



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

Second Sunday of Easter  
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## MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

### SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April

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

8:30am Paul Luperto RIP

10:30am Shaun Coleman RIP

6:30pm Holy Souls

### MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> April

(r) *St Martin I*

Holy Souls

### TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> April

(w) *Feria*

Holy Souls

### WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> April

(w) *Feria*

Sarah Hughes RIP

### THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> April

(w) *Feria*

Clorinda Gale RIP

### FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> April

(w) *Feria*

Holy Souls

### SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April

(w) *Feria*

Holy Souls

### SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April

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

8:30am Pro-populo

10:30am Sergio Gattinara RIP

6:30pm Holy Souls

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

## A word from the presbytery...

The ancient name for today; Quasi Modo Sunday comes from the Introit's opening words: quasi modo geniti infantes, "like newborn infants." It is a striking image. Those baptised at the Easter Vigil, still wearing their white garments, are addressed as creatures freshly made. The Octave of Easter does not merely extend a celebration; it insists that the Resurrection is too vast to be received in a single moment. Some truths require time and a second encounter.

This is precisely the situation of Thomas. His absence on that first Easter evening is often treated as negligence, but the Gospel offers no reproach for it. What the text reveals is something more human: Thomas was alone with his grief. The others had one another; he had only the unprocessed weight of what he had witnessed on Calvary. His declaration "Unless I see... I will not believe" is not the protest of a cynic. It is the cry of a man who has loved deeply and been devastated, and who cannot afford to hope cheaply. Gregory the Great, in his fortieth Gospel homily, made precisely this observation: Thomas's doubt, he wrote, was of greater benefit to us than the faith of the other disciples, because in being brought back to faith by touching, he confirmed our minds in faith beyond all

doubt (Homiliae in Evangelia, XL.3). Doubt born of love, Gregory suggests, arrives at a more anchored faith than easy belief ever could.

Here the connection to Divine Mercy becomes clear. When Christ returns He does not scold Thomas. He offers His wounds. Mercy, in the theology St Pope John Paul II drew from Saint Faustina, is not an abstraction; it is God entering the specific place of our resistance, our fear, our incapacity to believe that goodness could be real. The wounded hands are not merely proof; they are invitation.

And this is where Quasi Modo finds its deepest meaning. We are, all of us, newborn not because we are innocent, but because faith must be continually re-received. Like Thomas, we absent ourselves: through grief, disappointment, fatigue, the sheer difficulty of sustaining hope. The Octave exists because God pursues. He does not demand that we were present the first time. He comes again, into the locked room of our hesitation, and speaks the same word: Peace.

Thomas's answer "My Lord and my God" remains the most complete confession of faith in the Gospels. It was born not despite his doubt, but through it.



## Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all of you who have been away over the Easter break and are now returning to Barnes - I hope you enjoyed a restful and joyful holiday wherever your travels took you, and it is a delight to have you back among us. To the children now beginning the Summer Term, I wish them every encouragement and blessing in the weeks ahead.

## Easter Gratitude - Fr Ola

I want to express my most sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for the many and varied roles you played in making Holy Week and the Easter Triduum such a resounding success. The music, the floral arrangements, and the care you brought to every element of the liturgy were quite exceptional, and I am deeply grateful for all of it. On a personal note, thank you so warmly for your wonderful cards, your generous gifts, and for the very kind personal gift you extended to me — and a particular thank you to all those who have responded so positively to the Planned Giving Drive. God bless you all.

## Holy Hour for the Dignity of Human Life – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 4.30pm

Please consider joining us for a Holy Hour for the Dignity of Human Life here at St Osmund's, in line with the Bishops' Conference. Visit [www.cbcew.org.uk/holy-hour-for-the-dignity-of-life/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/holy-hour-for-the-dignity-of-life/) for resources and guidance.

## St Osmund's Reading Club

We are currently working through *The Carousel of Time* by Bernard O'Keeffe - and reading club members are in for a particular treat at our next meeting, on Tuesday, 29 April at 7.00 pm at the Priest's House, 79 Castelnau, when the author himself, Bernard, who is also a parishioner of St Osmund's, will join us to speak about his writing and the ideas behind the book. Do come along, whether or not you have finished the novel.

## 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: 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May, Liverpool

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

## Stella Maris pilgrimage to Lourdes: 25<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/lourdes/).

## Musical Pilgrimage on the Augustine Camino June 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gileag@gmail.com) or see [www.eddiegilmore.org](http://www.eddiegilmore.org).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Ambassadors for Christ

For more information, please visit: [rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist](http://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist)

## PARISH DIARY



### First Holy Communion preparation class

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> April: 9am (Hall) and 5pm (Church)

### Mothers' Prayers Group

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April: 10:30am (Presbytery)

### St Osmunds Reading club

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April: 7pm (Presbytery)

### Next Children's Mass

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May: 10:30am



## PRAYER LIST

For those parishioners who are unwell, especially:

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



## IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Ellen (Helen Webber)	Peter McKenna
Ellen Cahillane	Marie Bonnon
Brendan O'Kelly	Elsa Ryan
Fiona O'Connor	Sue Cuss
Rudolph Gomes	Jennie Cooke



## 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

### 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.



## 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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