



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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Mass Times

Sundays: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 10.00am Mon, Wed, Fri &
6.30pm Thurs

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday 17 March 2024 Mass Book p. 173

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 17 th Mar	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the welfare of Yvonne Kenna Jane Robertson RIP Pro-populo	Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)
Mon 18th Mar	NO MASS	NO MASS	Feria
Tue 19th Mar	10.00am	NO Service of the Word	St Joseph
Wed 20 th Mar	10.00am Mass	Marnie Sweet RIP	Feria
Thur 21 st Mar	6.30pm Mass	Pietro Saponaro RIP	Feria
Fri 22 nd Mar	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sun 24 th Mar	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Annelise Sullivan RIP Pro-populo Stasia Czorniak RIP	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

Reflection

Compassion, where it is truest, noblest, most beautiful, most loving, is in God himself. There we find the example, the model, the inspiration.

One day I discovered in the Bible the word “mercy,” the mercy of God. I learned that God is love, and if God is love, then God is compassion—the two terms are interchangeable. There is no finer way of showing compassion than to give yourself to others, and at the heart of that giving there will always be acceptance of the other. The compassion which we show to other people has to be modelled on and inspired by the compassion which God first shows to us. Indeed, the truth is deeper. We become the vehicles, the instruments of God’s compassion. Every time we open ourselves to the needs of others, he uses us to show them the meaning of love. That is at the heart of everything; that is the Good News that we have to spread. God, who is love, has compassion, and orders us to love our neighbours as ourselves.

In practice, we have to learn to be compassionate when we are young. It starts in the home. That is where we learn to be compassionate: to be concerned for those who are aging, sick, handicapped, poor, marginal. They are not “over there,” but next door or in our own home. We have to show compassion there, too. It starts in the home.

(Cardinal Basil Hume, adapted from ‘A Turning to God’)

Next week there will be NO MASS on Mon 18 and NO Service of the Word on Tues 19 March. Weekday Masses will be on Wed and Fri only at 10am in the Presbytery and on Thursday at 6.30pm in the Church.

Stations of the Cross will take place on Sundays during Lent at 5pm.

Lent: What do you hope God's grace may do for you this Lent?

In Lent, we should above all seek the grace of conversion – that is, of turning to Christ: praying that, in whatever particular ways each will mark this season, our devotions and penances will open our hearts anew to the love of Jesus Christ and to his call. The traditional ways for celebrating Lent are Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, based directly on the teaching of Our Lord in Chapter 6 of the Gospel of Saint Matthew; they can help us focus on our threefold relationships – with God, with ourselves, and with others.

Prayer for Peace

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Bishops' Conference, has echoed Pope Francis' urgent appeal for a lasting ceasefire in the Holy Land. He calls for the release of all hostages, for humanitarian aid to be allowed through to help those most in need in Gaza, and for hospitals, schools and places of worship to be protected. As we continue the season of Lent, let us continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land.

Flame 2025

Flame is the largest Catholic youth event in the UK, featuring guest speakers, award-winning musicians, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and much more! The event is open to those from school year 9 to university age. For more information see link:

(<https://www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/news/flame-2025/>)

Food Bank Appeal

The foodbank currently faces a shortage of various non-perishable items: long-life or tinned meats, fish, pasta sauces, fruits, custard/rice pudding, soups, vegetables, potatoes (tinned or instant), tea, coffee, fruit, nut butters, jams, honey, UHT fruit juice, UHT Milk and cooking oil. Additionally, all toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel, soap, toothpaste, and deodorants are greatly appreciated.

Confirmation 2024

Confirmation takes place this year on Sunday 7 July at 10.30am. Application forms for those who wish to receive the Sacrament will be available shortly.

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.

The Men's Group

Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for our next meeting on Thurs 21 March, 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 watch a video from Divine Renovation UK "Thriving or Closing: Where is your parish going?" followed by a social drink at The Lamb pub. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: (donnellysm@hotmail.com) or just turn up.

Archdiocese of Southwark's Annual marriage Mass at St George's Cathedral

The mass will take place on 13 July at 3pm. Couples celebrating a special anniversary – one, 10, 25, 40, 50 or 60 or more years – and wishing to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, should email: (mflsw@rcaos.org.uk)

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Beth McKiernan, Catherine Bithrey, Vincenzo Dallaglio, John Nemeth, 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: 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.*