A warm welcome to

The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 1st Nov

All Saints' Day (A) (w)

8:30am Pro-populo

10:30am Andrzej Panufnik RIP

6:30pm Martin and Kathleen McCormack RIP

MONDAY 2nd Nov

All Souls' Day (b)

Holy Souls

TUESDAY 3rd Nov

St Martin de Porres (w)

Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 4th Nov

St Charles Borromeo (w)

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 5th Nov

Feria (g)

Holy Souls)

FRIDAY 6th Nov

Feria (g)

Rev John Cressey RIP

SATURDAY 7th Nov

The Dedication of St George's Cathedral (w)

Holy Souls

SUNDAY 8th Nov

Thirty-Second Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Andrzej Kedzierski RIP

10:30am Pro-populo

6:30pm Jack and Mary Ryan RIP

(r) red (g) green (w) white (p) purple

A word from the presbytery...

Autumn brings its own music to our streets: the rustle of fallen leaves, the wind through branches, the quiet gathering of another year into memory. Green turns to gold, amber and russet. There is less light each day. Plants retreat into dormancy, and trees gradually reveal the branches that their summer abundance concealed. The changing landscape invites us to consider what endures as time passes.

On this Solemnity of All Saints, the Gospel offers an answer through the Beatitudes. Jesus calls blessed the merciful, the meek, the pure in heart and those who hunger for righteousness. Their blessedness comes from their relationship with God. What may attract little attention in the world carries eternal significance in his sight.

We spend much of life attending to things that necessarily pass: responsibilities, achievements, possessions, even the strength with which we undertake our work. Within these passing circumstances, something lasting can grow. Every act of mercy, every faithful pursuit of justice, every reconciliation allows the likeness of Christ to take deeper root in us. Pope Francis describes the Beatitudes as a portrait of Christ which we are called to reflect in daily life (*Gaudete et exsultate*, 63). The saints show us that portrait brought to fulfilment.

Tomorrow, All Souls brings our departed loved ones particularly close to our prayer. Throughout November, we remember their names, offer Masses and entrust them to the mercy of God. Their absence has changed the shape of our lives. Yet our faith gives us grounds to continue loving them through prayer.

Benedict XVI teaches that our lives remain profoundly connected, and that prayer for another can benefit that person even beyond death (*Spe salvi*, 48). This is the communion of saints: a real participation in the life of Christ, through whom love continues to bear fruit across the boundary of death. We ask that our departed may be purified and welcomed into the fullness of his presence.

The bare branches and fading daylight can therefore become an invitation to attend more closely to what God is forming within us. Autumn lends its quiet accompaniment to the disciple's daily task: to let mercy

PARISH NOTICES

November: The Month of the Holy Souls

With the Solemnity of All Saints this Sunday and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed on Monday 2, we enter the month in which, the Church prays especially for the dead. Masses and prayers will be offered daily for the Holy Souls throughout the month of November. We are all invited to write the names of our departed loved ones in the register in the narthex. Mass Offerings for particular souls, or for the Holy Souls in general, may be made using the envelopes in the narthex, posted through the presbytery letterbox, or via our contactless machines by selecting the Holy Souls option. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

Blessing of Graves at East Sheen Cemetery

The annual blessing of the graves of our departed loved ones buried at East Sheen Cemetery, held jointly with the parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen, will take place this Sunday 1 November at 3pm. Please join Monsignor Bill and Fr Ola at the cemetery entrance shortly before 3pm, from where we shall process to the individual graves to impart the blessing.

Twelfth Night Dinner: Volunteers Needed

The parish will mark the Twelfth Night of Christmas with a dinner on Saturday 9 January at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, a lovely way to bring our community together at the close of the Christmas season. Jacob Keen-Down, a former St Osmund's pupil and now Head Chef at the Dorchester Grill, has kindly agreed to cook, and Andy Keen-Down is coordinating the evening. Volunteers are needed for the kitchen, bar and serving, setting up and tidying, hall decoration, driving housebound parishioners, entertainment, and ticketing. A short planning meeting will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 Mass this Sunday 1 November 2026. All are welcome. Please contact Andy for further information.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE & BEYOND

Requiem Mass of the late Teresa Cockburn

The funeral Mass for Teresa Cockburn, a long-standing and much-loved member of our parish, will be celebrated here at St Osmund's on Tuesday 3 November at 12.15pm. Many of you will remember Teresa for organising Christian Meditation for several years, and for commissioning the icon of St Osmund that now adorns our narthex. The Requiem Mass will replace the usual 10am Mass that day. Please keep Teresa and her family in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.*

Remembrance Sunday, 8 November

On Remembrance Sunday, 8 November, we call to mind all those who gave their lives in the cause of peace, in the Great War and in the conflicts that have followed. The customary Act of Remembrance will take place at the beginning of the 10.30am Mass, when we shall pray for the fallen and keep a minute's silence in their honour. Some members of our own parish were among those who lost their lives in battle and their names are recorded on the memorial plaques in the narthex and on a commemorative prie-dieu. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Parish Hall Enquiries email

All enquiries regarding the use of the parish hall should be sent to the hall bookings address, barneshall@rcaos.org.uk, rather than to the parish office. Using the correct address will ensure that your enquiry receives a prompt response.

PARISH DIARY

Mothers' Prayers Group:
Tues 3 November: 10:30am (Presbytery)

Parish Youth Club:
Sunday 8 November: 5pm (Hall)

Family Mass:
Sunday 15 November

St Osmunds Reading Club:
Wednesday 18 November: (Presbytery). Our next book is *Shrines of Gaeity*, Kate Atkinson. All welcome.

Art and Faith Lecture with Dr Teresa Lane (*Symbolism in Christian Art*):
Thursday 19 November (Hall)

St Osmund's Christmas Carol Concert:
Friday 11 December at 7.30pm (Hall)

St Osmund's Youth Club

All young people aged 12-17 are to join our thriving parish youth club which meets on Sundays from 5.00 pm and finishes shortly before the 6.30 pm Mass. Please do encourage the young people of your family and acquaintances to come along and join us. Our next date is Sunday 8 November.

NEWS FROM ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Reception Class applications

Applications for places in Reception Class in September 2027 are now open. You can apply online through your local authority admissions website. There are open days at the school on Tuesday 20th October at 9:30am and Wednesday 4th November at 9:30am. No booking required. For more information please call 020 8748 3582 or email: (*info@st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk)*

PRAYER LIST

For those who are unwell, especially:

Sr Margaret (Byrnes)
Andrzej Dzierzynski
Audrey Smith
Andrew Brodrick-Ward
Phyllis O'Kelly
Janet Waddington
David Stabb
John Scott
Joan Moore
Charles Stiller
Maureen Carr
Nora Timmins

IN REMEMBRANCE

For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Eamonn Ted Kenna
Kamil Stuczynski
Simone Walbyoff
Patricia Jordan
Martin Baker
Sharon Evans

USEFUL INFORMATION

Tea, coffee and cake!

Join us in the Church Hall every Sunday after the 10:30am Mass. Donations welcome.

Car parking

Limited car parking is available at the back of the church.

Recycling

Parish recycling is co-ordinated by the Green Team. Please contact the parish office if you would like to get involved.

Food bank collections

Items for our local food bank can be placed in the container in the Narthex.

Homemade jam and marmalade

Made by one of parishioners, these are available to purchase in the Narthex. Cash or contactless payments welcome.

Sunday Mass Times

8:30am, 10:30am, 6:30pm

Weekday Mass Times

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 10:00am
Thurs 6:30pm
Sat (Latin) 10:00am

Confessions

Fri 9:00-9:50am
Sun 9:45-10:15am & 6:00-6:20pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri 9:00-10:00am

For baptisms, weddings and Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office

SALVE REGINA

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes, in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos, ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

PARISH GIVING

Thank you for supporting St Osmund's. Your generosity helps maintain our church and sustain parish life.

Full details on all ways to give, including standing orders and Give As You Live (donations when you shop online) can be found on our website or by using the QR code below.

If you are eligible, please consider Gift Aid, which increases your donation by 25% at no extra cost.

Contactless payments: We have several payment portals in the Narthex for easy, instant donations.

BANK DETAILS

Account name:
Barnes St Osmund Main Account

Sort code: 60-01-39

Account number: 11311096

Reference: Surname/Donation Purpose

SECOND COLLECTION

Next week's Second Collection: Archbishop's Appeal

Our 2nd collection next weekend is for the support of the Archbishop's Appeal funding key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation, throughout South London and Kent. To find out more see: (*www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal*) Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

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