



A warm welcome to The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 7th June

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (A) (w)

8:30am Anneliese Sullivan
RIP

10:30am Charles Putnam RIP

6:30pm Gregory and Simon
Gomes RIP

MONDAY 8th June

Feria (g)

Antonio da Silva RIP

TUESDAY 9th June

St Columba (w)

Agnes Foley RIP

WEDNESDAY 10th June

Feria (g)

Agustinha Pestano RIP

THURSDAY 11th June

St Barnabas (r)

Holy Souls

FRIDAY 12th June

The Most Sacred heart of Jesus (w)

Alex Gonçalves RIP

SATURDAY 13th June

The Immaculate heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (w)

First Holy Communion Mass

SUNDAY 14th June

Eleventh Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Ned Eaves RIP

10:30am Quintino Gonçalves
RIP

6:30pm Robertson family
Intentions

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

A word from the presbytery...

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is one of the few feasts in the Church's calendar that invites us to pause and consider something so familiar that we may easily overlook its significance. Week after week, many of us come forward to receive Holy Communion. The gesture has become second nature. Yet the mystery at the heart of that moment remains as astonishing today as it was when Christ first took bread into His hands and said, "This is my body."

The earliest Christians understood this well. Writing in the second century, St Justin Martyr explained that the bread and wine of the Eucharist were not received as ordinary food and drink, but as the Body and Blood of Christ Himself. This conviction distinguished Christians from their surrounding culture and shaped the whole pattern of their lives. The Eucharist was not simply something they attended. It was the source from which they drew their identity.

Perhaps one of the most striking observations about the Eucharist comes from St Augustine. Reflecting on Holy Communion, he noted that ordinary food becomes part of us when we eat it. The Eucharist works in the opposite direction. We are gradually changed into what we receive. Christ does not become more like us. We are invited to become more like Him.

That insight carries profound consequences.

The purpose of the Eucharist extends beyond a brief moment at the altar. It reaches into every aspect of Christian life. The One whom we receive is the same Christ who forgave His enemies, welcomed the stranger, healed the wounded, and offered Himself completely for the salvation of the world. To receive Him is to allow His life to take shape within our own.

This helps us understand why the Church has always linked the Eucharist with charity, unity, and holiness of life. Communion is never merely a private act of devotion. It draws us into deeper communion with Christ and, through Him, with one another. The Body of Christ upon the altar forms the Body of Christ in the world.

Corpus Christi therefore asks a gentle but searching question. If we truly become what we receive, what signs of Christ are becoming visible in us? Are His patience, generosity, mercy, and fidelity finding expression in our daily lives?

Each Mass offers us more than nourishment. It offers transformation. The Lord places Himself into our hands so that, little by little, His heart may shape ours and His life may become visible in the way we live, speak, and love.



Exploration of the Gospel of Luke

Our inaugural session was held last Monday in the hall, and I believe those who attended had a delightful time. This was the introductory meeting, and as we move more deeply into St Luke's account of the life of our Lord, I should like to encourage many more of you to join us. No previous experience is required; simply come along with an open and curious mind. We meet on Monday evenings in the hall.

First Holy Communion Masses

On Saturdays 13 and 20 June at 10am, thirty three children of our parish will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. The celebrations, spread across the two Saturdays, will be followed by breakfast in the garden and hall. As a parish family we are all warmly invited, and those unable to attend are asked to keep the children and their families in their prayers as they approach this significant moment on their journey of faith.

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.

Youth Worship Band

Anyone interested in playing guitar, piano, singing, cajón, triangle (or any other instrument!) is welcome to get involved. If your child, or you, would like to take part, email the office (barnes@rcaos.org.uk).

Establishing a Parish Youth Group

We are now in the final stages of establishing a parish youth group. Please speak to Mark or Fr Ola if you can help.

Donation of Light Fittings

We are very grateful to the charity Donate-A-Light, which has generously donated light fittings and lights worth £3,306 towards our ongoing refurbishment of the parish church and hall. We have now taken delivery of the lights, and installation will begin in the coming weeks. Our sincere thanks go to Margaret Fitzsimons for introducing Donate-A-Light to the parish, and to Greg Fonseca, our parish architect, who is kindly overseeing the delivery and installation. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to Donate-A-Light for this generous support of our parish community.

Could You Become a Governor?

Governors work together as a team to ensure a good standard of education is being achieved across the schools within the Archdiocese of Southwark. You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector, and it is an opportunity to develop the skills you have and to improve the futures of children today. Register your interest by visiting:

rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-be-a-governor

Building a Better Marriage

A one-day course for married couples of any age to explore their relationship and deepen communication. All discussion remains private to each couple. 2026 dates (9am–4.30pm): 13 June (Hythe); 27 June (Tooting); 3 October (West Norwood).

Booking essential: (mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

Norbertine Rite Mass at Bayham Old Abbey, 11 July

Experience a sung Missa Cantata in the Norbertine Rite at Bayham Old Abbey on the site where Premonstratensian canons once worshipped. Programme includes tour, historic talk and a Gregorian chant workshop followed by Solemn Missa Cantata (3pm). Bring a picnic, chairs, and sensible footwear. Parking available. Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/121267239890>



PARISH DIARY

First Holy Communion Masses:

Saturdays 13 and 20 June at 10am

Mothers' Prayers Group:

Tues 9 June, 10:30am (Presbytery)

Come & Explore the Gospel of St Luke:

Monday 8 June: 6:30pm - 7:45pm (Hall)

Next Children's Mass:

Sunday 14 June: 10:30am

Parish Garden Barbecue: Sun 28 June

Following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 28 June, all members of our parish family are warmly invited to a parish barbecue celebrating those who have recently received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. All are welcome including those who usually attend other Mass times.

Please sign up to help or bring food and drink items by scanning the QR code.



Barnes Fair 2026

This year's Barnes Fair will take place on Saturday 11 July, and our parish Church and school will once again have our much-loved stall, selling handmade items, Margaret's wonderful jam, lemonade, lavender bags, and other lovely contributions. There will be an opportunity soon for volunteers to sign up to help on the day, but in the meantime we would be very grateful to hear from anyone who might like to contribute handmade items for the stall.

We would also like to include a simple fairground game for children; should this be something you or your family would enjoy making, please contact Cath in the Parish Office or the PTFA. Thank you, as always, for your generous support.

The PTFA can be contacted at Stosmundsptfa@live.co.uk



PRAYER LIST

For those who are unwell, especially:

Audrey Smith
Andrew Brodrick-Ward
Phyllis O'Kelly
Janet Waddington
Adrienne Witson-Dew

John Scott
Joan Moore
Charles Stiller
Maureen Carr



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Eamonn Magner
Paula Ormerod
Edward Fennessey
Anastasia Costello
Michael O'Sullivan

Mirella Baldwin,
Patrick Costello
Annette Kelsey



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



REGINA CAELI

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

June: For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



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 Pu



SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday's Second collection

Day For Life: This is the day in the Church's Life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Day of Life collection provide core funding to assist other life-related activities supported by the Church.

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

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

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