



A warm welcome to

## The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

Sunday 29th March 2026 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord |  
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### MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

#### SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March

*(p) Palm Sunday (A)*

8:30am Martin & Kathleen  
McCormack RIP

10:30am Gabrielle O'Sullivan  
RIP

6:30pm Pro-populo RIP

#### MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> March

*(p) Monday of Holy Week*

Holy Souls

#### TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March

*(p) Tuesday of Holy Week*

Mothers' Prayers Group  
Intentions

#### WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April

*(w) Wednesday of Holy Week*

NO MASS

#### THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April

*(p) Maundy Thursday*

Holy Souls

#### FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> April

*(p) Good Friday*

Holy Souls

#### SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> April

*(p) Holy Saturday*

Pro-populo

#### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April

*(p) Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of the Lord (A)*

8:30am Jozef Langiewicz RIP

10:30am James Smith RIP

6:30pm Con Cahillane RIP

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

### A word from the presbytery...

Palm Sunday places us at the threshold of the most solemn week of the Christian year, and it does so in a striking way. The liturgy begins with movement, public display, and gathered voices, yet it leads us almost at once into the Passion of the Lord. The Church does this deliberately. She does not allow us to remain at the surface of things. She leads us inward.

One theme especially deserves our attention. In the Passion, our Lord does not save the world by escaping suffering, overpowering his enemies, or silencing hostility. He saves by remaining faithful. That is a truth which is easy to admire and much harder to live. We are often drawn to what is immediate, effective, and visible. We want solutions that are swift. We want strength that looks unmistakably strong. Yet in the Passion we meet a very different kind of strength: the strength to endure, the strength to remain truthful, the strength to love without retreat.

This matters greatly for us, because much of modern life trains us in the opposite direction. We are formed by haste, by reaction, by appearance, by the need to secure ourselves quickly. We are encouraged to avoid whatever wounds, costs, delays, or exposes us. Holy Week opens another path

before us. It shows us that love is not measured by how impressive it appears, but by how faithfully it remains.

Palm Sunday therefore asks something very serious of us. It asks whether our discipleship can bear weight. Whether our faith can remain when life becomes obscure. Whether we still trust the Lord when his way does not flatter our plans or protect us from sorrow. The Passion makes clear that redemption was not accomplished at a safe distance from pain. It was accomplished by Christ entering fully into the depth of human suffering and refusing to let hatred have the final word.

For that reason, Palm Sunday is not only the beginning of a sacred remembrance. It is also an invitation to a deeper honesty. Each of us knows what it is to face disappointment, uncertainty, loss, or the slow burden of fidelity. This week the Church asks us not to turn away from such things too quickly. She asks us to bring them near to Christ. In his Passion, we see that God has not stood apart from the hardest parts of being human.

And so we enter Holy Week with reverence and with courage. We follow the Lord, not because the road is easy, but because he has made even this road a place of grace.



## Wednesday 1 April – Holy Week

Please note that there will be no 10am mass on Wednesday 1 April as the priests will be attending The Chrism Mass taking place at St George's Cathedral to which all are welcome. We wish you all a blessed Holy Week and Easter break.

## 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.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation: Holy Week

For those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Holy Week, additional times are available as follows: Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March, 10.45am–12 noon; Holy Thursday, 2nd April, 10.00am–12 noon; and Holy Saturday, 4th April, 10.00am–11.00am. Do make use of this opportunity to prepare well for the sacred Triduum.

## Washing of Feet - Maundy Thursday

A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church for anyone who would like to have their feet washed during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, 2 April. Please add your name if you wish to take part.

## Holy Hour for the Dignity of Human Life - Sunday 19th April, 4.30pm

Parishes across England and Wales are invited to join the Bishops' Conference in a Holy Hour for the Dignity of Human Life on Sunday 19th April at 4.30pm (5.30pm Rome time), uniting in prayer with the Bishops during their Spring Plenary. In the wake of the recent House of Lords vote on Clause 208 of the Crime and Policing Bill, such prayerful witness to the dignity of every human life is particularly urgent. Please do consider joining us for a Holy Hour here at St Osmund's, and 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.

## Tenebrae: Wednesday, 1st April, 7pm, St George's Cathedral

On Wednesday, 1st April, at 7pm, St George's Cathedral hosts the ancient candlelit office of Tenebrae, sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks in traditional chant and polyphony by Victoria. This solemn Holy Week liturgy of psalms and readings draws us into the shadow of the Lord's Passion. Confessions will be available throughout, and young adults aged 18 to 35 are warmly welcome to stay for a social gathering afterwards.

## The Wintershall Passion of Jesus, Good Friday, 3rd April, Trafalgar Square

The Wintershall Passion of Jesus returns to Trafalgar Square this Good Friday, 3rd April, with two free performances at 12 noon and 3.15pm. Donations are welcome. For details, visit: [www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-passion-of-jesus-2026/](http://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-passion-of-jesus-2026/)

## 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. We will send parishes the reflections - in video and audio format - plus prayer intentions suitable for use as Bidding Prayers in advance.

## Vocations Weekend for Women: 15th - 17th May, Liverpool

The Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) invite women in their 20s and 30s to a Vocations Weekend from 15th to 17th May in Liverpool. If you have ever wondered whether God might be calling you to religious life, this weekend offers a gentle and supportive space to ask that question. For further information, contact Sr Lynne FCJ at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org); to register, please go to <https://bit.ly/Vocation2026>.

## Ambassadors for Christ

The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched a project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?". Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, along with a worksheet to enable groups to use them as part of their faith formation.

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



## PRAYER LIST

For 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:

Janette de Santis	Michael O'Neill
Salvatore Pranzo	Cheryl Cain
Nicholas Windsor	Adrian Gale
Raphael Galvin	David Allen
Rosemary Taylor	



## PARISH DIARY

### First Holy Communion preparation class

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> March: No session this weekend.

### Mothers' Prayers Group

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March: No session.

### Next Children's Mass

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April: 10:30am.

### Easter Services:

The services of Holy Week are especially beautiful and full of spiritual value, and we encourage you to attend as many of them as you can. Dates and times are as follows:

**1 April: Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral**

**2 April: Maundy Thursday:** 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper\*, washing of the feet, watching at the Altar of Repose until 11pm.

**3 April: Good Friday:** A day of fasting and abstinence, Office of Readings & Lauds: 9am, 11.15am Walk of Witness: Assemble opposite the Red Lion, Barnes. 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion\*, 6pm Stations of the Cross.

**4 April: Holy Saturday:** Office of Readings & Lauds: 9am, 8pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter\*

**5 April: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord:** Mass 8.30am, 10.30am (Sung),

\*6.30 pm.

\* indicates the Liturgy will be livestreamed.



## 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



### Easter Offering

Envelopes are now available in the church porch for your **EASTER OFFERING** – this is your personal gift to the priests of the parish. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can use these envelopes to Gift Aid your donation, if you wish to do so.



## 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.



## 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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