



A warm welcome to

The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 15th March

(p) Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

8:30am Eamon Dolan RIP

10:30am Agostinha Jesus
Jardin RIP

6:30pm For the welfare of
Phoebe Hilary

MONDAY 16th March

(p) Feria

Bridget Carr RIP

TUESDAY 17th March

(w) St Patrick

Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 18th March

(p) Feria

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 19th March

(p) Feria

12:30pm Thanksgiving Mass
for Nicolas Robertson RIP
(There is no 6:30 pm Mass)

FRIDAY 20th March

(p) Feria

Audrey Byrne RIP

SATURDAY 21st March

(p) Feria

Quintino Jesus Gonçalves

SUNDAY 22nd March

(p) Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

8:30am Anneliese Sullivan
RIP

10:30am Brenda Kendrick RIP

6:30pm Stasia Czorniak RIP

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

A word from the presbytery...

Halfway through our Lenten journey, the Church pauses to catch its breath. The rose vestments of Laetare Sunday — from the Latin *laetare*, "rejoice" — are a gentle reminder that the disciplines of this season are not ends in themselves but point us towards the joy of Easter. Even in the midst of penance, we are a people of hope.

In England, this Sunday has long carried a second name: Mothering Sunday. Its origins lie in the medieval custom of returning to one's "mother church" — the cathedral or baptismal church of the diocese — on this day in Lent. Over time, the occasion became associated with gratitude for our own mothers, and rightly so. We give thanks today for all who are mothers among us: for the sacrifices they make, the faith they hand on, and the quiet, sustaining love that so often goes unacknowledged.

We remember, too, those for whom this day brings a measure of sorrow — those who grieve, those who long for motherhood, and those whose relationship with it is complicated.

The Gospel set before us this Sunday is the magnificent account of the man born blind in the ninth chapter of Saint John. It is a passage about seeing and not seeing, about the difference between physical sight and the deeper

vision that faith alone can grant. It asks us, with considerable directness, whether we are willing to see what God places before us — or whether we prefer the familiar comfort of keeping our eyes shut.

That question has a particular resonance for us as a parish community this week. We are now in the second week of our Planned Giving campaign, and the invitation remains the same: to look honestly at what St Osmund's means to us, and to consider what part each of us will play in sustaining its life and mission. This is not someone else's responsibility. If we value what happens here — the sacraments celebrated, the children formed in faith, the pastoral care extended to those in need — then it falls to all of us, together, to ensure it continues.

Stewardship is not merely a financial matter, though it includes that. It is an expression of belonging. It says: this is my parish, and I am invested in its future. The blind man in the Gospel, once healed, did not walk away. He stood his ground and gave testimony. We are asked to do something similar — not dramatically, perhaps, but concretely and generously.

Let us rejoice in what we have been given, and resolve to give in return.



Mothers Sunday

On this Mothers Sunday, we extend our warmest greetings and prayerful good wishes to all mothers in our parish family. We give thanks for mothers in every form and at every stage of life — those raising young families, those whose children are grown, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, and all who have offered the gift of maternal care and love to others. We remember, too, those mothers who have gone before us, and those for whom this day may carry a particular tenderness or sorrow. After Mass today, we invite all children, including fully grown ones; to come forward and collect a bunch daffodil to give to their mum with love and gratitude.

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.

FHC & Confirmation: Parents-Only Session

A gentle reminder to all parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation that the second parents-only session will take place on Thursday 19 March 2026 at 7:15pm prompt in the parish church. Attendance is essential and constitutes a requirement for the eventual reception of the sacrament by your children. Given the nature of the session, only parents are expected to attend.

St Osmund's Reading Club

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.

Newsletter Correction: St Francis

In our last three newsletter editions, the item concerning the Year of St Francis of Assisi contained an error. We mistakenly stated that a statue of St Francis bearing the Stigmata would be displayed in the church during Lent. The item we intended to refer is the historic first public display of the mortal remains of St Francis in the Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi, Italy. The remains are on display from 22 February to 22 March 2026, having been moved from the crypt to the foot of the high altar in the lower church of the Basilica, with the approval of Pope Leo XIV, to mark the eighth centenary of the Saint's death. Vatican News. We apologise for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

Marriage and Family life

The Southwark Marriage and Family Life (MFL) team is responsible for initiating, fostering and supporting activities in the diocese that will enable married couples more fully to live out their sacrament of matrimony by enriching their relationships.

Some of the events they offer are:

The Annual Marriage Mass: Couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries are invited to apply for places at this popular mass, where they may renew their marriage vows. This will be held in July.

Beginning Experience: A weekend for those who have been widowed, separated or divorced to help you deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. This will be held in May at Worth Abbey, West Sussex.

Build a Better Marriage: A one-day marriage-enrichment course. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. Dates and venues in South London available across the Southwark diocese.

For more information visit <https://rcaos.org.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>



PARISH DIARY

First Holy Communion preparation class

Sun 15th March: 9am (Hall) and 5pm (Church)

Confirmation preparation class

Sun 15th March: 4.30pm (Hall)

Catholicism for the Curious

Mon 16th March: 6:30pm (Hall)

Mothers' Prayers Group

Tues 17th March: 10:30am (Presbytery)

FHC & Confirmation: Parents-Only Session

Thursday, 19th March: 7.15pm (Church)

St Osmund's Reading Club

Wednesday, 25th March: 7pm (Presbytery)

Next Children's Mass

Sunday 12th April: 10:30am



PRAYER LIST

For parishioners who are unwell, especially:

Audrey Smith

Andrew Brodrick-Ward

Phyllis O'Kelly

Janet Waddington

John Scott

Joan Moore

Charles Stiller

Maureen Carr



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Maureen O'Sullivan Blackie

Annie Macklow-Smith

Dr Peter Docherty

Jane Robertson

Sheila O'Donnell

Brenda Kendrick

Mary Morrissey

Kellie Beale

Edith Curran

Edward Nugent

Anne Ryan

Colin McGill

Robin Frost

Kitty Murphy

John Gomes



NEWS FROM ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bingo night!

The PTFA are excited to announce our Family BINGO Night on Wednesday, March 18th from 6:30-8:00pm. Tickets are £7.50 per person and include:

- 1 BINGO board per game
- 1 sausage sandwich and 1 pudding

(Additional boards, drinks & snacks will be available on the night for purchase.) Prizes will be awarded. Tickets available via the link: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QV54XMM6>.

Please indicate the name of each participant in the 'Note to seller' field. We cannot wait to welcome you all for this fun family event.



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



PLANNED GIVING
CAMPAIGN

Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility – Planned Giving Appeal

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it?' – Luke 14:28

Last week our parish embarked on a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to take this opportunity to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances.

Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including why our parish needs financial help to cover our costs. Please take an appeal newsletter.

Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish. Next weekend we shall ask all parishioners to complete a pledge card – this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future.

If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today.



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.



PARISH GIVING

BANK DETAILS

Account name:

Barnes St Osmund Main Account

Sort code: 60-01-39

Account number: 11311096

Reference: Surname/Donation Purpose



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