



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

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday 17 May 2026 | Mass Book p275

MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 17th May

Seventh Sunday of Easter (A) (w)

8:30am Tom McElroy RIP

10:30am Gilbert Kendrick RIP

6:30pm Holden Gibson RIP

MONDAY 18th May

St John I (r)

Leonora Messel RIP

TUESDAY 19th May

St Dunstan (w)

**12pm: Funeral of Claire
Doherty RIP**

WEDNESDAY 20th May

St Bernadine of Siena (w)

Pro-populo

THURSDAY 21st May

St Christopher of Magallanes (r)

The Garau family's intentions

FRIDAY 22nd May

St Rita of Cascia (w)

**12pm: Funeral of Paddy
Grafton-Green**

SATURDAY 23rd May

Feria (w)

Pro-populo

SUNDAY 24th May

Pentecost Sunday (A) (w)

8:30am Nicolas Robertson
RIP

10:30am Paddy Grafton-
Green RIP

6:30pm Jenny Gibson RIP

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

A word from the presbytery...

The Sunday after the Ascension places us in a quiet but important space. The Lord has returned to the Father, yet his disciples remain in the world. In John's Gospel, Jesus lifts his eyes to heaven and prays before his passion. He speaks of glory, eternal life, and the Father's care for those who belong to him. Heard after Easter and Ascension, this prayer helps us understand what the resurrection means for disciples now.

The resurrection is the assurance that the life of Christ has entered the world in a way that can never be withdrawn. The risen Lord has passed through suffering, rejection, and death, and he now draws his friends into his own life with the Father. This gives Christian discipleship its deepest confidence. We do not follow a memory, an ideal, or a beautiful moral example. We follow the living Christ, who prays for us and entrusts us to the Father.

Romano Guardini, in *The Lord*, wrote of Christ as the one in whom the meaning of human existence is revealed. That insight is helpful here. The resurrection shows that the destiny of the human person is not exhaustion, fear, or disappearance. Our life is meant for communion with God. This is why Jesus says that eternal life is to know the Father and the Son whom he

has sent. Eternal life begins wherever a disciple allows the risen Christ to shape thought, judgement, love, work, prayer, and hope.

This matters in a modern world often marked by uncertainty and fatigue. Many people live under pressure to prove their worth, secure their future, and manage every fear alone. The resurrection frees the disciple from that lonely burden. It teaches us to live as people already held by God. Viktor Frankl, writing from the experience of the concentration camps in *Man's Search for Meaning*, observed that human beings can endure much when life has meaning. For the Christian, that meaning is not invented by us. It is received from Christ, risen and glorified, who gives our daily faithfulness eternal weight.

The modern disciple therefore lives the resurrection in ordinary ways: by refusing despair, by forgiving when resentment feels easier, by praying when God seems hidden, by serving without needing applause, and by trusting that hidden goodness is never wasted. After the Ascension, the Church remains in the world, yet she is no orphaned community. The risen Lord prays for us still, and his prayer becomes the strength by which we live today.



Funeral Masses: Tuesday 19 May and Friday 22 May

On Tuesday 19 May, the Funeral Mass of Clare Doherty will be celebrated at 12 noon, and on Friday 22 May, the Funeral Mass of Paddy Grafton-Green will be celebrated at 12 noon. Please note that these Funeral Masses will replace the usual parish Mass on both days. We pray for the repose of the souls of Clare and Paddy, and for comfort and consolation for their families at this time.

Catholicism for the Curious: Study of the Gospel of Luke

Our adult faith formation evenings will begin again on Monday 1 June, from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. These sessions are for lifelong Catholics seeking renewed understanding, as well as for those from another background who are exploring the Catholic faith. We shall journey through the Gospel of Luke using Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled, guided by the insights of Jeff Cavins and Jeffrey Morrow. To sign up, please scan the QR code:



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 a parish barbecue celebrating those who have recently received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. All are welcome including those who usually attend other Mass times. Please sign up to help or bring food and drink items by scanning the QR code:



Youth Worship Band

Anyone interested in playing guitar, piano, singing, cajón, triangle (or any other instrument!) is welcome to get involved. If your child, or you, would like to take part, email the office (barnes@rcaos.org.uk).

This week's second collection - World Communications Day

This 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).

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).

Encounter Pentecost

Join the Southwark Archdiocese Catholic Charismatic team for a day of worship, prayer, and fellowship at St George's Cathedral to celebrate Pentecost on Saturday 23 May. The day, open to all, concludes with the Vigil Mass of Pentecost. Full programme at (encounterpentecost.com/programme)

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) 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 and deepen communication. 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)

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>)



PARISH DIARY

First Holy Communion preparation

class: Sun 17 May, 9am (Hall) and 5pm (Church)

Mothers' Prayers Group: Tues 19 May, 10:30am (Presbytery)

Parish Book Club:

Current book is *'The Reader'*, by Bernhard Schlink: Wed 27 May at 7pm (Presbytery). All welcome.

Catholicism for the Curious: Monday 1 June: 6:30pm - 7:45pm (Hall)

Next Children's Mass: Sunday 14 June: 10:30am

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



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:

Annette Kelsey	Kathleen Jay
Clifford Maseyk	Pierre Pauwels
Leonarda Raszpla	Gracie Lynch
John O'Connor	Johnny Lynch
Margaret Ryan	Irene Maseyk
Michael O'Neill	Susie Trajer
	Henrich Freitas



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.

Parish Priest: Fr Oladele Craig | Parish Administrator: Cath Brizzell

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