



# 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.

## Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

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**Sunday, 6 April 2025**

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Jozef Langiewicz RIP Pro-populo Con Cahillane RIP	Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am Mass		Feria
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am Mass		Feria
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am Mass		Feria
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6.30pm Mass	Annie Saunders and William Oakden RIP	Feria
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the welfare of Brian Kenna Grace Lynch RIP For the staff and residents of Viera Gray care home	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)

## Reflection

As Lent draws towards its final days and the veiled images in church signal the nearness of the Passion, the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday (John 8:1–11) quietly leads us into one of the most profound encounters in the New Testament.

A woman stands accused, surrounded by a crowd armed with certainty and stones. Yet Christ does not answer their zeal with confrontation. He bends down, to speak with severity about others, without patience or interior examination, is constant. Yet Lent is not a time for lifting stones, even in thought. It is a time for returning to the dust from which we were formed, and for recognising, in that dust, the place where grace

mercy born of truth. He brings writes anew.

each accuser face to face with their own conscience. One by one, they leave, not because the law was wrong, but because their hearts are not free of fault.

In a culture such as ours, often swift to accuse, quicker still to condemn, especially through digital means, this moment is strikingly relevant. The temptation before each of us, not with stones, but with mercy. The woman writes in the dust, and says, "*Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.*"

The Church does not deny the reality of sin. But she always sets that reality within a greater one: the redemptive love of God. The Lenten journey is not a season of moral pride, but of spiritual sobriety. We are not invited to stand in judgment over others, but to recognise that Christ stands before each of us, not with stones, but with mercy. The woman remains - not perfect, but present. Christ remains - not to condemn, but to call.

These are not words of moral indifference. Jesus does not deny the reality of sin. But He introduces something greater than justice,

### **Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday**

Please note that the Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday will begin at the earlier time of 5:00pm, rather than the usual 5:30pm. This adjustment has been made to allow sufficient time for the necessary preparations before the evening Mass. We apologise for any inconvenience or confusion this change may cause and thank you for your understanding. All are warmly encouraged to join in this prayerful devotion as we enter Holy Week.

### **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.

### **'Vote Against' assisted dying bill - cards available to write to your MP**

Following the Pastoral Letter read at Mass today, parishioners are invited to take one of the cards available at the back of the church, should they wish to write to their Member of Parliament regarding the bill currently passing through the Houses of Parliament. This provides an opportunity to make one's voice heard on matters of significant moral and social concern. Your engagement in this way is both valued and encouraged.

### **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.

### **Easter Offering envelopes**

Easter Offering envelopes are now available for those who may be away during the Easter liturgies but would still like to contribute. The Easter and Christmas offerings are the only collections that go directly to the parish clergy, as a traditional expression of gratitude for their pastoral care. Your kindness and continued support are, as ever, sincerely appreciated. If you prefer you can donate using the portals at the back of the church or via our parish website at:

(<https://stosmunds.parishportal.net/>) and select the 'Donate now' button.

### **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: Hans Kuipers, Gwendoline Beckitt, Kay King-Farlow, Edward Sumner, Andrea Rittweiler, Anita O'Mahony, Margaret Lewis, John Brett, Robin Buckley, David Fenwick and Raymond Murray.

### **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.*

### **QR code for DONA portal donations St Osmunds**

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**Account #:** 11311096  
**Account Name** - Barnes St Osmund Main Account

### **2025 Easter Services**

**13 Apr: Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord:** Holy Mass 8.30am, 10.30am\* (Sung), 6.30pm, 5pm Stations of the Cross

**17 Apr: Maundy Thursday:** 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper\*, washing of the feet, watching at the Altar of Repose until 11pm

**18 Apr: Good Friday:** A day of fasting and abstinence, Office of Readings & Lauds: 10am, 11.15am Walk of Witness: Assemble opposite the Red Lion, Barnes, 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion\*, 6pm Stations of the Cross

**19 Apr: Holy Saturday:** Office of Readings & Lauds: 10am, 10.30am Confessions until 11.30am, 8pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter\*

**20 April, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the**

**Lord:** Mass 8.30am, 10.30am (Sung),\* 6.30 pm

\* indicates the Liturgy will be livestreamed.