



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.

Third Sunday of Easter (B) Sunday, 14 April 2024 Mass Book p262

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 14 th Apr	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Fr Anthony Logan RIP	Third Sunday of Easter (B)
Mon 15 th Apr	10.00am Mass	Agnes Foley RIP	Feria
Tues 16th Apr	10.00am Mass	Funeral Mass - Bridget Carr RIP	Feria
Wed 17 th Apr	10.00am Mass	Clorinda Gale RIP	Feria
Thurs 18 th Apr	6.30pm Mass		Feria
Fri 19 th Apr	10.00am Mass	Salvatore Pranzo RIP	St Alphege
Sun 21 st Apr	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Fr Anthony Logan RIP Pro-populo	Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

From the desk of Father Craig...

Welcome back to everyone who has been away during the Easter school break! I hope you all had a restorative time. While I had the opportunity to introduce myself during last Sunday's masses, I realize some of you might have been away. I wanted to provide a written introduction for the benefit of those who missed my initial greeting.

Firstly, I would like to extend my profound gratitude and recognition to Monsignor James Cronin for his remarkable dedication and leadership in this parish. His departure was felt deeply by many who had grown fond of his presence and guidance. Monsignor Cronin's legacy in our community is substantial, and the role he has moved into within the archdiocese is a testament to his exceptional capabilities. He leaves behind big shoes to fill, and I am humbled to step into this role following such a remarkable priest.

I completed my priestly formation at the now-defunct St John's Seminary in Wonerish, Guildford, and was ordained a priest on July 14, 2012, at St George's Cathedral. My first assignment was as the curate of the Holy Ghost Church in Balham, from my ordination until 2014. Following that, I was appointed the sub-dean of St George's Cathedral, a position I held until 2018. Most recently, I spent the last 6 years in Rome studying for a License and Doctorate in Canon Law at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross.

St Osmund's is my first appointment as a Parish Priest, and it is with great humility and faith that I embrace this new journey. My hope and prayer are that together, with your support and prayers, we can continue to build on the strong accomplishments of Monsignor Cronin and further enrich our parish's spiritual and communal life.

In the coming weeks, I plan to host an informal gathering for everyone who serves in any capacity within our parish. This will be a wonderful opportunity for me to meet many of you personally and discuss how we can work together for the welfare and growth of our parish community.

I look forward to meeting each of you and am excited about what we will accomplish together. Thank you for welcoming me into your community; your support and prayers mean the world to me.

First Reconciliation

Our First Holy Communion children will be having their first reconciliation on Saturday 20 April. Please keep them in your prayers.

Next week's second collection – Priest Training Fund

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 5 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Donate online here: (<https://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF>). Thank you.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Confirmation 2024

If your child is currently in YR8 or above they are eligible to participate in this year's Confirmation Program. Please email (barnes@rcaos.org.uk) to register your child. Sessions will be held Sundays at St Osmund's School, Church Road, from 4:30pm-6:00pm on the following dates: 14 April, 21 April, 28 April, 12 May, 19 May, 2 June, 7 June (Friday evening, garden party)*, 9 June, 16 June, 23 June. *Possible weekend away 7-9 June depending on cost and availability.

The final confirmation mass date is not yet available but will be announced as soon as possible.

Catholic Union Pub Talk with Alex Macqueen.

The Catholic Union's next "Pub Talk" on Tuesday 30 April at 6pm, 18.00 is 'Treading the Boards with Faith', with acclaimed BAFTA nominated actor and writer Alex Macqueen. Alex is rarely off our screens, small and big, and has appeared in The Inbetweeners, Peaky Blinders and Downton Abbey to name but a few. He will be talking about being a Catholic in the acting world. The Pub Talk will take place in the upstairs room of the Windsor Castle pub on Francis Street, behind Westminster Cathedral. Free to attend. Tickets here: (<https://catholicunion.org.uk/events/>)

The Men's Group

Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for our next meeting on Thursday 18 April, 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 "How to Build a Parish of Apostolic Disciples" followed by a social drink at The Lamb pub. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: (donnellysm@hotmail.com) or just turn up.

St Osmund's Interfaith Pilgrimage

Join us on Monday 6 May for the inaugural St Osmund's Interfaith pilgrimage. We'll be meeting with local Sikhs, Jews and Buddhists to pray with and for each other. Starting at 2pm at Merton Gurdwara for refreshments, prayers and a talk. We will then move on to the Buddhapadipa Temple in Wimbledon via Wimbledon Synagogue, on foot, or by car for those less able to complete the 55 min walk. All are welcome including and especially children and dogs. Please save the date. More information to follow soon.

Foodbank

Please continue to give generously to the Castelnaud Centre Food Bank. Tinned meats, fish, vegetables, fruit, household cleaning and toiletry items are very welcome.

Sick List

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

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Salvatore Pranzo, Raphael Galvin, Nicholas Windsor, Cheryl Cain, Janette de Santis, Michael O'Neill, Rosemary Taylor, Adrian Gale and David Allen.

Regina Caeli:

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