



A warm welcome to

The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 1st March

(p) *Second Sunday of Lent (A)*

8:30am Fr Jim Egan RIP

10:30am Cathy Sacré-Eassie
and James Sacré
RIP

6:30pm George Spicer Hiller
RIP

MONDAY 2nd March

(p) *Feria*

Alex Esposa and family

TUESDAY 3rd March

(p) *Feria*

Choy Esposa

WEDNESDAY 4th March

(p) *Feria*

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 5th March

(p) *Feria*

Agnes Foley RIP

FRIDAY 6th March

(p) *Feria*

Valdir Esposa and family

SATURDAY 7th March

(p) *Feria*

Pro-populo

SUNDAY 8th March

(p) *Third Sunday of Lent (A)*

8:30am Martin Gratte RIP

10:30am Edward Collini RIP

6:30pm Cornelius Sexton
RIP

(r) red (g) green
(w) white (p) purple

A word from the presbytery...

The early weeks of Lent often feel like a gentle ascent. We have taken our first steps with intention, yet the summit remains out of sight. The Gospel that guides us this Sunday, drawn from Matthew 17:1–9, allows us to reflect on that ascent through the image of a mountain. The event considered in that passage has long invited Christians to see the mountain as a place where the divine and the human come into close communion. It is a location that does not lend itself to casual wandering. One does not arrive there by accident. A mountain always asks for effort, steady breathing, and a certain willingness to withdraw from the familiar paths below.

This image offers a helpful way to understand the character of Lent itself. The season is not a matter of dramatic gestures or heroic accomplishments. Instead, it is a season in which we make space, deliberately and quietly, for the possibility of encounter. The mountain is the symbol of that space. It represents the inner terrain where we place ourselves before God with honesty, patience, and a desire to see more clearly. When we climb that inner mountain with sincerity, we discover not our own achievements, but the splendour of the One who calls us.

Many spiritual writers through the centuries have

spoken of such withdrawal as an invitation rather than an escape. They remind us that when the soul steps back from noise, it becomes capable of receiving what cannot be perceived in haste. Lent gives us permission to seek that stillness. It encourages us to walk a little distance away from the demands that ordinarily scatter our attention, so that the face of Christ may appear with renewed clarity in our lives. The beauty of the mountain image is that it places us in a posture of expectation. It prepares us for the possibility that God may reveal something of His glory when we allow ourselves to be led.

In this holy season two simple practices help us reach that place of encounter. The Sacrament of Reconciliation restores the inner freedom that is needed for such a journey. The worthy reception of the Eucharist nourishes the heart so that it may remain steady on the path. These are not burdens imposed upon us. They are generous gifts placed within our reach.

As we move through this second week of Lent, I commend you for the perseverance you have already shown. May the Lord lead each of us a little further up the mountain, where His presence waits to be discovered with joy.



Sunday Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Sunday of Lent at 4:15pm. Please note that this is a slightly earlier time than you might expect, as another event is taking place in the church afterwards. All are warmly welcome to join in this ancient and grace-filled devotion as we walk with Our Lord through His Passion.

Upgraded Parish Audio System

We have recently upgraded the sound system and the hearing-loop for those who rely on hearing aids. We welcome your feedback on your experience of the new sound system, as this will assist the engineer with final adjustments. We are grateful for the generous donation from Pip Danby, given specifically to support this work.

The Scrutinies

Next Sunday, two members of our parish community who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Church at Easter will participate in the Scrutinies during Mass. This is a significant and moving moment in their journey of faith, and the whole parish is invited to accompany them with prayer. Please do keep them in your intentions this week and welcome them warmly as they take this important step towards the Easter Sacraments.

St Osmund's Reading Club

Our inaugural meeting of the St Osmund's Reading Club took place last Wednesday at the Olympic Studios, and it was a most encouraging beginning – a very good turnout, and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy one another's company. We have chosen *My Father's House* by Joseph O'Connor as our first book. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 25th March at 7pm in the Presbytery, where we shall select our next title and agree a date for the following gathering. New members are always welcome – do come along.

CAFOD

Last Friday was CAFOD's Family Fast Day, and we hope that you were able to take part in this simple but meaningful act of solidarity. If you set something aside, please do place your donation in the CAFOD envelope and leave it in the collection basket on your way out of Mass. If you did not collect an envelope last Sunday, there are still envelopes available at the back of the church please take one, fill it with whatever you are able to give, and return it today. Every contribution, however modest, makes a real difference.

Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi

A special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi, proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV, takes place from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027, on the occasion of the eighth centenary of his death. The Holy Father has written: 'Dear brothers and sisters, may the example and spiritual legacy of this Saint, strong in faith, steadfast in hope and ardent in active charity towards his neighbour, inspire in everyone the importance of trusting in the Lord, of living a life faithful to the Gospel, and of accepting and illuminating every circumstance and action of life with faith and prayer. In this Year of Grace, I wish to offer you a prayer that Saint Francis of Assisi may continue to instil in all of us perfect joy and harmony.' A statue of St Francis, showing his stigmata, will be in the church during Lent this year.

Ambassadors for Christ: A Catholic apologetics resource

The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched a project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?". Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, along with a worksheet to enable groups to use them as part of their faith formation.

For more information, please visit:
rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist



PARISH DIARY

First Holy Communion preparation class

Sun 1st March: 9am (Hall) and 5pm (Church)

Confirmation preparation class

Sun 1st March: 4.30pm (Hall)

Catholicism for the Curious

Mon 2nd March: 6:30pm (Hall)

Mothers' Prayers Group

Tues 3rd March: 10:30am (Presbytery)

Next Children's Mass

Sun 8th March: 10:30am

Mothering Sunday (Laetare Sunday)

Sun 15th March

St Osmund's Reading Club

Wednesday, 25th March: 7pm (Presbytery)



PRAYER LIST

For parishioners who are unwell, especially:

James and Audrey Smith	John Scott
Andrew Brodrick-Ward	Joan Moore
Phyllis O'Kelly	Charles Stiller
Janet Waddington	Maureen Carr



IN REMEMBRANCE

For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Mattie Worthington	
Margaret Minch and Mark	
Maria Paz Figueroa	Marie Bonnon
Cathie Sacré-Eassie	Tony Hallam,
Ralph Hedderwick	Pauline Calvery
Annie Macklow-Smith	Edward Collini
Margaret Quinlan	Mary McGowan



PARISH GREEN TEAM

We need you!

Inspired by Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si', our Green Team has been active since 2019 – from recycling initiatives and consumables, Season of Creation events, shared projects with our school at Christmas and Easter to planting a cherry blossom tree for the late Queen's Green Canopy.

Now we want to do more – and we need more people and fresh ideas to make it happen. Our current project is exploring solar panels for the church hall roof which will cut costs and show our commitment to a greener future. Whether you have practical skills, creative suggestions or simply a desire to learn and contribute, your involvement would make a real difference.

If you would like to get involved or find out more, please contact the parish office.



USEFUL INFORMATION

Tea, coffee and cake!

Join us in the Church Hall every Sunday after the 10:30am Mass. Donations welcome.

Car parking

Limited car parking is available at the back of the church.

Recycling

Parish recycling is co-ordinated by the Green Team. Please contact the parish office if you would like to get involved.

Food bank collections

Items for our local food bank can be placed in the container in the Narthex.

Homemade jam and marmalade

Made by one of parishioners, these are available to purchase in the Narthex. Cash or contactless payments welcome.

Sunday Mass Times

8:30am, 10:30am, 6:30pm

Weekday Mass Times

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 10:00am

Thurs 6:30pm

Sat (Latin) 10:00am

Confessions

Fri 9:00-9:50am

Sun 9:45-10:15am & 6:00-6:20pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri 9:00-10:00am

For baptisms, weddings and Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office



PARISH GIVING

Thank you for supporting St Osmund's. Your generosity helps maintain our church and sustain parish life.

Full details on all ways to give, including standing orders and Give As You Live (donations when you shop online) can be found on our website or by using the QR code below.

Contactless payments: We have several payment portals in the Narthex for easy, instant donations.

BANK DETAILS

Account name:

Barnes St Osmund Main Account

Sort code: 60-01-39

Account number: 11311096

Reference: Surname/Donation Purpose



AVE REGINA CAELORUM

Ave, Regina caelorum,
Ave, Domina Angelorum:
Salve, radix, salve, porta
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa,
Vale, o valde decora,
Et pro nobis Christum exora.



THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

March: For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

Over the next three Sundays, at all our Masses, we shall be running a Planned Giving Campaign. We are deeply grateful to all our generous benefactors and parishioners whose support makes parish life possible. As costs have risen considerably in recent years, we ask you to prayerfully consider reviewing your contribution. Members of our Finance Committee will share details of our accounts and highlight where help is most needed. Please pray that this effort may bear the fruit we hope for.

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