



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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Mass Times

Sundays: 6.30pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm
Weekdays: (Mon-Fri) 10.00am
Holydays: 10.00am & 6.30pm

Confession: Saturday 5.30 to 6.00pm
Baptisms and weddings by arrangement

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B) - Mass Book p.166 Sunday 11th March 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sat 10 th Mar	6.30 pm	Mike Heffernan RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 11 th Mar	8.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Catherine Mary Walker RIP Pro-populo Cynthia Chauveau	Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)
Mon 12 th Mar	10.00 am	Anthony Johnson RIP	Feria
Tue 13 th Mar	10.00 am	Mary Brennan RIP	Feria
Wed 14 th Mar	10.00 am	Veronica McGuigan RIP	Feria
Thur 15 th Mar	10.00 am	Margaret Sheilds RIP	Feria
Fri 16 th Mar	10.00 am	Bridie Swift RIP	Feria
Sat 17 th Mar	6.30 pm	Philomena Kehoe RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 18 th Mar	8.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Josephine Docherty Anthony Salame RIP	Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)
Last week's:	Mass count: 427	Offertory: £1,318.52	Second collection: £309.76

Journeying in Lent to the foot of the Cross - ten things to remember: (REPEATED BY POPULAR DEMAND!!)

- Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.
- It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.
- It's a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hotdogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.
- It's a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends and co-workers."
- It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control – it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.
- Don't do too much. It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.
- Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.
- Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.
- Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love,
- Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him. (Author: USCBC)

Diary of Events

- 17th March, St Patrick's Feast Event, see below
- 25th March, Easter Eggstravaganza
- 28th March, Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral
- 21st April, Afternoon Tea
- 2nd May, Tres Chic Parish Appeal Fundraiser
- 17th May, "Luther, 500 years since the Reformation"

Stations of the Cross

5:00pm Today and every Sunday during Lent

Wishing all Mothers a happy, love-filled Mother's Day!

St Osmund's Lent Project 2018

St Osmund's Lent Project 2018 is to support Sr. Ancy Mathew, her volunteers and their safe house, Michaela House in London for victims of human trafficking. Kevin Hyland, the anti-slavery commissioner, said: "What Sr. Ancy, her fellow sisters and lay volunteers were able to do is put the "heart" into often extraordinarily difficult situations. Women who have been trafficked into Britain to become sex workers have invariably been lied to, and have often been encouraged by the criminals who control them to fear police." The 2nd collection each Sunday of Lent is to support the Sisters work.

Cardinal Henry Manning Exhibition - Experience the life and legacy of Cardinal Henry Manning (Archbishop of Westminster 1865-1892) in Farm Street Church on **March 3rd-23rd**. An exhibition remembering the huge contribution of this great figure in London's social history and the history of the Catholic Church in England.

St Patrick's Feast Celebration - Please join us for a joint fundraising event for the school and parish on **Saturday, 17 March, 7:30 PM** in the Church Hall. There will be a ceilidh band, fish & chip supper and cash bar. Tickets are £15 and are now on sale.

Chrism Mass - The priests and deacons of the Diocese gather with the Bishop to bless the Holy Oils to be used in the administration of the Sacraments throughout the year. The Mass, begins at 11.15 a.m. at St George's Cathedral Southwark SE1 6HY on **Wednesday 28 March**.

Thursday 17 May 7.30 pm 'Luther - 500 years since the Reformation' - A talk in the Hall by Professor Richard Rex - Professor of Reformation History, Divinity University of Cambridge and Polkinghorne. Professor Rex will be bringing copies of his latest book: The Making of Martin Luther.

Call for Catechists

What is a Catechist? A Catechist is a person of faith who leads others in understanding the faith and is a vital ministry to the Church. It is a gift of tremendous value because through the catechist's word and action, the message of Christ continues to have a place in all human affairs.

What does a Catechist Do? The primary goal of a catechist is to model God's love to others. As a result, the primary requisite of a catechist is a love for God and a love for others. The catechist passes on to students a set of shared meanings and values that are Catholic and Christian. A catechist also initiates others into the faith community, into its life, its worship, symbols and practices.

Will I Get any Support? Yes, an experienced Catechist will offer training and introduce you to the lessons. Training will involve 2 or 3 sessions at 40 minutes each. Megan has kindly offered to do this and invites volunteers to respond to mwfrost3@icloud.com.

What is the Time Commitment? Approximately 40 hours per year. This includes preparation and time spent with the children for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes.

PARISH APPEAL & TRES CHIC! - Calling all fashion lovers! A committee of parishioners is organising a second hand designer and nearly new clothes sale on **Wednesday 2nd May** in aid of the St Osmund's Parish Development Fund. We need your help: spreading the word, contributing your no longer used designer or nearly new clothes, collecting donations for sale, seeking raffle prize donations from local vendors, preparing the church hall and assisting on the day. We will be holding a meeting for volunteers the evening of Tuesday March 6 at the Bull's Head upstairs room from 7:30 - 8:30. If you are unable to attend but would like to help, please send an email to the committee at tres.chic.barnes@gmail.com

PROGRAMME OF RENEWAL TO BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MASTER PLAN

Stage1: £130,000 The proposal is not only to undertake essential repairs to the steps at the entrance but also to meet health and safety requirements and improve our disability access Above all, the front of the Church needs open and welcoming; safe and secure. We have a strategic location on Castelnau, yet the front of the Church looks run down, unattractive and unkempt. This alone must send a message to all who pass each day on buses, cars and on foot. Moreover the Church should be a showcase for our Community in Barnes. We need to demonstrate we are a vibrant and happy Community who take pride in our appearance. **HOW I CAN HELP?** Make a donation to the development fund • Pledge a regular amount each month, quarter or year • Offer a loan to the parish • Remember St Osmund's in your will • Help identify charities that may support this appeal • Attend /organise fundraising events. You can also donate any unwanted jewellery as it can be converted to cash. And don't forget - Gift Aid can increase your donation by 25%! **ATTEND A SHORT PRESENTATION** on Thursday 15 March or Thursday 22 March 8.00pm in the Hall to learn more about the plans. Fill out a Parish Development Appeal Card in the Narthex to register your interest.

Gift-Aid 2018 Donating through Gift Aid means charities, like St Osmund's Parish, can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It won't cost you any extra. Simply make a Gift Aid declaration for St Osmund's to claim, which typically includes filling in a form. You can include all donations from the last 4 years. For those already contributing via Gift-Aid and increasing your donation by 25%, THANK YOU. Your envelopes are available for collection in the Narthex.

Electronic Keyboard The parish is looking for an electronic keyboard for accompanying services - particularly at the Sunday evening Mass. Do you have anything at home that may suffice and is unwanted? It must have sufficient volume to support the singing parts of the mass and hymns. If so, please email: info@st-osmunds.org

Choir The choir is seeking Bass voices to join the team. Please find your voice and speak to Fergus O'Kelly, the Choir Director

Marmalade Margaret has produced her excellent home-made marmalade. Internationally acclaimed and competitive with all superior brands and for sale available in the Narthex! Profit going to the development fund.

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.*