



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

Parish Priest: Monsignor Canon James Cronin

Parish Secretary: Leah Kollhoff 020 8748 5833 or barnes@rcaos.org.uk

79 Castelnau, Barnes, London SW13 9RT

Website: <https://stosmunds.parishportal.net/>

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 – 4:00pm Thursday & Friday
The parish email account is monitored regularly.

Second Sunday of Easter (C) Sunday 24 April 2022

| Date | Time | Intention | Feast |
|---------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Sat 23 rd Apr | Private Mass | Pro-populo | |
| Sun 24 th Apr | 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass | For the Repose of the Soul of Jean Ryan RIP For the Repose of the Soul of Andrea Rittweiler RIP For the Benefactors of the Parish | Second Sunday of Easter (C) |
| Mon 25 th Apr | 10.00am Mass | Grace Lynch RIP | St Mark |
| Tues 26 th Apr | 10.00am | Service of the Word | St George |
| Wed 27 th Apr | 10.00am Mass | Andrea Rittweiler RIP | Feria |
| Thur 28 th Apr | 6.30pm Mass | Mary Violet F.G. Burbery RIP | St Peter Chanel |
| Fri 29 th Apr | 10.00am | Service of the Word | St Catherine of Siena |
| Sat 30 th Apr | Private Mass | Pro-Populo | |
| Sun 1 st May | 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass | | Third Sunday of Easter (C) |

REFLECTION

How often do we miss the revelation of the holy because ordinariness gets in its way? Our expectations prevent us from seeing beyond what is right before our eyes. A death is literally the end. Grief looms so large that it trumps any hope of future joy. A gardener is just a gardener. What we see immediately before us is all we see. . . . It is possible to live our entire lives in spiritual limbo—hanging in suspense between the sorrow we know and the risen life that we cannot possibly imagine. That is how it was for Mary of Magdala in the immediate aftermath of the immense torrent of sorrow that washed over her heart. Do you recognize it?

Eventually, she hears him say her name. “Mary!” A simple acknowledgment of her presence, recognition that she was there was enough. He says her name. In naming Mary, he names every woman who has been left out, made anonymous, ignored. Then, a most incredible thing happens: He tells her to “go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” He commissions her, a woman, to be the first to announce the resurrection. In a remarkable twist of patriarchal protocol, she, a woman, will proclaim to the men. In a narrative that conveys Mary of Magdala’s importance in the early Christian community, she carries her newfound Easter faith to the disciples. “I have seen the Lord,” she says simply. Though attempts will be made through the ages to blunt her voice, to forget her name, and to discredit her person, her story is recorded, and Christians of all generations hear it and come to a greater trust of their own.

Sr. Fran Ferder, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, is author of Enter the Story and Words Made Flesh.

Many, many thanks to all our cleaners, choir, altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, flower team and readers and all who helped with many things to make the Church and our celebration of Easter beautiful.

Thank you also to those who volunteered for the washing of the feet and those who came to the watch before the Altar of Repose. It was so heartening to see the Church full again on Easter Sunday morning, Hallelujah.

St Osmund's is hosting an Alpha Course

What is Alpha? Alpha is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. The Course is free and includes friendly people, food, a glass of wine, a talk and brief discussion. Come along and invite your neighbor too. Start Date: 4 May - 13 July. Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm - 9.15pm at St Osmund's School Hall. Email: AlphaSaintOsmunds@gmail.com or Call 07812 686811 for more information. All welcome.

Solemnity of St George

The Solemnity of St George has been transferred to Tuesday 26 April. Archbishop Wilson is celebrating Mass with the Chapter of Canons on that day at 6.00pm at St George's Cathedral.

Prayer for Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your will for your people is peace, not war. Pour out on our world, especially in Eastern Europe, your Spirit of compassion and solidarity. Grant all those who believe in you the strength to be close to those who suffer and the courage to resolve their differences and conflicts in truth and without resort to arms. Be with the widow, the orphan, the refugee and the peacemaker. Bind us all into the peace of your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Donations to Ukraine

There is a container in the Narthex for essential goods to send to Ukraine. A local parishioner will take these much-needed items to a centre in Twickenham for onward transportation. No clothing is needed.

Pray the Rosary for Ukraine - We continue to follow Our Lady Fatima's suggestion by praying the Rosary every night at 7:45PM to end the war in Ukraine. Text Isabel Lynch-Bradley at 07947760327 to join.

From the Green Team

We're joining #TheBigPlasticCount
The UK's biggest ever investigation into household plastic waste. For one week, 16–22 May, people all over the country are counting their plastic packaging waste to help gather new, game-changing evidence of the true scale of the plastic problem. The results will show the government what really needs to be done to tackle it, and the more people who take part, the more impact we'll have. Will you join us? Here's the link: <https://act.gp/3iOmgvD>

And don't forget - at the back of the church there are bins for Pens (Ball points, Felt tips, Markers, Highlighters), Printer-ink Cartridges, and Crisp Packets (must be empty and flat). All will be recycled for charity. Please donate.

Parish Giving

Thank you for supporting our parish and to anyone who has recently taken out a new Standing Order or signed up for Gift Aid. Remember:

- Always Gift Aid any offering, if you can, as it adds 25% to your donation. You can do this for all donations, including Mass Offerings, as long as you use an envelope and include your contact details, or register your card when first using the Card Reader.
- As you enter or leave Mass, you can use Contactless Card Giving and also Gift Aid it. Register your card the first time and, if using the same card in the future, the system will remember your GA details.
- We have a 'Donate Now' button directly on our parish website.
- When you shop online from our Give As You Live Page, you can raise money for our parish. A link can be found on our parish website under Parish Giving and there are over 4700 retailers to choose from.
- Please contact the parish office if you wish to set-up a standing order or visit our parish website for our banking account and sort code details.

Manual collections were reintroduced at Mass. However, automated giving means we do not have to store, count, and bank cash. It reduces our administration costs and makes processing Gift Aid straightforward. Banks too are fast disappearing!

Sacrament of Anointing

On 28 May, Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass to mark the fortieth anniversary of the visit of St John Paul II to the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George. During this celebration, the sacrament of anointing of the sick will be administered, as it was on the occasion of St John Paul II's visit. Parishes of the Archdiocese of Southwark are invited to select two people (per parish) who might attend this celebration at the Cathedral as representatives of their parish community and receive the sacrament of anointing. This is a general invitation. Anyone wishing to attend, please inform Monsignor or email the parish office.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently, especially Andrea Rittweiler, Claire Bianchi and Nicholas Windsor and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mary McCormack, Ria Wood, Brian Tate, Clifford Maseyk, Joan Taylor and Philomena McKay.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering, especially Artemis Greenbury, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, Aymeric and Natalie Schirmer, Rolande Gantly, Fr Anthony Logan and Susan Kelsey.

Regina Caeli:

*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*