



# A warm welcome to The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday 3 May 2026 | Mass Book p265

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

### SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> May

*Fifth Sunday of Easter (A) (w)*

8:30am Alejandra's  
intentions

10:30am Pro-populo

6:30pm Helen Webber RIP

### MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> May

*The English Martyrs (r)*

Annie Saunders and William  
Oakden RIP

### TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May

*Feria (w)*

Pro-populo

### WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> May

*St John Paine (r)*

Holy Souls

### THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May

*Feria (w)*

Holy Souls

### FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> May

*Feria (w)*

Catherine Mary Walker RIP

### SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> May

*Feria (w)*

NO MASS

### SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> May

*Sixth Sunday of Easter (A) (w)*

8:30am William Dolan RIP

10:30am Annette (Netsy)  
Brazel RIP

6:30pm Pro-populo

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

## A word from the presbytery...

Before the disciples were called "Christians" at Antioch, they bore a simpler title. The Acts of the Apostles tells us that Saul of Tarsus, before his conversion, sought authority to arrest "any belonging to the Way" (Acts 9:2). The earliest name for the Church was, quite simply, "the Way." Those first believers had grasped what stands at the heart of their faith: a person whose footsteps they followed, a path with a face. When Christ declares "I am the way," He offers Himself as the road along which the whole of life is travelled.

Modern existence often feels directionless. We are richer in choices and poorer in clarity than perhaps any generation before us. The young hesitate before careers, marriages, and vocations, weighing options that all seem to promise fulfilment. The middle-aged review their decisions and wonder whether they took the right turning. The elderly look back across the years and ask whether the journey had a meaning. Beneath all of this lies the ancient human question: where am I going, and how do I get there?

Christ's answer is startling in its intimacy. He gives us Himself for the journey. Saint Augustine, expounding this verse in his homilies on Saint John's Gospel, drew out the mystery in a single luminous

phrase: Christ is at once He through whom we go and He to whom we go. The way and the destination coincide in His Person. To follow Christ is already to have begun to arrive at what we most deeply seek.

This changes the texture of daily life. Holiness reveals itself as a companionship: the daily walking with Christ Himself. The mother caring for a sick child, the office worker bearing patiently with a difficult colleague, the student wrestling with doubt, the widow praying her rosary in a quiet church — each is on the way, because Christ Himself is the way they walk. The path is the friendship of Christ, kept alive through prayer, the sacraments, and the small daily yes to His will.

When we feel lost, the deepest question to ask is, "With whom am I walking?" The answer has already been given. The way has a face, a voice, and an open hand. To take that hand is to find that we have begun to arrive home.



### Safeguarding Sunday 2026

Today, 3 May, is Safeguarding Sunday. In line with today's Gospel, we are called to protect, called to care, called to act. Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday at [rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday](https://rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday) or via the QR code.



### The Month of May - Our Lady's Month

The Church has long honoured the month of May as Mary's month, inviting us into the maternal care of the Mother of our Lord. Throughout these weeks we are encouraged to draw intentionally closer to her each day, and the Rosary remains among the surest means of doing so — losing ourselves, through its gentle repetitions, in the very arms that once carried the Christ Child. We are all encouraged to make the daily Rosary part of our May devotion. Those attending daily Mass might consider remaining a little while afterwards, or arriving in good time beforehand, to pray the Rosary together in the church.

### Adoration and Benediction - Friday, 8th May

Kindly note that, on Friday, 8th May, there will be no Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.00 am. **The 10.00 am Mass will, however, take place as usual.** We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

### No 10am Mass on Saturday 9th May

Please note that the 10am Mass will not be celebrated in the church on Saturday 9th May. We apologise sincerely for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

### Theology group gathering

Have you ever wished for an unhurried space in which to explore the riches of Catholic theology, in good company and over a quiet drink at the local pub? If so, you may find a welcome home in a theology group conceived by some of our young parishioners, which gathers every few weeks to consider questions of theological depth or doctrinal importance. The inaugural meeting will be held on Friday, 15th May at 6.30 pm at the Red Lion, Barnes, where the subject for discussion shall be the Bodily Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, solemnly defined by Pope Pius XII. For further information contact Jack Ledger-Dowse on 07847 751350 or at [jackledgerdowse@gmail.com](mailto:jackledgerdowse@gmail.com). All welcome.

### Rosary For Life.

Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit [rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife](https://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife). Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.

### Catholic History Walks

A Pilgrim Walk to Tyburn on Sunday 17 May: Come and honour the memory of the martyrs who died at London's grim execution site in the 16th and 17th centuries. Meet 1.30pm churchyard of St Giles-in-the-Fields. Nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road. Each walk takes approximately one and a half to two hours, but of course you can leave at any time. Suggested donation of £5. Please see: <https://www.catholichistorywalks.com/>

## Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

The Archbishop is inviting all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026 to Mass in Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23 May, 2:30pm. If you would like to go to this special Mass, please contact the parish office.

## Stella Maris pilgrimage to Lourdes: 25-30 May

Stella Maris is delighted to invite sick, retired and active seafarers, fishers and their families from the UK to join its Lourdes Pilgrimage from 25-30 May 2026. For further details and to apply, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/lourdes/](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/lourdes/).



## PRAYER LIST

For those parishioners who are unwell, especially:

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:

Catriona Abel (Keen)	Mark Bailey
Margaret Sharp	Józef Raszpla
Margaret Bailey	William O'Neill
Margaret Roberts	Ellen Cahillane



## PARISH DIARY

### First Holy Communion preparation class

Sun 3 May: No Lesson this week (Bank Holiday weekend)

### Mothers' Prayers Group

Tues 5 May: 10:30am (Presbytery)

### Next Children's Mass

Sunday 10 May: 10:30am



## 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 our 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

### BANK DETAILS

#### Account name:

Barnes St Osmund Main Account

**Sort code:** 60-01-39

**Account number:** 11311096

**Reference:** Surname/Donation Purpose



## REGINA CAELI

*Regina Caeli is sung from Easter Vigil through Pentecost Sunday.*

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia; quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia; resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia; ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.



## THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

### May: That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



## PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

### Thank You

A sincere word of thanks to every member of our parish family for your part in our Planned Giving Campaign over these past three weeks - whether through completing a form, offering to volunteer your time, or simply being present and engaged in the life of our community, your support has been overwhelming and we are most grateful. If you have taken a form home, please return the completed form to the little red box in the narthex or to the Parish Office; forms are also still available at the back of the church for anyone who has not yet had the opportunity to complete one. Those who kindly indicated a willingness to volunteer their time will be hearing from us once all forms have been gathered in. Thank you, each and every one of you.

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