



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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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 - 2:00pm Wed, Thurs & Fri
The parish email account is monitored regularly.

Third Sunday of Easter Mass Book p258 Sunday, 23 April 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 23 rd Apr	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the welfare of Brian Kenna Pro-populo For the welfare of Ted Mannix	Third Sunday of Easter (A)
Mon 24 th Apr	10.00am Mass		St George
Tues 25 th Apr	10.00am	Service of the Word	St Mark
Wed 26 th Apr	10.00am	Service of the Word	Feria
Thur 27th Apr	6.30pm	No Mass	Feria
Fri 28 th Apr	10.00am Mass	Mary Violet F.G Burbery RIP	St Peter Chanel
Sun 30 th Apr	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo For the Benefactors of the Parish Ellen Webber RIP	Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

Reflection

Christians continue their journey through the Easter season by celebrating the joy of Christ's resurrection from the dead. However, not all of us can switch to joy easily, especially when we are carrying the burdens of loss, of terminal illness, and of unwelcomed change. Mary Magdalene did not go to the tomb expecting to witness the miracle of the resurrection. She went there to face her deep sorrow and to perform the Jewish burial traditions. Her life was painfully altered by the death of Jesus. Only the Gospel of John reports Mary Magdalene's trauma and grief, Jesus' compassionate response, and his post-resurrection promise of eternal life.

Can we linger long enough at the empty tomb to let Christ's love shine through the pain and heaviness of our own hearts? God welcomes our grief, fears, confusions, and pain. During times of sorrow and in our darkest moments, like Mary we can fail to recognize Christ's presence standing with us. We cling to our losses and all that has been taken away from us. Moving forward is a struggle. Grief does not signal a lack of faith or trust in God. Christians grieve the loss, the separation, the dreams of relationships cut short; they do this with hope. For death is not the end but the transformation - the empty tomb remains but now as a sign of hope. We will remember both our losses and the palpable grief even as we hold on to the profound joy. Both can coexist.

(Diana Gaillardetz is a geriatric social worker)

Our second collection today is for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral, Southwark. This collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral.

Priest Training Fund: Second Collection 30 April

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 3 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today.

Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations are hosting a 1 hour webinar on Tues 9 May at 7pm entitled 'The Good Shepherd Calls'. Presenters will share experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Register in advance: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUpdOuprDMtH9wKUUQ777ddSSjLBucMtsONt>

Pope Francis' prayer intentions for April

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III

The Coronation of King Charles III will be celebrated by countries across the globe in a service led by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Daily prayers are available online: www.churchofengland.org/coronation

London Jesuit Centre: Reflections on the Gospel of John

The Fourth Gospel addresses the thirst for life in the depth of every human heart - not just physical life but the "more abundant life" (Jn 10:10) - a share in the eternal life of God. A five session online course begins on Thurs May 4. For more details see: ljc@jesuit.org.uk

Freddie's Flowers

A huge thank you to Freddie's Flowers for their weekly flower donations to our church.

Foodbank

The Foodbank is short of tinned items such as stews, rice pudding, custard and long life milk.

Dates for your diary:

First Holy Communion: Sat 10 and 17 June.
Confirmation: Sat 1 July, 6pm, Bishop Philip Moger.
Please pray for our candidates.

School Business Manager

Our Lady of Victories RC Primary School (OLV) in Putney is recruiting a School Business Manager to join the Staff and Senior Leadership Team this term. For more information about the role and how to apply (by 24th April) please go to:

<https://jobs.richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk/jobs/job/School-Business-Manager-Our-Lady-of-Victories-RC-Primary-School/5689>.

Vacancy: Head Teacher, St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School, Mortlake wish to appoint a new Head Teacher from Sept 2023. Closing date: Wed 26 April, 12pm. For more details see: <https://www.eteach.com> or <https://www.st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk>

Teaching and Leading in Catholic Schools

Are you a Catholic teacher and/or middle or senior leader in a community school or academy, and interested in taking up a role in Catholic education? The Archdiocese of Southwark Education Commission would like to invite you to a twilight session which will include opportunities to meet current leaders and the education team and find out about Catholic schools and the application process. This event will be held on Thurs 27 April, 6:30-8:30pm at Amigo Hall, Lambeth Road SE1 6HR. If you have any queries please contact Sharon Docherty, RE Team Leader and Professional Learning Manager sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk. To register go to: <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/teaching-in-and-leading-catholic-schools/>

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering, especially Susan Kelsey, Maggie Danby, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, Serge Moussalli and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

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

Regina Caeli

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