



A warm welcome to

The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 4th Oct

Twenty-Seventh Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Pro-populo

10:30am Robertson family's
intentions

6:30pm Terence Brizzell RIP

MONDAY 5th Oct

St Faustina Kowalska (w)

Annie Saunders and William
Oakden RIP

TUESDAY 6th Oct

St Bruno (w)

Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 7th Oct

Our Lady of the Rosary (w)

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 8th Oct

Feria (g)

Anthony Elliot RIP

FRIDAY 9th Oct

St John Henry Newman (w)

Agnes Foley RIP

SATURDAY 10th Oct

St Paulinus of York (w)

Peter Sigamoney RIP

SUNDAY 11th Oct

Twenty-Eighth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Pro-populo

10:30am Nicolas and Jane
Robertson RIP

6:30pm Holy Souls

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

A word from the presbytery...

There is something almost unsettling in the sentence at the centre of this Sunday's parable: "They will respect my son." The landowner has already sent servants to the vineyard. They have been beaten, stoned and killed. Everything suggests that another messenger will meet the same fate. Yet the owner sends his son.

Our instinct might be to ask why. Why expose the son to people who have already shown what they are capable of doing? Jesus allows us to glimpse something profound about the way God comes towards us. God does not finally answer human resistance by overwhelming it. He sends the Son. Christ comes among us within the vulnerability of love. He speaks, calls, forgives and gives himself. And because love is offered rather than imposed, it can be refused.

Hans Urs von Balthasar famously wrote that "love alone is credible." Christianity rests upon this astonishing claim: God makes himself known most fully through a love willing to place itself into human hands. The Cross reveals how far that love is prepared to go. God does not protect himself from our freedom. In Christ, he comes close enough to be welcomed, ignored, resisted, or rejected.

Perhaps, then, the disturbing part of the parable is not simply that the tenants reject the son. It is that the father allows the son to come close enough to be rejected. Divine love does not manipulate our response. It makes room for a real answer.

Christ still comes to us in this way. He does not force his way into our decisions. He does not compel our forgiveness, our prayer, our generosity, or our conversion. His presence has a strange gentleness about it. He can stand surprisingly close to us while still leaving us free.

That freedom makes discipleship something far deeper than compliance. Every encounter with Christ contains an invitation: the Son has been sent into the vineyard of our life. His coming asks whether we will receive him only as a familiar figure, or whether we will allow his presence to rearrange us.

"They will respect my son" therefore becomes a quiet question for each of us. The Son has come near, and he continues to come through the Gospel, the sacraments, the demands of charity, and the quiet movements of grace. The question is therefore immediate and personal: what will we do with his nearness when it asks something of us?



PARISH NOTICES

Thanks for the Water of Life

This Sunday is the feast of St Francis and the Season of Creation draws to its close. This will be a last opportunity to contribute to Water Aid via the Dona machines. We have received the following thanks from the Toilet Twinning project: *'To St. Osmund's - Thank you for twinning your toilets ! Your generous support helps to give those who need it access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene - we can't thank you enough!'* The Toilet Twinning Team. 'All the toilets in the church and hall have now been twinned. Through your generosity we have now supported projects in South Sudan, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Nepal, Pakistan, Democratic Republic of Congo and Bangladesh. The pictures in the toilets will remain as a reminder to us to be thankful for the gift of water and to continue in our commitment to the poor.

Secondary School Transfer Forms

Parents applying for a place at a state Catholic secondary school will need a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by the Parish Priest to support their child's application. To arrange this, please book an appointment **using the sign-up sheet at the back of the church**. We kindly ask that you write your details clearly and book only one time slot per family, so that every family can be seen in good time. Where possible, please choose a slot next to one already taken rather than leaving long gaps between appointments. This will help Father Ola plan his day. Thank you for your understanding.

How do we pray?

Teach Us to Pray facilitated by Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission is an online programme on Tuesdays, starting 6 October from 7pm to 8.15pm. Following 4 online sessions, there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a Diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. For details see <https://aeccsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqd>.



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE & BEYOND

Adoremus 2026, Saturday 10 October

The Adoremus Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John at St George's Cathedral, Southwark at 12pm, followed by a keynote from Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP. A Eucharistic Procession to Westminster Cathedral will follow, culminating in Benediction, Mass, and an all-night vigil. Find out more at: cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026.

St Osmund's Youth Club

The second session of our new parish Youth Club was held last Sunday, and we were again delighted by the excellent attendance. Our hope is to offer a welcoming space where young people can grow in friendship with one another and with the Lord. There they can express themselves freely and come to know more deeply the love of Christ. There is no homework and no pressure, simply the chance to grow together in faith and fellowship. The Youth Club meets every Sunday 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.

Eight Hundred Years On: An Evening with St Francis

This year marks the eight hundredth anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. To mark the occasion, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year, and we are inviting you to spend an evening getting to know Francis better. Join us on Thursday 15 October, from 6.30 to 8.00 pm, as we explore his remarkable journey from the son of a prosperous merchant to a friar whose influence spread far beyond Assisi. We will watch Bishop Robert Barron's documentary from Catholicism: The Pivotal Players, with time for questions and conversation about his life, his world and his enduring appeal. Everyone is warmly welcome.



PARISH DIARY

Parish Youth Club:

Sunday 4 October: 5pm (Hall)

Mothers' Prayers Group:

Tues 6 October: 10:30am (Presbytery)

Family Mass:

Sunday 11 October

St Osmunds Reading Club:

Wed 14 October September: 7pm

(Presbytery) - (Next book is *The Finest Hotel in Kabul: Lyse Doucet*). All welcome.

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Enquiries about First Holy Communion and Confirmation

A number of you have been in touch regarding the preparation programmes for Confirmation and for First Confession and First Holy Communion. This is simply to reassure you that the dates for both programmes are being settled at present, and that you will be given ample time in which to register for either of them. As soon as the dates and the outline of the programmes are confirmed, we shall invite those interested to register in the usual way, and the announcement will be made in good time and through every means available to us, so that no family is left unaware.

Day of Healing

Taking place on Saturday 17 October 2026 from 10am-4pm at St Osmunds Church, Barnes. The day will include Praise and Worship, testimonies, teaching and the opportunity to receive prayer. All are welcome for the day, or to just pop-in. The day is being led by Fr Kevin Dixon, Mrs Helen Callaghan and the Littleway Team. Refreshments will start at 10am. If staying for the day, please bring a packed lunch. Email: info@littlewayhealingministries.com or see littlewayhealingministries.com



PRAYER LIST

For those parishioners who are unwell, especially:

Sr Margaret (Byrnes)
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:

Alice Wakeling
Michael Costello
Frederick Webber
Frederick Christian
Wim Cocqueril

Alex Kelly
John Dougal
James Mahon
Nancy Ansbro
Robert Walker



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 exilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.



THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



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

Prisoner Sunday (PACT)

This Sunday is a day of prayer for Prisoners and their families. The second collection will be for PACT, a pioneering national charity that supports prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families. For more information see (<https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/>)

Parish Priest: Father Oladele Craig | Parish Administrator: Cath Brizzell

Office hours: 10:00am-2:00pm Tues, Wed, & Fri

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