



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday 10 May 2026 | Mass Book p268

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

### 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 Rev Richard Harries  
RIP

### MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May

*Feria (w)*

Pro-populo

### TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> May

*Sts Nereus and Achilleus (r)*

Holy Souls

### WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May

*Our Lady of Fátima (w)*

Holy Souls

### THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May

*The Ascension of the Lord (w)*

Ellen Cahillane RIP

Holy Day of Obligation

### FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May

*St John Stone (r)*

Holy Souls

### SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May

*St Simon Stock (w)*

For the staff and residents of  
Viera Gray Care Home

### SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May

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

8:30am Tom McElroy RIP

10:30am Gilbert Kendrick RIP

6:30pm Holden Gibson RIP

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

## A word from the presbytery...

In the sixteenth century, the English composer Thomas Tallis wrote the short motet *If Ye Love Me*. It remains one of the most moving pieces of sacred music ever composed in the English language. Its beauty lies partly in its simplicity. The words do not strain for emotion. The music does not attempt to overwhelm. Instead, the piece unfolds with remarkable calmness and clarity, almost as though Christian discipleship itself had been set to music. Love for Christ is made visible not through sentiment alone, nor through grand declarations, but through fidelity. That theme stands quietly at the heart of this Sunday as we move towards the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, exactly forty days after Easter. The Church has spent these weeks contemplating the reality of the Resurrection. We have listened again to the promises of new life, hope, joy and victory over death. Yet the liturgy now begins to lead us towards a more searching question: what shape does Easter faith actually take in the daily life of a Christian? The answer given by the Lord is deeply demanding because it is also deeply concrete. Love becomes visible in obedience. Affection for Christ takes form in the keeping of his commandments. Much in modern life encourages us to

think of love chiefly as feeling, attraction, instinct or private sincerity. Yet Christian tradition has always spoken of love as something far more costly and far more enduring. To love God is to allow one's life to be ordered by him. That ordering often appears in ordinary places. It appears in honesty when dishonesty would be easier. It appears in patience when irritation would feel more satisfying. It appears in forgiveness that costs something real. It appears in remaining faithful to duties that attract no applause. Holiness is often quieter than we imagine. Many lives become deeply beautiful before God without ever becoming impressive before the world. The approach of Ascension reminds us that Christ does not withdraw from the Church in absence, but entrusts his life to those who remain. The disciple who keeps the commandments carries something of the presence of Christ into the world. This perhaps explains why the saints possessed such unusual depth and serenity. Tallis understood this well. His famous motet does not sound triumphant or dramatic. It sounds steady, disciplined and peaceful. Perhaps that is because genuine love for Christ usually grows in exactly that way: quietly, faithfully and one decision at a time.



### **Baptism**

We are delighted to announce that Nathaniel Santamaria Gomez was baptised here on Sun 12 April. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and his family, and assure them of the continued support and prayers of our parish community as he embarks on his journey of faith.

### **Ascension Thursday**

Next Thursday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, marking forty days since Easter and the completion of the Lord's earthly appearances after the Resurrection. As a Holy Day of Obligation, all Catholics are bound to participate in Mass on this day. Mass of the Solemnity will be celebrated at St Osmund Catholic Church at 6:30pm.

### **Catholicism for the Curious**

Our adult formation evenings will begin again on Monday 1 June from 6:30pm–7:45pm. Whether you are a lifelong Catholic seeking renewed understanding, or someone from another background exploring the faith seriously, you will be most welcome. Over eight sessions we will journey through the Gospel of Luke using the study *Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled*, guided by the insights of Jeff Cavins and Jeffrey Morrow. The course will draw us more deeply into the mystery of Christ's saving mission. To sign up, contact the parish office ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk)).

### **Parish Garden Barbecue: Sun 28 June**

Following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 28 June, all members of our parish family are warmly invited to the Presbytery Garden for a parish barbecue celebrating the young people of our community who have recently received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This celebration is for the whole parish, including those who usually attend other Mass times. If you would like to sign up to help or bring food and drink items please contact the parish office ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk)). Save the date and watch this space!

### **Theology group gathering**

A theology group conceived by some of our young parishioners, gathers every few weeks to consider questions of theological depth or doctrinal importance. The inaugural meeting will be held on Friday, 15th May: 6.30 pm, Red Lion, Barnes. Contact Jack Ledger-Dowse on 07847 751350/ ([jackledgerdowse@gmail.com](mailto:jackledgerdowse@gmail.com)). All welcome.

### **Next week's second collection - World Communications Day**

Next week's second collection supports the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>) the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN serves both the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider church in promoting the Gospel through media on current issues.

### **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. Visit ([rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife)).

### **Could You Become a Governor?**

Governors work together as a team to ensure a good standard of education is being achieved across the schools within the Archdiocese of Southwark. You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector, and it is an opportunity to develop the skills you have and to improve the futures of children today. Register your interest by visiting ([rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-be-a-governor](http://rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-be-a-governor)).

## Scott Hahn at St George's Cathedral, 28 May.

World-renowned Scripture scholar Dr Scott Hahn will speak at St George's Cathedral, on 2 topics (The Eucharist and The Lord's Prayer). This exciting event is taking place from 6-10pm on Thurs 28 May. Tickets £20. (<https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/dr-scott-hahn-28-may-2026/>)

## Building a Better Marriage

A one-day course for married couples of any age to explore their relationship, deepen communication, and reflect on the Church's call to marriage. No group sharing; all discussion remains private to each couple. 2026 dates (9am-4.30pm): 23 May (Wallington); 13 June (Hythe); 27 June (Tooting); 3 October (West Norwood). Booking essential: ([mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk))

## Norbertine Rite Mass at Bayham Old Abbey, 11 July.

A rare opportunity to experience a sung Missa Cantata in the Norbertine Rite at Bayham Old Abbey on the site where Premonstratensian canons once worshipped. Programme includes tour, historic talk and a Gregorian chant workshop followed by Solemn Missa Cantata (3pm). Bring a picnic, chairs, and sensible footwear. Parking available. Register: (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/121267239890>)



## 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:

Oswald McOustra	Ruth Harrison
Adrienne McOustra	David O'Grady
Catherine Bithrey	Jean Slater
Jonathan Sharp	Oswald Cook
Margaret Edwards	Jane Thomas



## 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.



## PARISH DIARY

### First Holy Communion preparation class

Sun 10 May: 9am (Hall) and 5pm (Church)

### Mothers' Prayers Group

Tues 12 May: 10:30am (Presbytery)

### Next Children's Mass

Sunday 10 May: 10:30am

### Catholicism for the Curious

Monday 1 June: 6:30pm - 7:45pm (Hall)

### Parish Garden Barbecue

Sun 28 June: After 10:30am mass (Hall/Garden)

### 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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