



# 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.

## Sunday Newsletter Sunday 3 March 2024 Mass Book p. 158

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Vincent Herbert Egan and family RIP Michael Kalwrski RIP Elizabeth Magner RIP	Third Sunday of Lent (B)
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am Mass		
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Service of the Word	
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am Mass	Agnes Foley RIP	
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.30pm Mass		
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am Mass		
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Joan and Arthur Lewis RIP James Sacré and Catherine Sacré-Eassie Frank Comerford RIP	Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

## Reflection

One of the most well-known, well-loved teachings about Prayer in the whole of the Bible comes from Jesus himself, where he tells us that when we pray we shouldn't stand up on street corners praying out loud so that everybody can see us; we shouldn't babble or use lots of fine words, but that we should go to our private place, and speak to our Father who is there in that quiet place...in our hearts...and that he knows already our needs, that he will hear us, and will reward us. We can hear a gentle echo of these thoughts in a poem by Mary Oliver, a former American Poet Laureate, who died in 1919.

### Praying

*'It doesn't have to be  
the blue iris, it could be  
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few  
small stones; just  
pay attention, then patch  
a few words together and don't try  
to make them elaborate, this isn't  
a contest but the doorway  
into thanks, and a silence in which  
another voice may speak.'*  
(Mary Oliver, 'Thirst' 2006)

Stations of the Cross will take place on Sundays during Lent at 5pm.

**Prayer for Peace**

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Bishops' Conference, has echoed Pope Francis's urgent appeal for a lasting ceasefire in the Holy Land. He calls for the release of all hostages, for humanitarian aid to be allowed through to help those most in need in Gaza, and for hospitals, schools and places of worship to be protected. As we enter the season of Lent, Cardinal Nichols has renewed his call for a day of prayer for peace on 8 March: "In this Diocese of Westminster I have called for a special time of prayer on 8 March, as a vital part of our observance of Lent. I invite others to take up this call, too." Can we pray especially on that day for peace in the Holy Land.

**MiD Mediation and Counselling.**

Divorce and family breakdown can be one of the most stressful times in any person's life. MiD Mediation and Counselling supports families through mediation or counselling. Sessions available face to face in Hampton and St Margarets as well as online if required. We provide counselling services for adults who are going through separation or divorce or have been divorced in the past and are still struggling and in need of emotional as well as practical support. Call us on 020 8891 6860 to talk through any of the services, or to make a booking go to ([www.midmediation.org.uk](http://www.midmediation.org.uk)) Trish Neate will give a short talk after the Masses on 3 March.

**Extended stay granted for Ukrainians in the UK**

This week, the Home Office announced that it would extend temporary visas for Ukrainian refugees by 18 months. The Catholic Union has been working with Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski and the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in the UK to highlight the need for providing certainty to people displaced by the war.

**Hospital Contacts**

If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know. St George's Hospital: Fr Peter Littleton (020 8725 3069 or 020 8672 1255) St Heliers and Epsom Hospital: Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000) Kingston Hospital: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711).

**Confirmation 2024**

Confirmation takes place this year on Sunday 7 July at 10.30am. Application forms for those who wish to receive the Sacrament will be available shortly.

**Foodbank**

Tinned meats, fish, vegetables, fruit, household cleaning and toiletry items are very welcome. Thank you to all kind donors.

**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. Please save the date. More information to follow soon.

**Pope Francis on Environment**

We must not be indifferent or resigned to the loss of biodiversity and the destruction of ecosystems, often caused by our irresponsible and selfish behaviour... Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence ... We have no such right.

**Archdiocese of Southwark's Annual marriage Mass at St George's Cathedral**

Taking place on 13 July at 3pm. Couples celebrating a special anniversary – one, 10, 25, 40, 50 or 60 or more years – and wishing to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, should email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk)

**Youth Day- Archdiocese of Southwark**

The next Youth Day for ages 10 to 14 will be at Richard Challoner School, New Malden on Saturday 9 March from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. The day will include faith input from Fr Samuel Burke OP, Eucharistic Adoration and praise, sports, games, and pizza. For details and to book, please visit [www.tinyurl.com/scsyyouthday](http://www.tinyurl.com/scsyyouthday)

**Sick List**

For the sick and the suffering especially Beth McKiernan, Catherine Bithrey, Vincenzo Dallaglio, John Nemeth, 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: Marie Bonnon, Mattie Worthington, Margaret Minch and Mark, Cathie Sacré -Eassie, Annie Macklow-Smith, Edward Collini, Tony Hallam, Pauline Calvery, Ralph Hedderwick, Maria Paz Figueroa, Margaret Quinlan and Mary McGowan.

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**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.*