



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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Mass Times

Sundays: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 10am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri,
Thurs (6.30pm), Sat (**Latin**) 10am

Confessions: Friday 9-9.50am, Sunday 9:45am –
10:15am & 6pm - 6:20pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9-10am

Baptisms and Weddings: Contact the Parish Office.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday (C)

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Sunday 12 October 2025

Sun 12 th Oct	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Theresa Leneski-Love RIP For the donor's intentions	(g) Twenty-Eighth Sunday (C)
Mon 13 th Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) St Edward the Confessor
Tues 14 th Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(r) St Callistus I
Wed 15 th Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) St Teresa of Avila
Thur 16 th Oct	6.30pm Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) St Hedwig
Fri 17 th Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(r) St Ignatius of Antioch
Sat 18 th Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(r) St Luke
Sun 19 th Oct	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Teresa Cockburn 90 th birthday remembrance For the donor's intentions	(g) Twenty-Ninth Sunday (C)

Reflection

Faith, in its purest expression, begins not in certainty but in movement. In the Gospel, those who sought mercy were asked to go before they had yet seen any sign of change. Their healing was not given as proof to convince them to believe; it occurred as they journeyed. That subtle yet profound sequence reveals something essential about the nature of faith. God's grace is not always granted as a condition for movement, but often as its consequence. The divine response meets those who are already on the way.

This is a faith that does not bargain with God for assurance before obedience. It acts, it moves, it walks - trusting that something holy will happen within the journey itself. The command to go was an invitation to begin, and in beginning, they discovered that God's word was already at work. Faith is never static; it is a living, breathing motion towards the One who calls. In this light, faith is

less about possession and more about pilgrimage. It unfolds not in grand gestures but in small, obedient steps that lead us gradually from fear into trust.

The challenge for modern disciples lies precisely here. We often long for the clarity of visible results before committing our hearts to God's word. We prefer the security of confirmation before the risk of movement. Yet divine grace rarely works according to our calculations. It begins where we take the first uncertain step, where we decide to live as though God's promise were already fulfilled. Faith matures not in moments of triumph but in the quiet endurance of those who continue walking through uncertainty. It is there, on that interior road, that transformation occurs - silently, sometimes unnoticed, but unmistakably real.

This Gospel moment speaks powerfully to the life of every believer. There are prayers that have lingered

unanswered, relationships that remain unreconciled, burdens that seem unmoved. And yet, the call persists: Go forward. Not because the way is clear, but because the Word is trustworthy. In taking that step, even when vision is dim, we enter the sacred rhythm of grace. God's power does not only meet us at the end of our journey; it accompanies every step we dare to take in trust.

To live such faith is to understand that the miracle of discipleship is rarely sudden. It happens along the road, hidden within obedience, unfolding in those who keep walking even when they have not yet seen. For those who continue to move in faith, even the most desolate path becomes the meeting ground of heaven and earth - the very place where God's promise quietly takes flesh in the perseverance of His people.

Pope Leo XIV Apostolic Exhortation "Dilexi Te"

On Thursday, the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV released his first Apostolic Exhortation of the pontificate, *Dilexi Te*, a profound reflection on the Christian vocation to love and serve the poor. In this document, the Pope calls the faithful to rediscover compassion not as sentiment but as a concrete expression of discipleship, urging parishes and individuals alike to make generosity a visible mark of faith in a divided world. The full text may be read on the Vatican website (https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html).

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/>)

Baptism

We are delighted to announce that Jude Hilson was baptised here on Sun 5 October. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and his family, and assure them of the continued support and prayers of our parish community as they embark on their journey of faith.

Parish Vision Meetings

Building on the outcome of the "Called to Bear Fruit" consultation earlier this year, we now look to make the common desires and wishes of our parish community a lived reality. To this end, we are planning two evenings of discernment and conversation, in a synodal style of listening and sharing, to shape a pastoral vision for our parish. The first meeting will take place on Thursday 16 October in the Parish Hall, following the 6.30pm Mass, with the session beginning at 7.15pm. The more parishioners who are able to take part, the better every voice will be heard and the vision we form will truly reflect our life together. A second concluding meeting will follow in November, giving time for prayer and reflection in between.

St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Open Mornings

St Osmund's will hold a series of Open Mornings for parents whose children will start school in Reception class in September next year: 930am on 16 and 23 October, and 6 November. There will be a presentation followed by a tour of the school by Year 6 pupils and lots of opportunities to ask questions about the school and the admissions process. No need to book, just turn up. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2026. For more information see:

(www.st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk)

Teas/Coffees Volunteers needed

We are seeking more volunteers to help with serving teas and coffees in the hall on Sundays after the 10:30am Mass. At present, this important service of hospitality is carried out by only a small number of very generous parishioners. By increasing the number of people on the rota, we will be able to share the responsibility more widely and each individual will be called upon less often. If you are able to give some of your time on Sundays, even occasionally, please contact Carmel by text or WhatsApp on 07853 169474.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Charles Gibbons, Phyllis O'Kelly, John Scott, Sharon Evans, Janet Waddington, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Joan Moore, Susan Kelsey, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Theresa Leneski-Love, Wilson Senzano, Muriel Maseyk, Ursula Terrini, Michael Ruvigny, Christopher Brickell, Vincent Casserly, John Hogan, Gerald Keen, Inez Metcalfe, Robert Carvalho and Ellen O'Donovan

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.

Collection for September 25 - £3366.09

(This excludes Second collections and all Standing Orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

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