



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-Fourth Sunday (C)

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Sunday 14 September 2025

Sun 14 th Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Sandy Rowsell RIP Pro-populo Eamon and Teresa Kerrins RIP	(r) The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (C)
Mon 15 th Sept	10.00am Mass	The needs of our planet and the natural world	(w) Our Lady of Sorrows
Tues 16 th Sept	10.00am Mass	The needs of our planet and the natural world	(r) Sts Cornelius and Cyprian
Wed 17 th Sept	10.00am Mass	The needs of our planet and the natural world	(w) St Robert Bellarmine
Thur 18 th Sept	6.30pm Mass	The needs of our planet and the natural world	(w) St Edith of Kemsing
Fri 19 th Sept	10.00am Mass	The needs of our planet and the natural world	(w) St Theodore of Canterbury
Sat 20 th Sept	10.00am Mass	Mary Donovan RIP	(r) St Andrew Kim Tae-gon
Sun 21 st Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Georgina Chevallier RIP For the welfare of Elen Luik Pro-populo	(g) Twenty-Fifth Sunday (C)

"Ave Crux, Spes Unica"

The Cross has always startled the human heart. It is a strange sign to celebrate, for it had once been a tool of death and humiliation. And yet, in the mystery of Christ, that same wood has become for us the sign of life, hope, and victory. We cannot look at it without sensing both its weight and its glory.

When we raise our eyes to the Cross, we are not simply remembering a painful death from long ago. We are being drawn to see what love really looks like when it is tested to the very end. The Cross is not about power or success in the way the world imagines them. It is about a love that refuses to stop, even when it costs everything. In that love, God

shows us that he will go further for us than we could ever go for him.

There is something both humbling and uplifting in this. The Cross strips away our illusions that life will be easy or that faith will spare us from struggle. It tells us honestly that following Christ will mean carrying burdens, making sacrifices, and sometimes walking in darkness. But at the same time, the Cross shines as a standard held high before us. To look at it is to draw courage, to remember that no suffering is wasted, and to know that love is stronger than death.

The Cross heals us because in it our wounds are taken up into Christ's wounds. Yet it also asks us to shoulder our own share of the

burden, not in despair but in trust. To exalt the Cross, then, is not to glorify pain, but to honour the love that makes pain fruitful. We do not remain at the foot of the Cross in sorrow; we pass through it into the light of resurrection.

Carlo Acutis and Pier-Giorgio Frassati, both canonized last Sunday showed us how the Cross becomes the measure of holiness in every age. Carlo, through his love for the Eucharist and his generous use of modern gifts, and Pier Giorgio, through his tireless charity and joy, discovered that the Cross was not an obstacle to life but the path into its fullness. Their witness reminds us that to embrace the Cross is to find a love stronger than death and a hope that no darkness can overcome.

Catholic Education Service

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

Gratitude to our Architect and the Building committee

As you all know, our newly refurbished parish hall will be re-commissioned next Sunday after the 10:30 Mass, followed by refreshments and a barbeque in the presbytery garden. This milestone is the fruit of the generosity of the whole parish, and together we give thanks for what has been achieved. We are especially grateful to Greg Fonseca, our project architect, whose professional services, given without charge, spared the parish many tens of thousands of pounds and ensured a hall of the highest standard, and to the other members of the Building and Finance Committee, whose careful work guided the project on behalf of us all. The restoration of the hall completes the second phase of the three-phased restoration of our parish buildings.

Please use the link to volunteer on the day: (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14AR_Pc8EizwJNFYV7eqp5lfTzh40lO7zf6umhIHhMc/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

Donations can be made using the link: (<https://stosmunds.parishportal.net/giving>) or via the portals.

September - The Season of Creation

In September the Church asks for our prayers and actions to address the urgent needs of the planet and the natural world. This year is the 10th anniversary of the publication of 'Laudato 'Si', Pope Francis's call to prayer and action. Take a minute to offer his beautiful prayer displayed in the chapel of the holy family. The Green Team will be offering mass intentions for mankind's common home for the rest of the month.

Mothers Prayers

We are mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, and God-mothers who unite to pray from the heart for our children, grand-children, and God-children. Those that attend the prayer meetings regularly find they experience many blessings and a great sense of peace. Here at St Osmund's we meet in-person, after the 10am Mass on Tuesdays, during term time. If you would like to find out more please contact Isabel Boyle on 07810 257172.

St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Fundraising Bike Ride

This weekend, 40 parents and teachers from St Osmund's Catholic Primary School are cycling 270km from Barnes to Bruges raising money for the school and for Shooting Stars Children's Hospice. Sponsorship link here: (<https://thegreatcycletrip.wixsite.com/bruges>)

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Phyllis O'Kelly, John Scott, Sharon Evans, Janet Waddington, James and Audrey Smith, Teresa Cockburn, 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: Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Jonathan Goodall, Jim Carr, Leonard Brajou, Robina Brown, Vera Strobera, John Kennedy, Patrick Hayes, Julie Dean, Lily McLoughlin, Edward Ryan, Patsy Crudden and Margueritte Glennie.

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 exsiliu ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.

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