



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 (A) Mass Book p. 170 Sunday, 26 March 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 26 th Mar	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Anneliese Sullivan RIP Kellie Beale RIP Stanislawa Czorniak RIP	Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)
Mon 27 th Mar	10.00am Mass	For the women of the Parish	Feria
Tues 28 th Mar	10.00am	Service of the Word	Feria
Wed 29th Mar	9.15am Mass	Benefactors of the Parish	Feria
Thurs 30 th Mar	6.30pm Mass	For the welfare of Margaret McDonagh	Feria
Fri 31 st Mar	10.00am Mass	For the welfare of Jimmy Curry	Feria
Sun 2 nd Apr	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Katja Hill RIP Gabrielle O'Sullivan RIP Pro-populo	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)

Reflection

FIAT

Fiat. It brought a universe into being. *Fiat lux* - let there be light. With a breath, an unbearable radiance poured into the darkness at creation.

Fiat, said Mary to Gabriel. And with a breath, that infinite, unbearable Light poured into a young woman in a small town, until she swayed with the weight of it. *Fiat*, cried Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Once again the universe was borne on a breath, carried across the shoulders of God incarnate.

We hear these assents as “let it be done to me.” Yet the Greek word Luke uses - *genoito* - means more than passive assent. It whispers of birth and growth, of what we might become. None of the events set in motion by these *fiats* are complete. They were each a “yes” to becoming. The light that tore through the darkness all those billions of years ago is still flaring out, igniting suns whose light will not reach us for a hundred billion years. Mary said “yes” to becoming the Christ-bearer. Even now she bears our prayers aloft, swaying under the weight of our needs. And with a word ripped from the depths, Jesus became the redeemer of our sins past and present and even of the future. Light still careening through our darkness, moving heaven and earth. Light has no weight, the physicists tell us. Except when it is in motion. Then it has power that can sweep the dust of dead stars together with enough force to bring the very earth we stand on into being. Dare I take on the weight of light? Dare I say “yes” to moving toward what God hopes for me? *Fiat. Fiat lux.* Let me be aflame with the Gospel, heavy with the light of Christ.

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The Clocks have gone forward so longer evenings. Schools close on Friday. Happy holidays. We can look forward to Easter, Pentecost and Summer. Opportunity for Mass on Thursdays at 6.30pm in the evening.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Palms will be distributed at all Masses.

Please note change of Mass times this Wednesday to 9.15 am, to accommodate attending Fr James Hurley's funeral at the Cathedral.

Upcoming funeral arrangements at St Osmunds

Jane Robertson RIP: Service 1230pm, 3 April
Margaret Minch RIP: Mass 11am, 11 April

Activities during Lent

During Lent, Bucket Collection is for the Church in Myanmar. Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Archbishop of Yangon in Myanmar said, 'One of our biggest needs is the education of young people'. Children from the poorest families leave school early to work. The physical labour and long hours mean that they have no time to study nor play.

The Green Way of the Cross

This Sunday afternoon at 5.30pm, come together in the steps of Jesus to pray for our common home beset by war, deprivation and the devastating effects of climate change.

Families together in a good deed for Lent

Our neighbours at St. Mary's invite us to join them for a Family Litter Pick during Easter Week on Tuesday 4 April. Fight pollution, have fun, meet your neighbours from St Mary's. See the poster on the noticeboard or take a leaflet from the back of the church.

Archdiocesan Youth Day

A youth day for 10-16 year olds will take place at St. George's Cathedral on Sat 22 April. The day will include a mixture of faith input, food, prayer and sport/crafts. Please see our website at <https://tinyurl.com/aprilyouthday> for further details or contact youth@rcaos.org.uk for further information.

Barnes fayre - St Osmund's Parish and School

The parish and school have now secured a table selling produce and children's books. There will be a short meeting on Sat 1 April at 5.30pm to make plans for this. Please let Monsignor know if you would like to join the group.

Jams, chutney and preserves

Margaret has been producing her internationally acclaimed jams for sale to benefit the Church. In answer to a question, yes, the blueberry jam is still available for purchase.

Confirmation

Our Confirmation programme is underway. We have over 20 young people enrolled. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their course.

Life in the Spirit Seminars

The Seminars will run on five Tuesday evenings (2, 9, 16 and 30 May, and 6 June) at St George's Cathedral and at local hubs across the Archdiocese as well as on Zoom, with a Pentecost Saturday retreat day for all participants at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 27th May. All welcome. Inspiring talks and music, small group sharing and daily reflections (with food provided for those attending Tuesday evening sessions at the Cathedral). For further details, visit bit.ly/SOUTHWARK2023 or email kristinabcooper@gmail.com

Foodbank

Our local food bank is currently short of tinned items such as meat, chicken stew, rice pudding, custard, and long-life milk and razor blades.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering, especially Susan Kelsey, Maggie Danby, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, Serge Moussalli and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently especially Jane Robertson, Maggie Danby, Frank Comerford, Kellie Beale, Sheila O'Donnell and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Hans Kuipers, Kay King-Farlow, Danny Whitby, Gwendoline Beckitt, Margaret Lewis, Hugh Armstrong, Gabrielle O'Sullivan, Raymond Murray and Jozef Langiewicz.

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.*