



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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) Sunday, 28 April 2024 Mass Book p268

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 28 th Apr	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Mary Violet F.G. Burbery RIP Mary Ellen and Daniel Healy RIP Joan Bell RIP	Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)
Mon 29 th Apr	10.00am Mass		St Catherine of Siena
Tues 30 th Apr	10.00am Mass		St Pius V
Wed 1 st May	10.00am Mass	Vincent Herbert Egan and family RIP	St Joseph the Worker
Thurs 2 nd May	6.30pm Mass	Ellen (Helen) Webber RIP	St Athanasius
Fri 3 rd May	10.00am Mass	Annie Saunders and William Oakden RIP	Sts Philip and James
Sun 5 th May	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo For the Benefactors of the Parish	Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Reflection

The Gospel of the fifth Sunday of Easter vividly begins with Christ's allegory of the vine: "*I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.*" This imagery links back to the Old Testament, where Israel is depicted as a vine that flourishes with God's favour but withers away when it strays from Him, losing its ability to produce the "*wine to gladden the heart of man*" (Psalm 104[103]:15).

Christ, representing the true vine of God, offers salvation through His sacrifice, inviting us to become integral parts of this living vine. By staying connected to Jesus, as He remains in His Father's love, every disciple too can bear fruit abundantly.

Saint Francis de Sales in one of his writing titled *Treatise on the Love of God* reflects on this bond between the vine and its branches, noting, "*The vine-sprig, united and joined to the stock, brings forth fruit not by its own power but in virtue of the stock.*" Similarly, through Baptism, we are grafted onto Christ

and draw from His life-giving essence to participate in divine life.

Pope Benedict XVI emphasizes the necessity of this connection in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, stating, "*If the fruit we are to bear is love, the prerequisite is this 'remaining', which is profoundly connected with the kind of faith that holds on to the Lord and does not let go.*" It's essential to remain in Jesus, as "apart from him we can do nothing" (Jn 15:5).

The Cistercian Bl. Gueric of Igny, said: "*True abiding in Christ guarantees the effectiveness of prayer.*" Each one of us is like a branch that only lives if its union with the Lord grows every day in prayer, in participation in the Sacraments and in charity. Let us pray to the Mother of God that we may remain firmly grafted onto Jesus and that all our actions may have their beginning and end in him.

This 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.

Last week's second collection

Thank you for your kind donations to the Priest Training Fund of £308.55. 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. Please continue to support our priests of the future with a gift today. Donate online here: (<https://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF>).

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.

Divine Mercy Recollection Day

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. PIs call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

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, 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)

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) or
(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 Nina Antonia, 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: Elsa Ryan, Ellen (Helen Webber), Sue Cuss, Jennie Cooke, Scott Crosbie, Rudolph Gomes, Marie Bonnon, Ellen Cahillane, Brendan O'Kelly, Peter McKenna and Fiona O'Connor.

Regina Caeli:

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