



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

Third Sunday of Easter  
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## MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

### 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

### MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> April

(w) *Feria*

Holy Souls

### TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April

(w) *St Anselm*

Mary Violet F.G. Burbery RIP

### WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April

(w) *Feria*

Holy Souls

### THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April

(r) *St George*

Holy Souls

### FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> April

(r) *St Adalbert*

Holy Souls

### SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April

(r) *St Mark*

Holy Souls

### SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> April

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

8:30am Jack and Mary Ryan  
RIP

10:30am Pro-populo

6:30pm Holy Souls

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

## A word from the presbytery...

The Gospel account on this Third Sunday of Easter presents us with one of the most familiar and quietly moving encounters in the New Testament: the journey to Emmaus in Gospel of Luke 24:13–35. It is a passage we know well, yet it reveals its depth slowly, almost gently, as we walk alongside those two disciples who are still trying to make sense of all that had taken place.

At the heart of this account lies a simple but decisive moment. Two travellers, uncertain and unsettled, turn to a stranger and say, “Stay with us.” It is not a grand gesture. It is an ordinary act of welcome. Yet it is precisely there, at table, in that shared space, that their eyes are opened and they recognise the Lord. The Gospel allows us to see that the recognition of Christ does not come through argument or explanation alone, but through hospitality.

This quiet insight has found expression in different ways across both philosophy and theology. Jacques Derrida, reflecting on the meaning of hospitality in his work *Hospitality* (1997), speaks of a welcome that is offered without first seeking to define or control the other. His context was shaped by the ethical questions of post-war Europe, yet his observation sheds light on the Gospel

before us. The disciples do not fully understand who their guest is. Still, they make room for him. In doing so, they open the space in which recognition becomes possible.

In Emmaus, the disciples do not change the stranger. Rather, their welcome allows their own hearts to be changed. The moment of recognition unfolds quietly within the space they have offered.

In the reflections of Rowan Williams, we find yet another echo of this theme. Writing about Christian life in a fragmented world, he often speaks of attention as a spiritual discipline. To welcome another with care is to learn how to perceive Christ where he is already present. The breaking of bread at Emmaus becomes, in this light, an act of attentive presence through which the ordinary is transformed.

What this Gospel offers us is both simple and searching. The disciples recognise the Lord because they have first made room for him. Their welcome becomes the threshold of revelation. In our own lives, moments of grace often begin in much the same way. A small act of openness, a willingness to receive rather than to control, can become the place where Christ draws near and makes himself known.



### **Confirmation Mass Rehearsal**

A rehearsal for the Confirmation Mass will take place on Friday 24 April at 6.30pm in the Church. This is for all candidates, their parents, and sponsors. Attendance is expected of every candidate, and sponsors are encouraged to be present where possible. Candidates are also asked to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving Confirmation. There will be an opportunity for confessions during the rehearsal.

### **Confirmation Mass**

On Saturday 25 April at 10.00am, thirty-two young members of our parish family will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, conferred by Bishop Gerard Bradley. This is a significant moment in their journey of faith, and we ask all parishioners to keep them in their prayers as the day approaches. Please also remember their families, who support them in this important step. We express our sincere gratitude to all who have generously given their time and energy in preparing the candidates.

### **Establishing a Parish Youth Group**

Following requests from several members of our parish family to provide sustained support in the faith for our younger members, we are now in the final stages of establishing a parish youth group that will bring together friendship, shared meals, joy, and thoughtful formation in the Christian life. We are grateful to Mark Bithrey for generously agreeing to take a lead in this initiative. Those who feel able to contribute to this are warmly encouraged to speak with Mark or Father Ola.

### **Mother and Toddlers Group: Invitation to Help**

Following requests from several parents of young children, the parish is exploring the establishment of a Mothers and Toddlers group. We are seeking volunteers who would be willing to assist in setting up and supporting this initiative. Those interested in helping are invited to speak with Fr Ola after Mass or to contact the parish office.

### **Support Our Future Priests – Next Sunday’s second collection**

The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday (26 April), we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible. Donate online: ([www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)) or use the envelopes at the back of church

### **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).

### **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. Contact Eddie for more details: [gileag@gmail.com](mailto:gileag@gmail.com)/[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 19<sup>th</sup> April: 9am (Hall) and 5pm (Church)

### Mothers' Prayers Group

Tues 21st April: 10:30am (Presbytery)

### St Osmunds Reading club

Wed 29th 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 Stiller
Janet Waddington	Maureen Carr



## IN REMEMBRANCE

For those who have died recently especially Paddy Grafton-Green, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

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



## 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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