



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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C) Sunday, 25 May 2025 Mass Book p267

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
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)
Mon 26 th May	10.00am Mass	Rev M Laurenson RIP	St Philip Neri
Tues 27 th May	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	St Augustine of Canterbury
Wed 28 th May	10.00am Mass	For the intentions of Grace Wharton	Feria
Thur 29th May	10.00am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the donor's intentions Sarah Newby Seddon and family RIP	The Ascension of the Lord
Fri 30 th May	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	Feria
Sat 31 st May	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 1 st June	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the intentions of Francesca Querci della Rovere For the intentions of Charlie Robertson Pro-populo	Seventh Sunday of Easter (C)

Eve of the Ascension

This Sunday's Gospel, taken from Christ's farewell discourse, offers one of the most beautiful and tender promises in the New Testament: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (John 14:23). Spoken just before His Passion, these words now meet us as the Church draws near to the Solemnity of the Ascension - celebrated this Thursday - a feast not of absence, but of glorified presence. Christ ascends not to leave us, but to draw us into deeper communion

with Him and to make room for His abiding Spirit.

The invitation to "keep" Christ's word is central to this Sunday's Gospel. Yet this keeping is not mere external obedience. The Greek verb *tereō* means to guard, to treasure, to hold in reverent trust. It is the care we give to what is beloved - not legalism, but devotion. To keep His word is to allow it to live within us, to shape our desires, to govern our steps as something inwardly possessed.

The saints illumine this beautifully. Saint Gregory of Nyssa wrote that the one who keeps the

word is drawn into the mystery of God not by compliance, but by transformation. Saint Maximus the Confessor teaches that the soul obeys not because it is commanded, but because it has fallen in love with truth. Pope Benedict XVI likewise affirmed that Christian obedience is not submission to a rule, but personal entrustment to Christ Himself.

To keep Christ's word, then, is to give Him a dwelling place in the soul. And as we prepare to celebrate His Ascension, let us recall that every Catholic is obliged to attend Mass on this solemn day, offering our presence in response to His enduring love.

History Walk - Sun 25 May

We meet at 4pm outside St Elizabeth's Church, Richmond and then walk along the river ending up at St John Henry Newman's childhood home at Ham. See (<https://www.catholichistorywalks.com/>)

Solemnity of Ascension Thur 29 May - Holy day of Obligation

This coming Thursday, 29 May, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. This means we have the serious duty to attend Holy Mass, just as we do on Sundays. Here at St Osmund's, Solemn Mass of the Ascension will be celebrated at 10am and at 630pm to enable more of us to fulfil this obligation. If we are unable to attend Mass here, we should make every effort to do so at an alternative parish.

Sheen Open Gardens - Sun 1 June

Starting at All Saints Church Sheen, SW14 8AT, or Christ Church, SW14 7AW, from 1 -6pm. 19 beautiful gardens to inspire you along with cream teas, cake, Pimm's and live music. FiSH buses provide a circular shuttle service. Tickets £10 each (Under 16's free). All proceeds to FiSH Neighbourhood Care. Tickets: (<https://www.fishhelp.org.uk/>).

First Holy Communion, Sat 14 June

As a parish community, we are looking forward to Saturday, 14 June, 10am 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. See (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>)

St. Osmund's Primary School Summer Ball - Diamonds Are Forever – 28 June

The St. Osmund's Catholic Primary School PTFA is excited to announce our Bond-themed summer ball, Diamonds Are Forever, taking place on Sat, 28 June from 7pm – 1am at Dukes Meadows, W4 2SH. Soul Rites Band (featuring Camille), live DJ, a live and silent auction, raffle and a 3-course sit-down dinner. Early bird discounted tickets - £85.00 per person (when purchased by 31 May), £97.50 per person thereafter. Purchase tickets at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3VABjZwFzSUJi6KQ5iWcfRxPRuKjXgU9_W0WuJYFO2ijFCA/viewform or through the PTFA (stosmundsptfa@live.co.uk). We look forward to seeing you there!

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/>).

Altar Servers Trip: Westminster Pastoral Centre

Residential trip taking place 6 - 9 August for altar servers aged 11-15 and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. In an event that has now gone on for more than 20 years, it is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm's Dartford, see your parish priest for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St Stephen, (Dartford@rcaos.org.uk), Tel:01322 220075. Cost £189. Help available with funding.

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: Joanna Abbott, Ann Russell, Peter Predegast Pollard, Ricardo Menendez, Philip King, Ted McCormack, Thomas Ryan, Rose and Timmy Couch and Anneliese Sullivan.

Regina Caeli:

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

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