



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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Mass Times

Sundays: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 10.00am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Thurs (6.30pm)

Confession: Sundays 9:45am – 10:15am & 6pm - 6:20pm

Baptisms and Weddings: Contact the Parish

Office Hours: 10:00am - 2:00pm Wed, Thurs & Fri
The parish email account is monitored regularly.

Seventh Sunday of Easter (B) Sunday, 12 May 2024 Mass Book p277

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 12 th May	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Catriona Abel (Keen) Ellen Cahillane RIP	Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)
Mon 13 th May	10.00am Mass		Our Lady of Fatima
Tues 14 th May	10.00am Mass		St Matthias
Wed 15 th May	10.00am Mass	Mgr George Hay	St John Stone
Thurs 16 th May	6.30pm Mass		St Simon Stock
Fri 17 th May	10.00am Mass	Fr Anthony Logan RIP	Feria
Sun 19 th May	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Barbara Powers RIP Gilbert Kendrick RIP Pro-populo	Pentecost Sunday (B)

Reflection: The feast of Ascension and the Christian's apostolic mission.

...And while they were gazing into Heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into Heaven? This Jesus, who was taken from you into Heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into Heaven. Acts 1:11

At the Ascension of our Lord, angels declared to the Apostles the urgent need to begin their divine mission, marking the end of Christ's earthly journey and the commencement of their discipleship. As described in [Acts 1:11], this pivotal moment called for immediate action, that "there was not a minute to be wasted."

Our Lord's , intercessory prayer to the Father in John 17:15, expressed his desire for his followers to remain integral to the world without being removed from their societal roles or personal lives. His prayer emphasizes the call for his disciples to sanctify the world from within, advocating for a society where human dignity and true peace—linked directly to God—are paramount.

In *Christ is Passing By*, St Josemaria reflects on the significance of the Ascension. He states, "the feast of

ascension reminds us that our concern for souls is a response to a command of love given to us by our Lord." As Jesus ascended, he commissioned his disciples to be his witnesses globally, highlighting the gravity of living in accordance with his teachings and emulating his compassion.

A disciple's daily interactions should demonstrate loyalty, sincerity, joy, and diligence. Virtues which are essential as they manifest the honesty and godliness expected of Christ's followers, even in mundane activities. Every single act of service—should stem from genuine love and interest in others, transcending mere social formalities.

Our Lord ascended into heaven, but he remains close to each of us. In a special way we find him in the Tabernacle, perhaps in the parish Church or one not far from where we live or work. Let us have recourse to him there, even though often we cannot go physically but only with our heart and ask him to help us in our apostolic endeavours.

The Apostles returned to Jerusalem in the company of Mary. With her they awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit. Let us too, prepare for the coming of Pentecost staying close to our Lady.

Fr Ola's Induction Mass/Reception Thurs 6 June

You are warmly invited to the Mass of Induction of Father Ola Craig as our parish priest, conducted by Bishop Philip Moger. The Mass at 6:30 pm will be followed by a reception in the hall. If you would like to attend the reception afterwards please RSVP the Parish Office: (barnes@rcaos.org.uk)

This week's second collection - World Communications Day

This week's second collection supports the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), 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. It provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and trains spokesmen and Women.

The Men's Group

Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for our next meeting on Thursday 16 May, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, over the river at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward, on Chiswick High Road (enter via passageway to the right of the church). We will have a video and discussion on Divine Renovation UK "Sacramental Preparation: From Courses to Conversions" followed by a social drink at The Lamb pub. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: donnellysm@hotmail.com or just turn up.

Divine Mercy Recollection Day

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Sat 1 June from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

Guild of Our Lady of Ransom lecture

On Fri 17 May, Fr Patrick van der Vorst, a recently ordained priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster, former Director of Sotheby's Europe, and founder of the evangelistic initiative www.Christian.Art, will deliver the Marian Lecture on How Beauty Draws us Closer to God. Tickets: (guild-ransom.co.uk/events)

Embracing Age Quiz Night

On Sat 8 June with quiz master Sean Carey (who writes for The Chase). Doors open at 7:30pm for 8pm start. Bar and light refreshments available. Tickets £5. To book visit: (<https://www.embracingage.org.uk/quiz.html>) or phone 07735 332584.

St Osmunds Interfaith Pilgrimage

Last bank holiday Monday, 17 participants from our Parish and Wimbledon Synagogue embarked on an interfaith journey that began at a Sikh Gurdwara in Wimbledon. Despite the rain, we visited Wimbledon Synagogue and the Buddhapadipa Temple, engaging deeply with people of various faiths and exchanging prayers. The day was marked by warm hospitality and profound spiritual insights, fostering new friendships and enhancing interfaith understanding. This successful journey promises even greater participation next year. Thank you to all who joined.

Cathedral Mass Celebrating Marriage: Last chance:

If you are celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 13. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk with your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish by 31 May.

Episcopal Vicar and Bishop Group Secretary

This full time role (35 hrs per week) will provide administrative support to 3 senior clergy. It will involve some office based work in London (SE1) and some travelling across London/South East. Salary Range - £30-£33K per annum, dependent on skills and experience. For more information please email: (hr@rcaos.org.uk)

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College vacancies

SRRCC is currently advertising the following staff vacancies: (Attendance Officer, Learning Support Assistance (Primary), Cover Supervisor and Primary School Teacher. Please visit: (<https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2/>) or email: (recruitment@srrcc.org.uk) or call Mrs Twose: 020 8325 4630.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Nina Antonia, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Joan Moore, Susan Kelsey, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently including Catherine Bithrey, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Jane Thomas, David O'Grady, Jean Slater, Oswald & Adrienne McOustra, Margaret Edwards, Ruth Harrison, Jonathan Sharp and Oswald Cook.

Regina Caeli:

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia; quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia; resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia; ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.