



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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Mass Times

Sundays: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 10am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri,
Thurs (6.30pm), Sat (**Latin**) 10am

Confessions: Friday 9-9.50am, Sunday 9:45am –
10:15am & 6pm - 6:20pm

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9-10am

Baptisms and Weddings: Contact the Parish Office.

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

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Sunday, 16 March 2025

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 16 th Mar	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Noel McCormack RIP Bridget Carr RIP Michael McDonagh RIP	Second Sunday of Lent (C)
Mon 17 th Mar	10.00am Mass		St Patrick
Tues 18 th Mar	10.00am Mass		Feria
Wed 19 th Mar	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	St Joseph
Thur 20 th Mar	6.30pm Mass	Pietro Saponaro RIP	Feria
Fri 21 st Mar	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sat 22 nd Mar	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	Feria
Sun 23 rd Mar	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Anneliese Sullivan RIP Brenda Kendrick RIP Stasia Czorniak RIP	Third Sunday of Lent (C)

Reflection

The story of Jesus' transfiguration arrives each year in Lent as an unexpected burst of light amid shadows. It interrupts our rhythm of fasting and reflection, offering a momentary glimpse of profound hope. In a season typically marked by austerity and repentance, we are suddenly invited onto a mountaintop to behold Christ radiant in majesty, beyond ordinary imagining.

Yet, the purpose of this vision is not to distance us from the sober realities of Lent, nor is it meant merely as a reassurance to disciples hesitant in their commitment. Rather, this extraordinary scene of transfiguration calls us to a deeper encounter with Christ himself. On the mountain, the disciples witness something profoundly important—the inner reality of who Jesus truly is. His humanity shines with divine

glory, a glory normally hidden from view. They see beyond appearances into the mystery at the heart of Jesus' identity: that this humble teacher who walks the dusty roads of Palestine is indeed the beloved Son of God, chosen, cherished, and fully united with the Father.

This moment in Lent invites us to a similar discovery. Lent is not primarily about deprivation or discipline for its own sake. Instead, it is a season to see Christ clearly, beyond routine habits or superficial understandings. It urges us to set aside distractions that cloud our spiritual vision, encouraging us to look carefully at Jesus—who he is, and the difference he makes in our lives.

Yet the transfiguration is more than an isolated moment of revelation. It is deeply connected to the path Jesus takes towards

Jerusalem, where suffering and glory will be inseparably linked. As disciples, we too are reminded that the journey of faith includes both mountaintop experiences of clear vision and valley moments of uncertainty or darkness. The voice from the cloud insists that we must "listen" to Christ—not only when his words comfort or inspire us, but also when they challenge us, calling us to sacrifice, humility, and compassion.

Ultimately, the transfiguration reminds us that Lent is a journey of transformation—our hearts becoming more closely shaped by Christ himself. As we follow him from the mountain towards the cross, we discover not only who he is but who we are called to become: people transformed by love, capable of embracing both the cross and the promise of resurrection.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

The Stations of the Cross, a cherished Lenten devotion, will be prayed communally each Sunday of Lent at 5:30 pm. This prayerful journey with Christ on the way to Calvary invites us to meditate on His Passion and deepen our own spiritual preparation for Easter. All are warmly encouraged to take part in this traditional prayer of the Church as we walk together in faith through this sacred season.

Lenten Alms Appeal

Almsgiving is an essential dimension of Lent, calling us to generosity and solidarity with those in need. Throughout this Lenten season, donations for Lenten Alms can be made conveniently via our parish portals. All proceeds from your contributions will directly support the Stella Maris Lent Appeal, providing essential pastoral care and practical support for seafarers worldwide. Your generosity this Lent will significantly impact the lives of many.

Thank you for your kindness and continued support

Next week's second Collection - Poor Parishes

The second collection on Sun 23 March enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

St Elizabeth of Portugal, Richmond Free Concert

This Sunday, 16 March, at 3pm, you are warmly invited to a special performance of Pergolesi's renowned Stabat Mater, featuring the Choral School of St Elizabeth's Church accompanied by a string ensemble from the Royal College of Music. An afternoon of inspiring sacred music. Admission free. All welcome.

Scrutinies Masses: Sundays 23 March and 6 April.

During the 10:30 am Mass on the 3rd and 5th Sundays of Lent, the parish will celebrate the traditional rites known as the Scrutinies. These rites are an important step for our catechumens and candidates, who are preparing to receive Baptism and be welcomed fully into the Church at Easter. During these special Masses, they will be formally presented to the parish community, which is invited to offer prayers and spiritual support as they continue their journey towards full initiation.

Agency for Evangelisation & Catechesis 29 March 2025

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis is hosting an Evangelisation Expo on Sat 29 March 11.15am - 5pm at Amigo Hall, SE1. It is a day of encounter, prayer, training, sharing and networking with a keynote talk from Mgr John Armitage on 'Being an Evangelist Today: the tools required to be a joyful witness of Jesus'. For more details and to register for the day go to

(<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/evangelisation-expo>).

Called to Bear Fruit Consultation

The Diocese is profoundly grateful for the enthusiastic response received thus far in relation to this consultation process. As we draw closer to the consultation deadline on 6 April, the Archbishop continues to invite contributions from as many parishioners as possible. We thank you once again for your generosity in participating and for your ongoing encouragement of others to share their views.

Cloud of Witnesses Exhibition

From 4 Mar - 27 April at The Old Crypt, St John's Waterloo, Waterloo Road, London SE1 8TY this inspiring exhibition, organised by St John's Waterloo and the Catholic Bishops' Conference, advised by Art + Christianity, features selected artworks from diverse artists who creatively reflect interfaith dialogue and racial justice narratives. The exhibition encourages mutual respect and deeper understanding across faith traditions and cultures. Artworks represent or allude to religious figures from various eras and faiths, challenging traditional perceptions and enriching spiritual dialogue. For further details see (<https://stjohnswaterloo.org/>).

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Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Janet Waddington, James and Audrey Smith, Teresa Cockburn, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Joan Moore, Susan Kelsey, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Kellie Beale, Sheila O'Donnell, Mary O'Connell, Robin Frost, Brenda Kendrick, Maureen O'Sullivan Blackie, Dr Peter Docherty, Edith Curran, Kitty Murphy, John Gomes, Edward Nugent, Anne Ryan, Mary Morrissey, Colin McGill and Annie Macklow-Smith.

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.*