



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

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 12th July

Fifteenth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Holy Souls

10:30am Pro-populo

6:30pm Holy Souls

MONDAY 13th July

St Mildred (w)

Holy Souls

TUESDAY 14th July

St Camillus de Lellis (w)

Mary and Ellen Donovan
and family RIP

WEDNESDAY 15th July

St Bonaventure (w)

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 16th July

Our Lady of Mt Carmel (w)

Martin Martinez RIP

FRIDAY 17th July

Feria (g)

Holy Souls

SATURDAY 18th July

The Blessed Virgin Mary (w/g)

Holy Souls

SUNDAY 19th July

Sixteenth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Jennie Cooke RIP

10:30am Pro-populo

6:30pm Diana Goodall RIP

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

A word from the presbytery...

In the parable of the Sower, the first wonder is not the soil. It is the Sower. He does not measure the field with anxious caution. He does not reserve the seed only for the safest ground. He scatters with a largeness that almost seems careless, until we realise that this is precisely the point. Christ is showing us the manner of God's heart. God gives before there is proof of success. He speaks before there is evidence of perfect readiness. He comes towards us with a generosity greater than our preparation.

That is the quiet beauty of this Gospel. The seed falls on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns, and on good soil. Yet the Sower does not withhold his hand. He does not begin by asking which part of the field deserves the seed. He sows because he is generous. He sows because the life is in the seed. He sows because even ground that looks unpromising to the eye may still be touched by grace.

This matters because many people imagine that the word of Christ belongs only to lives already well ordered, peaceful, and receptive. The parable says something more hopeful. Christ does not wait for the whole field to be perfect before he enters it. His word arrives in the real field of our lives: in our routines, duties, tiredness, affections,

anxieties, hopes, and half-finished conversions. The Lord is not embarrassed by the uneven ground. He is the Sower who still comes.

So the Gospel invites us to look first at Christ, before we become preoccupied with ourselves. His generosity is not a reward for good soil. It is the very beginning of fruitfulness. The seed that he gives is his word, his mercy, his patience, his own life offered to us again and again.

A parish becomes fruitful when it receives this gift with quiet seriousness. A family becomes fruitful when one word of Christ is allowed to soften a hard conversation. A heart becomes fruitful when grace is given room rather than merely admired from a distance. Much can grow from one received word. The Sower has already passed through the field. The seed has already been given. The harvest begins where his generosity is welcomed.



PARISH NOTICES

Congratulations

We are delighted to announce that Otto Edmund Crispin Sangster was baptised here on Sunday 5 April. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and his family, and assure them of the continued support and prayers of our parish community as he embarks on his journey of faith.

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. Supervising the young to avoid accidents is a responsibility we all share.

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 penultimate session. If you have not yet joined us, 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 will be installed in the narthex, where it will be officially unveiled in the autumn. We offer our sincere gratitude to both Teresa 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.



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE & BEYOND

Diaconal Day

This weekend we celebrate the third Archdiocesan Diaconal Day, during which we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our Archdiocese, as well as for the new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man aged from 21-58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love and serve God and His people, you are involved in services within your parish and community, you have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church, you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? Please speak to your Parish Priest, or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk.



Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre

This residential trip from 11- 14 August for altar servers aged 11-15, and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. It is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. Cost £199. Contact Father Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St Stephen, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel: 01322 220075.

Luminiscence – Westminster Cathedral

This immersive audio visual experience in Westminster Cathedral is a 360° video projection concert that narrates the story of London and the iconic Neo-Byzantine mother church of the Diocese of Westminster. The stunning visuals are blended with live performances of the great composers brought to life by the Lux Aeterna choir. Voiced by Paddington and Downton Abbey star Hugh Bonneville, this 50-minute performance uses 24 laser projectors, which bring the Cathedral to life with colour and imagery. For more information see:

<https://luminiscence.com/london/>



PARISH DIARY

Next Children's Mass:

Today (12 July): 10:30am

Come & Explore the Gospel of St Luke:

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

Mothers' Prayers Group:

Summer Break

Barnes Fair 2026 – Thank you

We are deeply grateful to the members of the PTFA of St Osmund's School, parents, school staff, and the volunteers of our parish for their hard work in making this year's Barnes Fair on Saturday, a huge success. This yearly event shows the strong bond between our parish community and school, and it depends on the quiet efforts of many working behind the scenes. We are grateful to those who donated items for sale, those who kindly looked after the stall all day, and everyone who supported us by buying. Your generosity helps build our community and its spirit.

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 Stiller
Maureen Carr
Nora Timmins



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Mary Teresa Dolan
Mary Theresa de Freitas
Wanda Prenkowska

Peter Blair
Teresa Clancy
Aileen Lynch



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

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

Today's Second Collection

Stella Maris is a Catholic Charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers and is part of an international network working in more than 250 ports around the world. The life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. Stella Maris relies on voluntary contributions, and can only continue its work through the donations of its supporters, particularly this collection. Visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Thank you.

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