



A warm welcome to

The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 6th Sept

Twenty-Third Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Fr Jeremiah Cronin
RIP

10:30am Mrs F. Smart in
thanksgiving

6:30pm Yom O'Sullivan RIP

MONDAY 7th Sept

Feria (g)

Pro-populo

TUESDAY 8th Sept

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary (w)*

Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 9th Sept

St Peter Claver (w)

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 10th Sept

Feria (g)

Holy Souls

FRIDAY 11th Sept

St Ambrose Barlow (r)

Holy Souls

SATURDAY 12th Sept

The Most Holy Name of Mary (w)

Holy Souls

SUNDAY 13th Sept

Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Mark O'Connor RIP

10:30am Pro-populo

6:30pm Holy Souls

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

A word from the presbytery...

At the end of the summer holidays, life gathers pace again. Children return to school, adults resume routines, and parish activities restart. Many of us find ourselves again among people from whom the summer gave us some distance. The return can also bring us back into relationships where something remains unresolved. It is precisely there that this Sunday's Gospel asks us to recognise Christ.

We usually associate Christ's presence with places of peace: before the tabernacle, during prayer, or among people gathered harmoniously in his name. Yet Jesus places his presence somewhere less comfortable. He speaks about a relationship damaged by division, the difficult conversation that follows, and the effort to restore communion. Only then does he promise: "Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."

A difficult conversation can feel like entering a darkened room. We do not know what will be said, what old hurt may be uncovered, or whether the other person will hear us. Christ does not promise that the room will become comfortable. He promises that we need not enter it alone. When truth is spoken for the sake of communion, he is already present.

The order Jesus gives is important: first, speak to the person alone. A wound is treated carefully before it is exposed. We would not place an

injured limb on public display before cleaning and binding it. In the same way, Christ teaches us to protect the dignity of a damaged relationship. The purpose is not to secure victory, gather supporters, or prove ourselves right. It is to "win back" a brother or sister.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer observed in *Life Together* that Christ stands between one Christian and another. This prevents us from judging or remaking another person according to our own image. We approach one another through Christ, remembering that speaker and listener both need mercy. Pope Benedict XVI makes a similar point in *Deus Caritas Est*: Christian love teaches us to see another person with the eyes of Christ (§18).

As a school and parish year begins, perhaps one new beginning Christ offers us is the healing of a division. He is present in courage that speaks without cruelty, humility that listens without immediate defence, and patience that refuses to abandon communion too quickly. Whenever two people meet in his name, seeking truth without humiliation and unity without pretence, the difficult conversation becomes an act of discipleship. Christ, who reconciled humanity to God, stands among them, teaching both how to return to one another.



PARISH NOTICES

Welcome Back!

It is a joy to see our parish family gathering again after the summer. We hope the weeks away - whether spent travelling, with family, or simply resting at home - brought you some peace and renewal. As the new season begins, all our parish activities and groups are back up and running, and there is much to look forward to in the months ahead. However you spent your summer, we are simply glad to have you back.

The Season of the Care of Creation: Living Water

The Season of the Care of Creation, observed each year from the 1st of September to the Feast of Saint Francis on the 4th of October, is a time dedicated to prayer and practical commitment to the care of our natural world. This year's theme is Living Water, and it could not be more timely: our planet and its poorest peoples are suffering deeply from a crisis of water poverty, made all the more acute by the effects of climate change, greed, mismanagement, and conflict. As is his custom, the Holy Father has written a message to mark the beginning of this season, as well as our Archbishop. Copies of these are available in the narthex. Here at St Osmund's, we embrace this time with both prayer and a renewed sense of responsibility towards creation and its most vulnerable communities. This Sunday, a member of our Green Team will speak briefly at each Mass to share how we as a parish community are proposing to observe this season together.

Let Us Pray Together

Join us on Monday 14 September, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, at 6.30 pm in the church, for an evening of prayer. Using Bishop Robert Barron's Rosary video series, we shall start with an introduction to the Rosary, pray it together, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, closing with Benediction. Come and know the peace and grace of prayer in the presence of the Lord.



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE & BEYOND

St Osmunds Parish Youth Club - Launching Sunday 20th September, 4:30pm

After several months of careful preparation, we are delighted to announce the launch of our Parish Youth Club, which begins this Sunday the 20th of September at 4:30pm in the parish hall. This is a space where the young members of our congregation can come together, build friendships, enjoy themselves, and grow in their love for Christ — in short, a place to flourish. The club is open to all parishioners aged twelve and above who have not yet reached eighteen, and sessions will take place during term time. All coordinators and facilitators are members of our own parish community. We warmly encourage parents of young people in this age group to consider enrolling their children in what we hope will become a cherished and lasting part of parish life. To register, please follow the link below or scan the QR code.



Synod update - Can You Represent Our Parish?

The Synod on Synodality has reached its third phase, Implementation, which runs until December 2026. Parishes across the Archdiocese are being asked to consider how synodality — listening, praying and discerning together — already shapes our life as a community, and how it might be strengthened in the service of the Church's mission. Sadly, we sent no delegate to the summer gatherings. Would anyone be willing to represent us at the online meeting with Archbishop John Wilson on 26 November at 7.30pm, and keep the parish informed? Resources are available at aec.rcaos.org.uk/synod-implementation. Please speak to me after Mass.



PARISH DIARY

Mothers' Prayers Group:

Tues 8 September: 10:30am (Presbytery)

St Osmunds Reading Club:

Wed 9 September: 7pm (Presbytery)

Pray the Rosary:

Mon 14 September: 6.30pm (Church)

Parish Youth Club:

Sunday 20th September: 4:30pm (Hall)

Secondary School Applications: Certificate of Catholic Practice

We have received a number of enquiries from parents regarding the Certificate of Catholic Practice for children applying to Catholic secondary schools this autumn. We wish to assure all concerned families that this process has not yet commenced at St Osmund's: parents will be notified in good time when we are ready to proceed. In the meantime, please keep an eye on the newsletter and parish notices for further announcements.

Volunteer Opportunity: Parish Hall Supervisor

Our Parish is looking for a friendly and organised volunteer to manage our parish hall bookings. The volunteer role involves responding to hire enquiries, showing prospective hirers around the facilities, coordinating dates to avoid clashes with parish events, and ensuring that the relevant hire and payment forms are submitted. After each hire, the Supervisor carries out a brief inspection before authorising the return of the deposit. Approximately 3-4 hours per week are required, all necessary training is provided, and the role would particularly suit someone who is semi-retired or looking for a gentle return to work. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at or speak with Father Ola after Mass.



PRAYER LIST

For those parishioners who are unwell, especially:

Audrey Smith	John Scott
Andrew Brodrick-Ward	Joan Moore
Phyllis O'Kelly	Charles Stiller
Janet Waddington	Maureen Carr
David Stabb	Nora Timmins



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Richard DuParcq	Judith Hiller
Anne Marie D'Cruz	Joe Harris
Yom O'Sullivan	Ronald Fader
Ellen O'Sullivan	
Barbara Pearson	



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 the care of water:

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



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 Sunday: Catholic Education Service (CES)

The collection will be for the Catholic Education Service which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all the schools in the country. There are over 2000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on all matters relating to Catholic education. For more information see: (<https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/>)

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

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