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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday 5th April 2026 | Mass Book p251

MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 5th April

(w) Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (A)

8:30am Jozef Langiewicz RIP

10:30am James Smith RIP

6:30pm Con Cahillane RIP

MONDAY 6th April

(w) Monday: Octave of Easter

Vincent Herbert Egan and family RIP

TUESDAY 7th April

(w) Tuesday: Octave of Easter

Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 8th April

(w) Wednesday: Octave of Easter

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 9th April

(w) Thursday: Octave of Easter

3pm Funeral Mass for James Smith RIP

FRIDAY 10th April

(w) Friday: Octave of Easter

Holy Souls

SATURDAY 11th April

(w) Saturday: Octave of Easter

Holy Souls

SUNDAY 12th April

(w) Second Sunday of Easter (A)

8:30am Pro-populo

10:30am Shaun Coleman RIP

6:30pm Holy Souls

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

A word from the presbytery...

By the time this reflection reaches most of us, the Triduum will just have been completed. Some may read it on Holy Saturday, while these sacred days are still unfolding. Most, however, will read it on Easter morning, when we have passed together through the great liturgy which began with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and reached its fulfilment in the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night. That timing matters. We are not looking ahead to these mysteries from a distance. We are reading in the light of what the Church has just lived.

The word Triduum means "three days", yet these are not simply three days placed beside one another. From the earliest centuries, Christians had kept them as one single, continuous celebration: the Lord's Supper, the Passion, the silence of the tomb, and the joy of the Resurrection bound together as one mystery of redeeming love. The Church has always known that we can not understand Easter apart from the Cross, nor the Cross apart from Easter. We do not move from one isolated event to another. We are drawn into one saving act of Christ, who loved his own to the end.

That is why these days still speak with such power to those of us trying to remain faithful in the twenty-first century. We live in an age of noise, fatigue, and unease. Many now dread the news because they already suspect what it will bring: war, unrest, cruelty, confusion, and another cause for sorrow. A quiet pessimism can easily settle upon the soul. Yet the Triduum reminds us that Christian hope is not a matter of temperament. It is born by staying close to Christ even when the world grows dark, and by learning that darkness does not have the final word.

Saint John's account of the Resurrection expresses this with great delicacy. There is no display and no triumphal flourish. There is the empty tomb, the signs left behind, the beloved disciple entering, seeing, and believing. Faith begins to awaken there, not because every question has been answered, but because death no longer tells the whole story.

Julian of Norwich gave words to that truth which Christians have treasured ever since: "All shall be well." Easter morning does not invite us to deny the wounds of the world. It teaches us where to stand while facing them. Christ is risen. Therefore despair is never the deepest truth about the world, and it need never be the deepest truth about us.

PARISH NOTICES

Easter Greetings from Father Ola

A joyful and blessed Easter to every member of our parish family at St Osmund's. Spring is returning to our gardens and to our streets, and creation itself seems to echo what God has done in raising His Son from the dead. Whatever these days hold for you - a quiet break at home, time with family and friends, or simply the relief of a rest well earned - may the peace of the Risen Christ reach into every corner of your life. And may you know, even amid the troubles of our world, that hope is not wishful thinking but a person, alive and among us. A very happy Easter to you and to all whom you love.

Easter Egg Hunt

The younger members of our parish are invited to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt in the parish hall and presbytery garden after the 10:30am Mass. All welcome!

Baptism

We are delighted to announce that Asia-Rose McAuley and Caleb-Carter McAuley were baptised here on Sun 15th March. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to them and their family, and assure them of the continued support and prayers of our parish community as they embark on their journey of faith.

Thursday 9 April – 3pm Funeral Mass for James Smith RIP

Please note that there will be no 6.30pm mass on Thursday 9 April.

Holy Hour for the Dignity of Human Life – Sunday 19th April, 4.30pm

Parishes across England and Wales are invited to join the Bishops' Conference in a Holy Hour for the Dignity of Human Life on Sunday 19th April at 4.30pm (5.30pm Rome time), uniting in prayer with the Bishops during their Spring Plenary. Please do consider joining us for a Holy Hour here at St Osmund's, and visit

www.cbcew.org.uk/holy-hour-for-the-dignity-of-life/ for resources and guidance.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE & BEYOND

Rosary for Life – May 2026

Archbishop John is inviting all parishes to join him in praying the Rosary for Life throughout May. Each week will focus on a different theme: abortion, war & peace, disabled people, and the elderly.

Vocations Weekend for Women: 15th - 17th May, Liverpool

The Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) invite women in their 20s and 30s to a Vocations Weekend from 15th-17th May in Liverpool. For further information, visit *www.fcjsisters.org*; to register, please go to *https://bit.ly/Vocation2026*.

Stella Maris pilgrimage to Lourdes: 25 – 30 May 2026

Stella Maris is delighted to invite sick, retired and active seafarers, fishers and their families from the United Kingdom and the European Union to join its inaugural Lourdes Pilgrimage from 25 to 30 May 2026. The pilgrimage offers those who have lived and worked at sea or in fishing communities a precious opportunity to pray, reflect, and find renewed strength in faith and fellowship. All major costs, including travel, accommodation and meals, are covered for participants and carers. For further details and to apply, please visit *www.stellamaris.org.uk/lourdes/.*

Musical Pilgrimage on the Augustine Camino June 8th-14th 2026

From Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a little concert in a pub en route. Contact Eddie for more details: *gileag@gmail.com* or see *www.eddiegilmore.org*.

Ambassadors for Christ

The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched a project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?". For more information, please visit: *rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist*

Walsingham Pilgrimage 27 June 2026

Archbishop John will lead the Archdiocese of Southwark Day Pilgrimage to the National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, Norfolk, on Saturday 27 June, the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The day begins with private prayer in the Slipper Chapel from 10.30am, followed by Adoration and Confessions at 11.00am in the Basilica, and Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop John at 12.00pm. Pilgrims will then process at 2.15pm to the ancient Abbey Grounds for Benediction, with departure from the coach park at 4.30pm. To register, please contact *jamesclark@rcaos.org.uk*.

Discernment retreat: Minster Abbey

The Benedictine Nuns of Minster Abbey are offering single Roman Catholic women aged 18–35 the opportunity to attend a discernment retreat, providing a taste of monastic life and the chance to hear, in the words of Scripture, the "still small voice" of the Lord. Three retreats are available across the year: 7th–9th August, and 9th–11th October. To register, please contact Sister Walburga at minstervocations@gmail.com. The parish encourages all the faithful to pray for vocations to the Minster Abbey community and for young women who are discerning their calling.

PARISH DIARY

First Holy Communion preparation class

Sun 5th April: No session.

Mothers' Prayers Group

Tues 7th April: No session.

Next Children's Mass

Sunday 12th April: 10:30am

PRAYER LIST

For those who are unwell, especially:

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

IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Andrea Rittweiler
Nicholas Windsor
Mary McCormack
Clifford Maseyk
Philomena McKay
Ria Wood
Scott Crosbie
Brian Tate
Joan Taylor
Claire Bianchi

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

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

April: For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

PARISH GIVING

BANK DETAILS

Account name:
Barnes St Osmund Main Account
Sort code: 60-01-39
Account number: 11311096
Reference: Surname/Donation Purpose

Easter Offering

Envelopes are now available in the church porch for your EASTER OFFERING – this is your personal gift to the priests of the parish. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can use these envelopes to Gift Aid your donation, if you wish to do so.

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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