



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.

Third Sunday of Lent (C)

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Sunday, 23 March 2025

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
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)
Mon 24 th Mar	10.00am Mass		Feria
Tues 25 th Mar	10.00am Mass	Grace Lynch RIP	The Annunciation of The Lord
Wed 26 th Mar	10.00am Mass		Feria
Thur 27 th Mar	6.30pm Mass		Feria
Fri 28 th Mar	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sat 29 th Mar	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	Feria
Sun 30 th Mar	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Jane Robertson RIP Gabrielle O'Sullivan RIP For the welfare of Eamonn Kenna	Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

Reflection

As the third week of Lent unfolds, we find ourselves at a crossroads familiar to every pilgrim heart. Some may sense the initial resolve of Ash Wednesday already thinning, the weariness of self-denial weighing heavily upon the spirit. Others may feel Lent has scarcely begun, their intentions still waiting to take root. Yet it is precisely here, in this middle ground, that the true spiritual work of the season begins. For Lent is not a race but a journey of the heart, where persistence bears fruit.

The Gospel this Sunday reminds us of the delicate

balance between divine mercy and the call to conversion. The image of the fig tree, barren yet not abandoned, speaks powerfully of God's patient love. Time is granted, not as an excuse for delay, but as a grace, a sacred space in which the soul is invited to yield fruit. Our lives, like that tree, are cultivated with gentle care, though the need for repentance remains urgent. We are called, not to despair of our failures, but to trust the divine gardener who tends us still.

Blessed John Henry Newman captured the heart of this season when he wrote that

Lent is "*not a season of gloom, but one of joy in sorrow, of light amid darkness, of hope and promise in humiliation and penitence*". Lent is a season that quietly teaches us to hope, not in ourselves, but in the unfailing mercy of God who draws near.

As we continue this sacred journey, I ask your prayers for those in our congregation who, this Sunday, will stand before us in their first Scrutinies. At Easter they will be received into full communion. May our prayers accompany them, as together we await the light of Easter.

2025 Easter Services**13 Apr: Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord**

Holy Mass 8.30am, 10.30am* (Sung), 6.30pm,
5pm Stations of the Cross

17 Apr: Maundy Thursday

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper*, washing of the feet,
watching at the Altar of Repose until 11pm

18 Apr: Good Friday - A day of fasting and
abstinence

11.15am Walk of Witness, assemble opposite the
Red Lion, Barnes

3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion*

6pm Stations of the Cross

19 Apr: Holy Saturday

10am Confessions until 11.30am

8pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter*

20 April, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mass 8.30am, 10.30am (Sung),* 6.30 pm

* indicates the Liturgy will be livestreamed.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

The Stations of the Cross on Sun 30 March, 5.30pm
will be The Green Way of the Cross, praying
especially for our planet and people. 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, together with prayer and fasting,
constitutes one of the three principal disciplines of
Lent. Throughout this sacred season, we are invited
to contribute to the Lenten Alms Appeal, with
donations accepted through our parish electronic
giving portals. Funds will be directed to the Lent
Appeal of Stella Maris, the Catholic agency dedicated
to providing vital pastoral care and practical
assistance to seafarers across the world.

Scrutinies Masses: Sundays 23 March and 6 April

During the 10:30 am Mass, 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 presented
to the parish community, which is invited to offer
prayers and spiritual support as they continue their
journey towards full initiation.

Deanery Reconciliation Service

On Tues 1 April, at 730pm, a joint Deanery
Reconciliation Service will take place at Our Lady
Queen of Peace, East Sheen, where priests and
parishioners from all the parishes within our Deanery
will gather for the sacrament of reconciliation. This
service provides a timely opportunity during the
penitential season of Lent to receive the Sacrament
of Reconciliation. The Church strongly encourages us
to approach the sacrament at least twice each year,
customarily before Easter and before Christmas, as
an integral part of spiritual preparation and renewal.

Prayer for the sanctity of all human life, specifically concerning Assisted Suicide

The Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and
Wales, request all parishes to observe a Holy Hour
before the Blessed Sacrament for the sanctity of all
human life, with particular focus on the threat of
Assisted Suicide. In our parish, we will hold this Holy
Hour on Monday of Holy Week, 14 April, immediately
after the morning Mass. Additionally, parishes are
asked to include a specific intercession for the
protection of all human life, from conception to natural
death, within the Universal Prayer at the Mass of the
Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

This week's second Collection - Poor Parishes

Today's second collection enables the Archbishop to
make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the
diocese.

Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day Sat 7 June

This pilgrimage marking the Jubilee Year, will be held
at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent, led by the
Archbishop. It will be the principal event of the 2025
Jubilee within the Archdiocese, and will be a
spiritually enriching day of prayer, reflection, and
celebration for both children and adults. We intend to
arrange a coach to take parishioners to and from
Aylesford Priory. If you can help to organize this
transport please speak to Father Ola.

QR code for DONA portal donations St Osmunds

Please use the QR code below to make a contactless
donation to the parish. Thank you.

**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.*