



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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C) Sunday, 18 May 2025 Mass Book p265

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 18 th May	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Anthony Elliot RIP Gilbert Kendrick RIP Ellen Cahillane RIP	Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)
Mon 19 th May	10.00am Mass	For the intentions of Richard Wharton	St Dunstan
Tues 20 th May	10.00am Mass	Fr Anthony Logan RIP	St Bernadine of Siena
Wed 21 st May	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	St Christopher of Magallanes
Thur 22 nd May	6.30pm Mass	For the intentions of Isabella Wharton	St Rita of Cascia
Fri 23 rd May	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sat 24 th May	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	Feria
Sun 25 th May	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Grace Lynch RIP For the intentions of Valentina Wharton Pro-populo	Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

Commandment to Love!

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with something deceptively simple and yet spiritually seismic: the command to love - not a suggestion, not a recommendation, but a commandment. That word changes everything. It dislodges us from the comfortable notion that love is a matter of mood or mutual sympathy. It reminds us that love, in the Christian sense, is not reactive but chosen, not contingent on how we feel but grounded in what is right.

We are not being told to love in the way we think best, or according to our preferred boundaries. We are being summoned to a mode of loving that follows a particular

example - one marked by endurance, self-gift, and mercy. It is precisely because love is difficult that it must be commanded. Were it natural to us in its truest form, we would not need to be told. The fact that it is given as an imperative reveals that love, properly understood, is not instinct but grace-enabled effort.

This redefines what we often settle for in our relationships. Tolerance is not love. Kindness with limits is not love. Being civil while withholding our hearts is not love. Christian love seeks the good of the other even at cost to the self. It forgives without keeping accounts. It is willing to remain when the world would

walk away. And yes, it is vulnerable, but it is also powerful - because it is rooted not in what we can achieve, but in what we are willing to imitate.

In this light, love becomes a spiritual practice, a daily discipline that transforms us. It is the means by which Christ becomes credible in the world, not through argument but through witness. We are commanded to love because it is the only real sign that we belong to Him - and the only thing that can remake the world.

As Saint Bernard of Clairvaux once wrote, "The measure of love is love without measure."

Baptism

We are delighted to announce that Adam Leonard Bianchin was baptised here on Sun 11 May. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and his family, and assure them of the continued support and prayers of our parish community as he embarks on his journey of faith.

Safeguarding Sunday 2025

Sunday 18 May is Safeguarding Sunday and Archbishop John has issued a pastoral letter. In his letter, Archbishop John said "Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. Each of us - clergy, volunteers, parents, parishioners - is called to remain vigilant, informed, and committed to the well-being of every member of our community". You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday, including accessing the full pastoral letter, at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25 or via the QR code. Copies of the letter are available in the narthex.



History Walk - Sun 25 May

Meeting at 4pm outside St Elizabeth's church, The Vineyard, Richmond. The Walk will take us along the river towards St Mary's University, and to St John Henry Newman's childhood home at Ham. No need to book - just turn up! For more information visit <https://www.catholichistorywalks.com/>

First Holy Communion, Saturday 14 June, 10am

As a parish community, we are looking forward to Saturday, 14 June, when about 30 of our children will receive Holy Communion for the first time. A significant moment not only for them and their families, but for all of us who share in their journey of faith. As this momentous event approaches, let us remember them in our prayers - asking that this step draws them closer to Christ and strengthens the bonds of faith within their families and our wider parish life.

Day for Life

Every year the Church in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year it will be celebrated on 15th June, Trinity Sunday. For more information see (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>)

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis visiting St George's Cathedral - 26-29 June.

Various events taking place. For more information visit (<https://stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/>).

Computer network engineer required urgently

The parish is urgently looking to carry out some much-needed improvements to our internet and Wi-Fi infrastructure. If you have expertise in this area - or know someone reliable who does - we would be most grateful if you could speak to the parish priest after Mass or contact the parish office by email. This work is quite essential for the smooth running of various parish activities and communications. While we deeply value goodwill and generosity, it must be said - the services requested will not be gratis!

Candles

We are a group of 45 young Catholics from the Archdiocese of Southwark, attending a meeting with the Pope this Jubilee year along with Catholic Youth from around the world. We are making a pilgrimage, stopping at holy sites along the way. To get to Rome, we need your help. We will be selling candles in your parish this Sunday. Every candle bought and any donation made will be a great contribution towards our journey of faith. Thank you!

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Sharon Evans, 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: Susie Trajer, Pierre Pauwels, Annette Kelsey, Irene & Clifford Maseyk, Gracie & Johnny Lynch, Leonarda Raszpla, John O'Connor, Henrich Freitas, Margaret Ryan, Kathleen Jay, and Michael O'Neill.

Regina Caeli:

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

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