



A warm welcome to

The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 5th July

Fourteenth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Natalie Dorodnova
RIP birthday
remembrance

10:30am Pro-populo

6:30pm Elizabeth Magner
RIP

MONDAY 6th July

St Maria Goretti (r)

Holy Souls

TUESDAY 7th July

The Translation of St Thomas (r)

Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 8th July

Feria (g)

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 9th July

St Augustine Zhao Rong (r)

Holy Souls

FRIDAY 10th July

Feria (g)

Holy Souls

SATURDAY 11th July

St Benedict (w)

Holy Souls

SUNDAY 12th July

Fourteenth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Holy Souls

10:30am Pro-populo

6:30pm Holy Souls

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

A word from the presbytery...

The Gospel given to us for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, in this Year of St Matthew, Year A, offers one of the most tender invitations in the teaching of Christ. Its beauty lies in the way it joins two things that often seem far apart: the mystery of God and the weariness of ordinary life.

Many people approach God as though faith were chiefly a matter of solving, proving, defending, or explaining. There is a proper place for thought, study, and understanding. The Church has always cherished the labour of the mind. Yet this Gospel gently leads us towards a deeper doorway. The knowledge of God begins as gift. It comes through the Son, who opens the Father's heart to us.

This is where the image of little children becomes so important. A child knows the grammar of receiving. A child can accept bread, embrace, teaching, correction, shelter, and blessing without turning every gift into an achievement. There is a wisdom there. It is the wisdom of open hands.

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's *The Little Prince* offers a small echo of this truth. The childlike gaze in that story sees value through attention, affection, and trust. The world becomes more meaningful when it is

received with wonder. The Gospel takes this insight into the heart of faith. The Father is known through the Son because divine love is first received before it is understood. Christian maturity begins there. It is the quiet confidence of a soul that can be loved by God.

This also explains the promise of rest. The soul grows tired when it tries to carry itself as a project to be perfected. Christ invites the weary into a different posture. We come before him as sons and daughters. We come with the simplicity of those who can be loved, taught, healed, and led. Rest is found when life is brought into the presence of Christ, without pretence and without the exhausting need to appear complete.

A quiet moment of prayer may begin with very little: open hands, a few unforced words, and the willingness to receive. "Father, show me your love through Jesus today." Such prayer has no ornament, yet it has depth. It places the soul where Christ places the little ones: near the Father, open to grace, and able to discover rest as a gift rather than a conquest. Then ordinary life is carried differently, with the trust of children and the dignity of beloved sons and daughters.



Supervising Children during Parish Gatherings

The safety of our children is of the utmost importance, particularly at our social events. This is a gentle reminder to every responsible adult, and not parents alone, to keep a watchful eye on the little ones during our times of fellowship. Children have been climbing on walls and hanging from the ramp railing, loosening some of the brickwork, and there is further danger from vehicles entering and leaving the car park. Supervising the young to avoid accidents is a responsibility we all share.

Last Sunday's Garden Party

A very warm thank you to all our parishioners, families, and friends who came along to last Sunday's Parish Summer Garden Party and helped to make it such a happy and memorable occasion. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying time together in the garden, with the children having great fun, plenty of food and drink for everyone, and a real family spirit throughout the afternoon. We are especially grateful for the generosity of parishioners, which enabled us to cover the cost of preparing the day and still have a small amount left over. Sincere thanks also go to Keila for coordinating everything so thoughtfully, to Adam and his barbecue team, and to all who helped with setting up, serving, welcoming, tidying away, and supporting the day in so many quiet and practical ways. Events like this show the warmth and kindness of our parish family, and we are very grateful to everyone who made the celebration possible.

Exploration of the Gospel of Luke

Our evening sessions exploring the Gospel of Luke continue, offering an opportunity to delve more deeply into the interpretation and application of the Scriptures we hear at Mass. Next Monday will be our 6th session. If you have not yet joined us yet, do come next Monday at 6:30pm in the Hall; it will greatly enrich your understanding of the faith.



Icon of St Osmund

We are delighted to share that the parish has been given a beautiful new icon of St Osmund, the patron saint of our parish. The icon was commissioned and paid for by one of our parishioners, Teresa Cockburn, and was designed and painted by Dr Stefan Reynolds, a lifelong member of our parish. It was delivered to us a few weeks ago and will be installed in the narthex, where it will be officially unveiled in the autumn. We offer our sincere gratitude to Teresa for this generous and thoughtful gift to the parish, and to Dr Stefan for the care, prayerfulness, and attention he has given to preparing this icon of our patron saint. It will be a lasting addition to our church and a visible reminder of the faith, history, and identity we share as the parish family of St Osmund.

Ecumenical Prayer Group for Revival — Churches Together in Barnes

Parishioners are warmly invited to join a new ecumenical prayer group, born of the initiative of Churches Together in Barnes, dedicated to praying for spiritual revival in our community and in our nation. The inaugural gathering shall take place on Wednesday, 8th July at 10:30 a.m. at the Baptist Church, by the kind invitation of Graham, and shall last approximately half an hour. Anyone wishing to take part, or who would like further information, is kindly asked to contact Mr Peter Allen on 07785 575145 or at peter.allen@totalise.co.uk. Let us continue to pray earnestly for a Holy Spirit-led awakening in our midst.

Marriage in a Rut? Or need help with deeper issues?

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2-4 Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 0788 7296983.



PARISH DIARY

Next Children's Mass:

Sunday 12 July: 10:30am

Come & Explore the Gospel of St Luke:

Monday 13 July: 6:30pm - 7:45pm (Hall)

Mothers' Prayers Group:

Tues 14 July, 10:30am (Presbytery)

Barnes Fair 2026

The Barnes Fair is taking place next Saturday 11 July and our parish school and church will return with our popular stall selling handmade items, Margaret's wonderful jam, lemonade, lavender bags and more! Thank you to the Williams Family for making our 'Lucky Ducks' family game. **We need more volunteers to help run the afternoon sessions**, so please bring a friend and volunteer an hour of your time to help make our stall a success this year. Handmade items still welcome please. Please sign up using the QR code. The PTFA can be contacted at Stosmundsptfa@live.co.uk



Summer Mass Schedule Directive

The Archbishop has directed that every parish should observe a reduced schedule of Mass during the summer holidays, when many parishioners are naturally away. Accordingly, from Sunday 26 July to Sunday 30 August we shall celebrate two Sunday Masses rather than three, at 10:30am and 6:30pm. The 8:30am Mass will be suspended until it resumes on Sunday 6 September.



PRAYER LIST

For those parishioners who are unwell, especially:

Audrey Smith
Andrew Brodrick-Ward
Phyllis O'Kelly
Janet Waddington
David Stabb

John Scott
Joan Moore
Charles Stillier
Maureen Carr
Nora Timmins



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Fr Anthony Logan
Charmian McWilliam

Paul Cuss
Richard Jones



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



THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

July: Respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



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

Second Collection coming up

Stella Maris is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

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