

PARISH OF ST OSMUND

ST GREGORY + ST OSMUND

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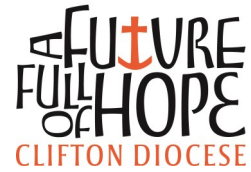
EASTER WEEK 2 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

From Father Anthony

It was early morning and still dark. I lay in bed, listening. A jet scythed the air high above, a goods train clattered in the distance, birds greeted the dawn with sweet songs. Abandoning the duvet, I looked out of the window. A rim of yellow light curved above the horizon revealing shadows and skeletal forms. I nodded to the hidden sun and knelt before the risen Son, slipping quietly into morning prayers in the glow of Easter Light. I thought about the quality of this Easter Light.

It is an internal light that shines when we recognise ourselves as spiritual beings; souls crucified upon the body by the senses. The body can be fun; it gives us a sense of separation, self, and freedom; but, it also imprisons and makes us its slave giving us a sense of both death and decay. When we finally realise that thoughts of being solely a material body both limit and 'entomb' us; this very awareness *is* the beginning of *rolling away the stone* that keeps us entombed as a body; that is, we drop our purely material concept of self; we go within the tomb of self and recognise the Light that we truly are; a thought in the Mind of God that defines our reality; His image. Jesus, who also represents our raised, awakened, spiritual self, stands in the middle of our entombed faculties (*disciples*) and raises them to spiritual heights and experience. The first effect of this is one of deepest Peace (*peace to you*). Our physical senses remain (*marks the wounds made*) but take second place as they are raised to spiritual sensation: we *doubt no longer* as to who we truly are. The Spirit quickens within us (*He breathed on them*). As spirit, we recognise spirit in others and release them from any images of sin we have of them (*mercy, loving kindness, forgiveness*). The experience of this release offers them life.

The spiritual life is the life of Holy Week and Easter. As we allow more and more erroneous thoughts and feelings to die, more and more aspects of our being awaken and resurrect. As we release the old (*material*), the original, experienced as the new (*spiritual*), emerges. Christ emerges *in, through* and *as us*. We then become one of the many signs (*miracles*) not mentioned in the Gospel because we are living signs to others... now.



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

TRIDUUM & EASTER AT OUR CHURCHES

We were truly blessed with beautiful services led by our priests and supported by our deacons, altar servers, and enhanced by all our musicians, singers and readers for whom we are all grateful. Let us not forget the many hours spent in the preparation and organisation of these wonderful liturgies.

More thanks go to those who contributed to the spring cleaning and the wonderful floral decoration which added to the beauty of our Churches and to our ever-faithful stewards who were constantly in attendance. On all of these we were ably assisted by members of our Confirmation 2024 group and it was wonderful to have them in the midst of parish life. The children's Easter-egg hunt again proved very popular (no surprise there then!). Thank you to all who donated the eggs - you were INCREDIBLY generous!

Last - but by no means least, is the grateful acknowledgement from those unable to attend church but have been able to attend virtually through the 'Livestream'. This investment continues to reap rich rewards. So, once again, a big thank you to ALL who contributed in any way for the benefit of us all and in the service of God.

Walk of Witness on Good Friday. Photographs from the Walk which was organised by our Parish are on our website. To view please click on the image in the 'Top News' box, [click here](#), or visit our Photo Gallery.

First Friday Talks - The next talk will be this evening Friday 5 April after the St Osmund 7pm Mass in the Parish Rooms and will be on 'Discipleship of the House of the Open Door Community'. All the sessions are recorded and can be viewed by clicking on the 'The Holy Spirit' button on our homepage or [click here](#).

SCORE - There will be a retiring collection next weekend 13/14 April for Overseas Projects. Included in this newsletter is the SCORE Spring News which outlines many of the projects that your kind donations support. Please find this news item at the end of this newsletter.

Spiritual Bouquet. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) recently launched a new prayer initiative 'Let Life Flourish': A Spiritual/ Bouquet. The Intention for April is: For those grieving the loss of a child during pregnancy. You can commit to prayer at this website: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/letlifeflourish>

Salisbury Street Pastors (SSP) are recruiting new members to deliver care and safety onto the streets of Salisbury on Friday and Saturday nights. If you have teenage children/grandchildren, you may like to go out with the Street Pastors on one night to observe and understand the night-time economy (no commitment!). You may wish to go one step further and become a Street or Prayer Pastor. If you are interested in Salisbury Street Pastors please contact the Parish Office and they will put you in touch with one of our volunteer parishioners, for a chat.

Coffee and Cake following 10am Mass every Thursday morning. Come and enjoy the friendly company in the Parish rooms next door to the church. If you feel you could help from time to time with the preparation and serving, we would love to hear from you, please email Jane: jane.waspe@btinternet.com

My Generation will be meeting next on Wednesday 17 April 2024 for Hoy Bingo at 2pm in St Gregory's Church Hall. For further information please contact Chris on 01722 321109.

Art and Craft Group meet each Monday after the 10am Mass at St Osmund's in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome whether you have painted, drawn or crafted before. For information contact Oltea on 07597 453989.

Rosary in Salisbury Cathedral - Friday 19 April - The Rosary is prayed by Catholics and Anglicans in Salisbury Cathedral on the 3rd Friday of each month at 12 noon. The next meeting will be on Friday 19 April. We meet in the Cathedral Refectory 1130-1150 before going into the Cathedral. All are welcome.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME!

André Pereira & Lawrence Hendry

who were received into the Catholic Church at the St Osmund Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday

and

Sean Dempsey

who was Confirmed at the 9am Mass on Easter Sunday Morning at St Gregory & the English Martyrs

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024

What is Divine Mercy Sunday? In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. 'Divine Mercy Sunday' named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonisation of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. For more on this feast and 'The Chaplet of Divine Mercy' click on the image on the Top News box or [click here](#).

There will be a Divine Mercy Service in St Osmund's Church from 2.30pm until 4pm which will include 'The Chaplet of Divine Mercy'. Confessions will also be available with Father Anthony.

Chrism Mass 27 March - Our clergy with 40 parishioners from across the deanery attended the Chrism Mass in Clifton Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Declan where he blessed the three oils — the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and holy chrism. We have a video of his homily and a few photos on our website, just click on the image in the 'Top News' box or [click here](#).

Triduum and Easter with Pope Francis - We have the complete set of recordings beginning on Holy Thursday through to the Easter Blessing on Easter Sunday. Just click on the image in our 'Top News' box or [click here](#). There is also a permanent link on our 'Church TV' page.

The Stations of the Resurrection (via Lucis) The Stations are a prayerful way of journeying through Eastertide by meditating on the biblical scenes following the Resurrection of Jesus. Join us **this evening** Friday 5 April 6.20pm (prior to the 7pm Mass) at St Osmund.

Life in the Holy Spirit - You are warmly invited to prepare for Pentecost and to deepen your understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit by participating in a series of Life in the Holy Spirit Seminars. Each Friday at 7.30pm from 19 April to 31 May at the Parish Centre. Parking available.

Parish Prayer & Praise (Alabaré) - are now occurring weekly on Tuesdays 7.30pm at our Parish Centre. There will be a shared meal on 30 April, 28 May & 25 June.

First Holy Communion 2024 The next session will now be Saturday 20 April at 2pm in St Gregory's Church. Further information and the programme schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

Confirmation 2024 - The next session is a social event on Tuesday 23 April at 7pm in St Osmund's Parish Rooms. Further information and the programme schedule is on our website: [click here](#).

Baptism Preparation. The next course is at St Gregory starting 5 May. If you plan to attend, please contact the Parish Office. To register for a Baptism please click the Registration button on our homepage or [click here](#).

Sunday Homily from Bishop Robert Barron - In talking about this week's gospel he reflects that we can learn only so much about Jesus using reason alone. It is when we are in the 'Church' in the liturgy, in the readings with other believers that Jesus fully discloses himself to us. To watch and listen click on the 'Sunday Homily' button on our homepage or [click here](#). The video will be available on our website on Saturday evening.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Year B-2 Easter Week 2

Saturday 6 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Tony Peters-Ennis on his 80th Birthday

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Margaret & Family - Private Intention

SUNDAY 7 April

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

09:00 St Gregory MASS Private Intentions
09:00 St Osmund MASS Joseph Moran RIP
11:00 St Osmund MASS John-Paul Pearson & all extended family members RIP
12:30 St Osmund Ordinariate MASS
14:30 St Osmund Divine Mercy Service - all welcome
18:00 St Osmund MASS People of the Parish

Monday 8 April

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

10:00 St Osmund MASS For Beth

Tuesday 9 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS Brigadier Alastair Clark RIP

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Wednesday 10 April

10:00 St Gregory MASS

18:00 St Osmund Ordinariate Mass

Thursday 11 April

Saint Stanislaus

10:00 St Osmund MASS All Sisters of La Retraite especially personal teachers & friends

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18:00 St Osmund Benediction

Friday 12 April

10:00 St Gregory MASS Marie Therese Farley RIP

19:00 St Osmund MASS

Saturday 13 April

10:00 St Osmund MASS David Eugene Clarke RIP

First Mass of Sunday

18:00 St Gregory MASS Martin Lively & all old friends & neighbours RIP

RECONCILIATION

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

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

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Pope Francis Intention for April -

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. [Click here](#)

CLIFTON DIOCESE - We pray for the parish of St Luke and St Teresa (Wincanton with Milbourne Port, Castle Carey and Bruton).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ian Hewlett, Alastair Clark, John Potheary, Anita Pheby, and Mike Lennard 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 4:32-35

Psalms 117

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

1 John 5:1-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Alleluia!**

John 20:19-31

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 Sept 2024, please use our online form to join our 2025 programme. [Click here](#)

CONFIRMATION If you have a child who will be in Year 9 or above from Sept 2024, 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@cliffondiocese.com



SCORE news and feedback
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“For 32 days without a break, we prepared and served 14,800 nutritious meals to people in need.”
Xmas 2023

Hope Exchange, Cape Town, supports homeless people. Funds helped create a small coffee bar which provides barista training giving graduates job opportunities.



Salisbury Pantry received a grant to top up food supplies during the first quarter of 2024. One of its supporters is the F3 project (Free Fresh Food) which created an allotment scheme providing fruit and veg to the Pantry. They have also been assisted by SCORE.

“Our motivation for F3 was seeing the queue outside The Salisbury Pantry.”



EdUKaid, which is based in Downton, works to provide education for the poorest children in Tanzania. Here two children attend school thanks to EdUKaid.

In 2023 your grants through SCORE amounted to £32,000. Further details can be found on the website under Parish life/SCORE.

“Thank you for your generosity. The positive impact on families here and around the world cannot be overstated.” Peter Pelly - SCORE chair.

Rise:61 works with children and families in Bemerton Heath. It promotes Christianity through youth groups and 'Fun Days'. A new project taking children on camping trips to Christian festivals received SCORE support.

ACET works with local churches, youth workers and teachers in Zimbabwe to provide greater job opportunities for girls and women.

“I take great pleasure in writing to thank you for your fabulous grant which Rumbie and her team have put to great use in Zimbabwe.”

CRESS, based in Broad Chalke, supports refugees from South Sudan. It received a grant for medicines to supply its health clinic.

“Thank you very much for your ongoing commitment to supporting CRESS primary healthcare work.”



Home-Start, S Wiltshire provides vital support to families with children under 5.

“My volunteer is fantastic, it’s amazing to chat with somebody who has no agenda. It’s the perfect match, she just gets it. Thank you so much.”



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