



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

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 11th Oct

Twenty-Eighth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Pro-populo

10:30am Nicolas and Jane
Robertson RIP

6:30pm Brigid and Ted
McCormack RIP

MONDAY 12th Oct

St Wilfrid (w)

Holy Souls

TUESDAY 13th Oct

St Edward the Confessor (w)

Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 14th Oct

St Callistus (r)

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 15th Oct

St Teresa of Ávila (w)

Staff and Residents of Viera
Gray (Ints)

FRIDAY 16th Oct

St Hedwig (w)

Holy Souls

SATURDAY 17th Oct

St Ignatius of Antioch (r)

Holy Souls

SUNDAY 18th Oct

Twenty-Ninth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Pro-populo

10:30am Teresa Cockburn RIP

6:30pm Virginia Elliot (Ints)

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

A word from the presbytery...

Putting on wedding clothes is a small act of participation. We allow the occasion to shape how we present ourselves. The happiness of the people inviting us matters enough for us to respond. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives the wedding garment a searching significance: accepting the invitation involves entering into the spirit of the feast.

Benedict XVI, reflecting on this parable, identifies the garment with love of God and neighbour. That brings the image close to our ordinary lives. The Father invites us to celebrate his Son, and we enter that celebration most fully as Christ's love begins to shape our own.

There is something familiar about this. When we love someone, what gives them joy gradually matters to us. We take an interest in their hopes. We remember the people they cherish. Affection draws us into a world wider than our own, and we discover reasons for happiness within it.

Our friendship with Christ grows in this way. Listening to him in the Gospel, we discover his delight in faith, his readiness to welcome, his tenderness towards those who seek him. We come to know the heart of the Son whose feast we have entered. The wedding garment expresses our willingness to let that knowledge become love.

This is where joy makes its claim. Christ rejoices in the person beside us, whose life

may have attracted little of our attention. As his friendship deepens within us, that person becomes more interesting, their good more precious. We begin to understand how another person's happiness can enlarge our own.

Such affection gives a particular warmth to discipleship. There is pleasure in making someone welcome, in seeing confidence grow, in helping another person discover a gift they possess. These ordinary experiences offer glimpses of the joy Christ shares with us. Through them, love becomes something we increasingly enjoy giving.

At the Eucharist, this communion reaches its deepest expression. The Son around whom the celebration gathers gives himself to us. We receive his life, his love, the grace through which our hearts can grow more like his. The feast itself nourishes our response.

The wedding garment belongs, then, to the whole of our life with Christ. It takes shape wherever his love finds expression through us. A familiar face becomes someone whose happiness we cherish. An ordinary encounter becomes an occasion for generosity. The joy of the Son is becoming a joy we share.



PARISH NOTICES

St Osmunds Church Tree work: Mon 12- Wed 14 October

Planned tree work (pollarding) will commence on the tall lime tree that is located between Barnes Library and St Osmunds Church starting on Monday 12 October. The tree surgeons will be on site for up to 3 days. The car park and side entrance will be out of use during this time. Thank you for your patience.

Unveiling of the St Osmund Icon: 18 October at 10:30am

The icon of St Osmund, donated to the parish earlier this summer, will be unveiled at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 18 October. Dr Stefan Reynolds, who designed and created the icon, will speak about the inspiration behind the work, which was commissioned by the late Margaret Cockburn, whom we commend to your prayers. The icon will then be installed in the narthex, where all who enter the church may see it at close quarters.

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.



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE & BEYOND

St Osmund's Youth Club

The third 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.

A Day With Mary

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7 November 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at (<https://www.adaywithmary.org/>)



PARISH DIARY

Family Mass:

Sunday 11 October

Parish Youth Club:

Sunday 11 October: 5pm (Hall)

Mothers' Prayers Group:

Tues 13 October: 10:30am (Presbytery)

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:

Michael Ruvigny
Christopher Brickell
Vincent Casserly
Robert Carvalho
Ellen O'Donovan
Wilson Senzano

John Hogan
Gerald Keen
Inez Metcalfe
Muriel Maseyk
Ursula Terrini



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

Next Sunday's Collection: World Mission Sunday

The collection taken next Sunday (World Mission Sunday) goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church. For more information see: (<https://missio.org.uk/>)

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

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