



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

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday 24 May 2026 | Mass Book p288

MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 24th May

Pentecost Sunday (A) (w)

8:30am Nicolas Robertson
RIP

10:30am Paddy Grafton-
Green RIP

6:30pm Jenny Gibson RIP

MONDAY 25th May

Mary, Mother of the Church (w)

Holy Souls

TUESDAY 26th May

St Philip Neri (w)

Rev M Laurenson RIP

WEDNESDAY 27th May

St Augustine of Canterbury (w)

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 28th May

Our Lord Jesus Christ (w)

Col. Holden Putnam RIP

FRIDAY 29th May

St Paul VI (w)

James Carruthers RIP

SATURDAY 30th May

The Blessed Virgin Mary (w)

Sarah Newby Seddon and
family RIP

SUNDAY 31st May

The Most Holy Trinity (A) (w)

8:30am Harold Messel RIP

10:30am Anthony Elliot RIP

6:30pm Elizabeth Magner
RIP

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

A word from the presbytery...

When the disciples gathered in that upper room on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection, they were not merely waiting for a spiritual experience. They were keeping a feast already ancient by their time. Shavuot, the Jewish Feast of Weeks, commemorated the giving of the Law to Moses on Sinai—the moment Israel became a covenant people. Saint Augustine saw this timing as no coincidence: what Sinai began in stone, Pentecost completed in flesh. The Law once carved on tablets was now to be inscribed upon human hearts, exactly as Jeremiah had foretold.

A little-known detail enriches this further. Jewish tradition held that when God spoke at Sinai, His voice divided into seventy tongues, one for each nation. Yet only Israel heard and responded. At Pentecost, that ancient longing finds its fulfilment: tongues of fire rest upon each disciple, and suddenly Parthians, Medes and Romans all comprehend in their own languages. The Church, from her first breath, was catholic—universal—because the Holy Spirit refuses to be confined.

And here we touch the great mystery, and perhaps our own quiet sorrow. The Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity is often the least known to us, not because He is distant, but because He does not draw attention to Himself. He draws attention to Christ. Saint Basil the Great wrote that the Spirit is

like sunlight passing through a clean window: we do not see the light, we see what the light reveals. Yet how often we live as though that window were shuttered. We struggle, we pray with effort, we feel alone in our weakness—forgetting that the very love eternally exchanged between the Father and the Son already dwells within us by virtue of our Baptism. He is not a distant force to be summoned from afar. He is closer to you, at this moment, than your own breath.

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem compared Him to water taking the shape of every vessel: one Spirit, yet meeting each soul precisely where it is. To the timid, courage. To the bewildered, wisdom. To the weary, perseverance. The same Spirit who hovered over the waters at creation now broods over your life, patiently fashioning Christ within you—if only you will turn to Him and say so.

So today, do not let Pentecost pass as a remembrance. Whisper, even now, *Veni, Sancte Spiritus—Come, Holy Spirit*. Speak to Him as to a Friend already present. The upper room will open again, and the fire that built the Church will kindle, quietly but truly, in you.



Baptism

We are delighted to announce that Gustave Erik Somos-Liljekvist was baptised here on Sun 17 May. 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.

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 welcome. Please sign up to help/bring food and drink items by scanning the QR code:



Establishing a Parish Youth Group

We are now in the final stages of establishing a parish youth group. Please speak to Mark or Father Ola if you can help.

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).

Donation of Light Fittings for the Church and Hall

We are very grateful to the charity Donate-A-Light, which has generously donated light fittings and lights worth £3,306 towards our ongoing refurbishment project for the parish church and hall. We have now taken delivery of the lights, and installation will begin in the coming weeks. Our sincere thanks go to Margaret Fitzsimons for introducing Donate-A-Light to the parish, and to Greg Fonseca, our parish architect, who is kindly overseeing the delivery and installation. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to Donate-A-Light for this generous support of our parish community.

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).

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): 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>)

Pilgrimage of Reparation, Walsingham, 1 August 2026

All are welcome to join the annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Saturday 1 August 2026. For information and coach bookings, visit (prolifepilgrimage.org).



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:

Peter Predegast Pollard	Ann Russell
Joanna Abbott	Philip King
Ricardo Menendez	Thomas Ryan
Ted McCormack	Rose Couch
Anneliese Sullivan	Timmy Couch



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 24 May: No lesson (Half Term)

Mothers' Prayers Group: Tues 2 June, 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)

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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