



# 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.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) Sunday, 21 April 2024 Mass Book p265

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the intentions of Norbert Karunanayaka Pro-populo Fr Anthony Logan RIP	Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	10.00am Mass		Feria
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	10.00am Mass		St George
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am Mass	Canon Peter Wilkie RIP	St Adalbert
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6.30pm Mass		St Mark
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Mary Violet F.G. Burbery RIP Mary Ellen and Daniel Healy RIP Pro-populo	Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

## Reflection

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as "Good Shepherd Sunday," we celebrate a special day of prayer dedicated to vocations, focusing particularly on the priesthood and consecrated life. This day invites us to reflect on one of the earliest and most profound images of Christ depicted in Church history: The Good Shepherd.

The Gospel according to St. John provides a vivid portrayal of the relationship between Christ, the Good Shepherd, and His flock. It is a relationship so profound that no one can sever the sheep from His protective hand. This connection is founded on a deep reciprocal love and knowledge, offering the flock the invaluable gift of eternal life.

Today's liturgy emphasizes the flock's response to the Good Shepherd through two actions: listening and following. These verbs highlight the essential character of those committed to path of Christ. It begins with listening to His word, which is the foundation of faith and its nourishment. Only those attuned to the voice of the Lord can discern the right moral path that aligns with God's will.

Following Jesus naturally stems from this attentive listening. True discipleship involves absorbing our Lord's teachings and integrating them into daily actions. Each baptized Christian possesses a priestly character, preparing them for distinct roles in the Lord's service. As disciples, we should prioritize promoting vocations, guiding others to hear and follow Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI once highlighted that "true vocation means abandoning personal ambitions to embrace and be directed by God's will. In our contemporary world, where numerous distractions may drown out the Lord's call, it is crucial for every ecclesiastical community to actively nurture and support vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Despite technological advances, the human soul still seeks God, and there will always be a need for pastors who can articulate His Word and facilitate encounters with Him through the sacraments".

We commit our aspirations and actions to the Virgin Mary, Mother of all vocations. May her intercession inspire and uphold numerous dedicated servants for both the Church and the world.

**This week's second collection – Priest Training Fund**

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.

**Next week's second collection**

This will be for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral, Southwark, the mother church of the diocese. This collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral.

**Confirmation 2024**

Please contact the office ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk)) if child is currently in YR8 or above and has not yet registered for this year's Confirmation Program.

**Celebrating Migrants at St George's Cathedral**

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson on Mon 6 May at 12.30pm at St George's Cathedral, London SE1 6HR.

Everyone who has moved from one country to another, from one part of the country to another, one city to another, one town to another, one street to another is a person on the move whether travelled by bus, train, car, taxi, plane, boat, ship or any other means of transport. All are welcome. Everyone a migrant. Bring one another to celebrate the valuable contribution the stranger makes to every structure of society in life across our city and beyond.

**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](http://www.Christian.Art), will deliver the Marian Lecture on How Beauty Draws us Closer to God. Fr Patrick will explore how beauty elevates us to encounter the Divine, how the Church has historically sought to create art that facilitates this meeting, and how this can happen in our visually overstimulated world. Tickets: ([guild-ransom.co.uk/events](http://guild-ransom.co.uk/events))

**Foodbank**

The Food Bank is grateful for any donations of tinned meats, fish, vegetables, fruit, household cleaning and toiletry items.

**A Day With Mary**

Join others for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917 on the first Saturday of each month.

Upcoming dates:

Sat 4 May - St Bede, Clapham Park 945 -4.15pm  
Sun 12 May - Walsingham, National Shrine of Our Lady, 12-5pm.

Sat 18 May, Bournemouth Oratory. For a full list of other dates, venues and You Tube links, see:

([www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org)) or

([www.eventcatholic.com](http://www.eventcatholic.com))

**FiSH Open Gardens**

Taking place on Sun 2 June from 1- 6pm with 25 beautiful gardens to inspire you, thanks to our wonderful volunteer garden-owners, along with cream teas, cake, Pimm's and live music at Barnes Green Centre. FiSH buses will provide a circular shuttle service throughout the afternoon.

Tickets (£10 each, children under 16 free) via this link: (<https://www.fishhelp.org.uk/barnes-open-gardens-2024/>)

**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. Sign-up sheets are now available at the back of the church.

**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.

**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: Andrea Rittweiler, Claire Bianchi, Nicholas Windsor, Mary McCormack, Ria Wood, Scott Crosbie, Brian Tate, Clifford Maseyk, Joan Taylor and Philomena McKay.

**Regina Caeli:**

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