



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.

First Sunday of Lent (C)

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Sunday, 9 March 2025

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 9 th Mar	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Edward Collini RIP James Sacré and Cathie Sacré-Eassie RIP Elizabeth Magner RIP	First Sunday of Lent (C)
Mon 10 th Mar	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	Feria
Tues 11 th Mar	10.00am Mass	Catherine Mary Walker RIP	Feria
Wed 12 th Mar	10.00am Mass		Feria
Thur 13 th Mar	6.30pm Mass	Sarah Hughes RIP	Feria
Fri 14 th Mar	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sat 15 th Mar	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	Feria
Sun 16 th Mar	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Noel McCormack RIP Bridget Carr RIP Michael McDonagh RIP	Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Message of Pope Francis for Lent 2025

As is customary each year at the start of Lent, Pope Francis has addressed a pastoral message to Catholics worldwide. This year's Lenten message, titled "*Let us journey together in hope,*" aligns closely with the theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year: "*Pilgrims of Hope.*" The Holy Father structures his reflection around three interconnected dimensions—journeying, journeying together, and journeying in hope—calling the faithful towards meaningful conversion, solidarity, and spiritual renewal.

The Pope Francis grounds his reflections in the biblical account of Exodus, highlighting how the Israelites' pilgrimage to the Promised Land mirrors our contemporary spiritual journey towards God. Central to this pilgrimage is the constant call to conversion. The Pope challenges us to move beyond fear and complacency, asking each person to examine whether they are genuinely progressing or stagnating spiritually.

He emphasises empathy with

migrants and refugees, whose experiences of displacement and vulnerability serve as powerful metaphors for the spiritual displacement experienced when one's heart is distant from God. In reflecting upon the trials and aspirations of these modern pilgrims, believers are encouraged to discern God's call in their own lives.

The Pope strongly emphasises the communal dimension of this journey, reflecting the Church's commitment to synodality—walking together in unity. He reminds us that we are not solitary pilgrims but participants in a collective journey guided by the Holy Spirit.

He invites believers to abandon self-centredness and foster a spirit of inclusiveness, solidarity, and genuine community, rooted in the dignity shared by all as children of God. He calls upon individuals and communities to demonstrate concrete acts of hospitality and mutual care, resisting tendencies to exclude or marginalise.

At the heart of Pope Francis's Lenten reflection is a powerful call to hope. Grounded in the scriptural assurance that "hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5), he positions hope as an essential virtue for the Christian pilgrimage. Recognising that life is inevitably fraught with fragility, suffering, and uncertainty, Pope Francis emphasises that Lent represents a unique opportunity to rekindle hope by focusing on Christ's redemptive promise. Lent, he suggests, is a transformative period when believers can reorient their gaze towards Christ, who alone has the power to transform the despair of human existence into the joy and triumph of eternal life.

Pope Francis's Lenten message for 2025 thus presents Lent not merely as a period of penitence, but as an active pilgrimage towards genuine conversion, strengthened community, and revitalised hope, culminating in the joyous celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

The Stations of the Cross, a cherished Lenten devotion, will be prayed communally each Sunday of Lent at 5:30 pm. This prayerful journey with Christ on the way to Calvary invites us to meditate on His Passion and deepen our own spiritual preparation for Easter. All are warmly encouraged to take part in this traditional prayer of the Church as we walk together in faith through this sacred season.

Called to Bear Fruit

All welcome to join Stephen Donnelly who will be running a final small group on Sun 16 March 9.15-10.15am at the priest's house as part of Southwark Diocese's "Called to Bear Fruit" consultation. (donnellysm@hotmail.com)

Rite of election 2025 at St George's Cathedral

On Sat 8 March, three adult members of our congregation who are preparing for Baptism and full communion with the Catholic Church joined fellow catechumens and candidates from across the diocese at the Rite of Election held at St George's Cathedral. The ceremony, led by the Archbishop, marked a significant step in their faith journey as their names were solemnly enrolled in the "Book of the Elect", and special prayers were offered for them. As they continue their preparation for the sacraments, please keep them in your prayers, for God's grace to strengthen and guide them in their commitment to the faith.

Hope in Adoration

As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and have their hopes "fulfilled by Christ". The campaign, Hope in Adoration, will share testimonies from parish priests and laity throughout the year on how Eucharistic Adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese. Find out more about the campaign at (rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration).

Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day 7 June

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults. This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June 2025). The event itself is free. Our parish hope to be putting on a coach for the day itself. Arrangement for this is on-going. Please email the parish office if you would like to join the parish group for this pilgrimage. You can find out more about the event, including how to join the walking pilgrimage, and the wider Jubilee Year plans in the Archdiocese at (rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025).

Clerk to the School Governing Board

St Osmund's School seeks a suitable person to act as clerk to the governing board. The role includes taking minutes, preparing agenda, and advising the board on compliance matters. It is a paid position requiring about 100-150 hours per annum at £18 per hour. Training is available. Most meetings take place in the evening. Please speak to the chair, Andrew Cole, or email him at (a.cole@st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk). The School also needs someone to take minutes at meetings in the meantime.

Mozart Requiem - Sat 22 March

Members of our parish will be performing with The Thames Philharmonic Choir, singing Mozart Requiem, Regina Coeli Divertimento in D, featuring Marianna Martines, on Sat 22 March, 7.30pm at Cadogan Hall, SW1X 9DG. Call the Box Office on 0207730 4500 for tickets or see (cadoganhall.com) for more information.

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**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: Edward Larlham, Maggie Danby, Con Cahillane, Mary O'Connell, Edward David Vance, Edward Collini, Laura Teresa Diaz, Leslie Terreni and Evelyn Qobty.

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.*