



# 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.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

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Sunday, 30 March 2025

| Date                     | Time                                       | Intention                                                                         | Feast                     |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar | 8.30am Mass<br>10.30am Mass<br>6.30pm Mass | Jane Robertson RIP<br>Gabrielle O'Sullivan RIP<br>For the welfare of Eamonn Kenna | Fourth Sunday of Lent (C) |
| Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar | 10.00am Mass                               | Holy Souls                                                                        | Feria                     |
| Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr | 10.00am Mass                               |                                                                                   | Feria                     |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr  | 10.00am Mass                               |                                                                                   | Feria                     |
| Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr | 6.30pm Mass                                | Gwendoline Beckitt RIP                                                            | Feria                     |
| Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | 10.00am Mass                               |                                                                                   | Feria                     |
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | 10.00am Mass                               |                                                                                   | Feria                     |
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | 8.30am Mass<br>10.30am Mass<br>6.30pm Mass | Jozef Langiewicz RIP<br>Pro-populo<br>Con Cahillane RIP                           | Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)  |

## Reflection

Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent, offers a moment of rest in the wilderness. It's very name *Laetare*, meaning "*rejoice*" signals a turning point. The violet softens to rose. The shadows give way to light. It is not Easter yet, but joy is already approaching. The Church invites her children to lift their eyes from the dust and see the mercy drawing near.

In the Gospel, Christ tells of a son who turned his back on his home and lost everything. He prepared words of repentance but never finished them. The father had already seen him from afar. He ran. He embraced. He forgave. Not because the son had earned it, but because he had come

home. This is not a story about failure. It is a story about love that waits and runs to meet us.

This is also Mothering Sunday, and many will rightly honour the women who bore them, fed them, and carried them in their hearts. This draws our attention to the Church herself, who is mother in the truest sense. She feeds her children, forms them, shelters them, and calls them back when they have wandered. Nowhere is this more beautifully seen than in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here, the Church gathers her wounded and speaks words no human being can speak alone: "I absolve you."

Every Catholic is invited, indeed, called, to receive this sacrament at least once before Easter celebrations; not out of duty alone, but from a longing to be whole. It is not about recounting guilt but receiving grace. To confess is not to be diminished. It is to be made whole.

Whatever Lent has been for you - disciplined or distracted - it is not too late. The Father waits. The Church welcomes. God does not grow weary of us. He runs to meet us. All we must do is turn.

**Baptism**

We are delighted to announce that Jacob Peter Salvatore Largey was baptised here on Sun 23 March. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and his family, and assure them of the continued support and prayers of our parish community as he embarks on his journey of faith.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent**

The Stations of the Cross this Sun 30 March at 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.

**Mothering Sunday**

On this Sunday, Laetare Sunday, we also observe Mothering Sunday, a deeply cherished occasion in the Christian calendar. It offers each of us an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of motherhood in its many forms and to honour the maternal presence, whether biological, spiritual, or symbolic, in our lives. In this expression of gratitude, we commend all mothers to the care and blessing of God, recognising their unfailing love, devotion, and quiet sacrifices.

**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.

**Scrutinies Mass: Sunday 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.

**Retirement of Our Parish Sacristan, Mia Gibbons**

After nearly twenty years of tireless service as our Parish Sacristan, Mia Gibbons will be stepping down from her duties. Her quiet commitment has been a constant in the life of the parish, ensuring the smooth preparation of all liturgical celebrations - from the provision of altar wine and communion bread to the readiness of candles and sacred vessels. She has served faithfully under four parish priests before my time and has done so without ostentation, but with remarkable diligence. In recognition of her years of devoted service, all are invited to a small gathering with tea, coffee, and cakes in the narthex following the 10:30am Mass on Palm Sunday.

**Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop**

On Sunday 6 April, the Fifth Sunday of Lent (also known as Passion Sunday), a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop John Wilson will be read at all Masses across the diocese. Parishioners are encouraged to make use of the online facility provided by Right to Life UK, which enables individuals to contact their local Members of Parliament with ease. (<https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>)

**Parish Financial and Building Report at all masses**

At each Mass this Sunday, the Chair of the Parish Finance Committee will offer a brief report outlining the current financial health of the parish and providing an update on the ongoing refurbishment of the parish hall. A detailed account of income and expenditure for the financial year 2024 will be made available via a dedicated link on the parish website and will also be published in next week's newsletter for those wishing to review it in full.

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

In our parish, we will hold a Holy Hour on Monday of Holy Week, 14 April, immediately after the morning Mass for the sanctity of all human life, with particular focus on the threat of Assisted Suicide.

**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.

**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: William Russell Deverell, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Kay King-Farlow, Sergio Gattinara, Liam Whelan, Betty McGuckin, Derek Abbott, Nora Durbridge, Martin Kavanagh, Agnes Foley, Margaret Field, Damien Cook and Mary Davies.

**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.*

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