage promises.

Spiritually the *girl* and the *woman with haemorrhages* are aspect of Jairus's soul - *the soul represented as feminine*. Jairus, from the verb, אָוֹר (') 'to shine' and its derivative 'בָּהַר to flow', (i.e. liquid light), represents the image of God we are: we shine as the light of the world and flow with spiritual life. Yet, something is wrong. Both the little girl and woman (*light and life of the soul*) have suffered for twelve years: the twelve spiritual faculties that comprise our centre, our 'I Am' - *Faith, Strength, Wisdom, Love, Power, Imagination, Understanding, Will, Order, Zeal, Renunciation and Life* - are under the influence of and conditioned by the world (*Jairus was an 'official' of the synagogue*).

When the world attempts to lead and bind spirit, the result is a sense of dysfunction, death and decay because it is incorrectly ordered. Spirit leads, the world follows. When we reverse this order: when we have, "*suffered greatly at the hands of many physicians*" and "*have spent all that we have*", something feels dead within us (*little girl*); our life force does not flow: we bring nothing to birth within (*woman with a haemorrhage*). This, of course, is nonsense to the world and is met with ridicule, (*they ridiculed Him*).

Only as we find and become one with Christ within will we be healed and awoken to and operate under the correct order. For that we must banish fear and exercise our primary faculty... Faith (*do not be afraid: only believe*). We must practice listening interiorly for his voice and feel His presence within (*touch the hem of his garment*).