



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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B) Sunday, 5 May 2024 Mass Book p270

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
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)
Mon 6 th May	10.00am Mass		St John Paine
Tues 7 th May	10.00am Mass		Feria
Wed 8 th May	10.00am Mass		Feria
Thurs 9th May	10.00am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Holy Day of Obligation	The Ascension of the Lord
Fri 10 th May	10.00am Mass	Fr Anthony Logan RIP	St John de Avila
Sun 12 th May	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Ellen Cahillane RIP	Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

Reflection

May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and it's a time when the faithful are encouraged to intensify their devotion through the Rosary. This prayer practice is not merely repetitive; it is an educational journey guided by Mary who helps us to meditate on the significant events of Christ's life. Through the Rosary, we engage in deep reflection on the joys, sorrows, and triumphs of Jesus, thereby enhancing our spiritual connection and understanding of His teachings.

The Rosary, a favoured Marian prayer, is revered within the Church for its profound spiritual impact. It serves as a comprehensive tool that encapsulates the core truths of the Christian faith. In this prayer, Mary plays a pivotal role, sometimes taking centre stage and at other times directing our focus to Christ Himself. Her narratives about Jesus cover the spectrum of human emotion and divine revelation—from the happiness of His birth to the agony of His crucifixion, and finally to the triumph of His resurrection and ascension.

Described as a crown of roses, the Rosary symbolizes an offering of love and a representation of joy. Its structure—consisting of the 'Our Father,' 'Hail Mary,' and 'Glory Be' prayers—interspersed with meditations on the mysteries, acts as a continuous expression of faith, hope, love, adoration, and reparation. This blend of vocal prayer and meditation fosters a personal and communal spiritual exercise that is adaptable to the individual's focus during prayer.

Engaging daily with the Rosary allows us to immerse ourselves in the life of the Holy Family. By contemplating each mystery, we can envision ourselves as participants in the holy narratives, thereby deepening our understanding and spiritual life. This daily interaction is a journey through Jesus' earthly life, witnessing His development, His public ministry, His passion, death, and resurrection. It's a pathway that leads to a transformative encounter with divine love, ultimately guiding us to live out our faith more profoundly through the example of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Next Thursday is the Ascension of the Lord – a Holy day of Obligation. Mass at 10am and 6.30pm.

Next week's second collection - World Communications Day

Next week's second collection supports the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN serves both the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider church in promoting the Gospel through media on current issues. It provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and trains spokesmen and Women.

The Men's Group

Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for our next meeting on Thursday 16 May, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, over the river at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward, on Chiswick High Road (enter via passageway to the right of the church). We will have a video and discussion on Divine Renovation UK "Sacramental Preparation: From Courses to Conversions" followed by a social drink at The Lamb pub. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: donnelysm@hotmail.com or just turn up.

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 Sat 1 June 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. Pls 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)

Embracing Age Quiz Night

On Sat 8 June with quiz master Sean Carey (who writes for The Chase). Doors open at 7:30pm for 8pm start. Bar and light refreshments available. Tickets £5. To book visit: (<https://www.embracingage.org.uk/quiz.html>) or phone 07735 332584.

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:

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. 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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

For the Formation of Religious, Monks, Nuns, and Seminarians: So that religious, monks, nuns, and seminarians may grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and communal formation, leading them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

Foodbank

The Food Bank is grateful for any donations of tinned meats, fish, vegetables, fruit, household cleaning and toiletry items.

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 including Catriona Abel (Keen), and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Margaret Sharp, William O'Neill, Mark Bailey, Margaret Bailey, Margaret Roberts, Józef Raszpla and Ellen Cahillane.

Regina Caeli:

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