



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.

Thirty-Third Sunday (C)

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Sunday 16 November 2025

Sun 16 th Nov	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Harold Messel RIP Gerald Keen RIP Barbara Billings RIP	(g) Thirty-Third Sunday (C)
Mon 17 th Nov	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	(w) St Hilda
Tues 18 th Nov	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	(w) The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul
Wed 19 th Nov	10.00am Mass	Barbara and Noel Fresson	(g) Feria
Thur 20 th Nov	6.30pm Mass	Sister Anne McCarthy RIP	(g) Feria
Fri 21 st Nov	10.00am Mass	Stanley and Therese Collins RIP	(w) The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 22 nd Nov	10.00am Mass	George Hiller RIP	(r) St Cecilia
Sun 23 rd Nov	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Jadwiga Langiewicz RIP Laszlo Gibbons Phoebe Buchanan RIP	(w) Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)

This Sunday's Gospel

As we approach the great feast of Christ the King, the Church invites us to contemplate not earthly glory, but rather the profound mystery of a kingdom built upon seemingly impossible foundations. Our Lord speaks to us this week of destruction and upheaval, of stones cast down and systems overturned, a sobering message as we conclude another liturgical year and move through this month of remembrance.

We live in a world that constantly urges us to build security upon what we can see and touch. Like those who marvelled at the Temple's magnificent stones, we too measure our lives by visible markers: our homes, our careers, our carefully constructed plans for the future. We invest enormous energy in building structures we believe will last. The perfect family life, the successful business, the reputation we have cultivated over years. Yet experience teaches us, often painfully, that these

foundations prove unreliable. A diagnosis arrives unexpectedly. A relationship fractures despite our best efforts. The job we thought secure vanishes overnight. The plans we made with such confidence crumble like those Temple stones.

This November, as we remember those who have gone before us, whose own carefully built lives now exist only in memory and prayer, we are reminded that everything earthly is provisional. The question becomes: where does our true security lie?

Christ offers us an extraordinary promise amidst the rubble: "*Not a hair of your head will perish.*" This is not a guarantee of earthly comfort, but something far greater, the assurance that our ultimate worth rests not in what we build, but in whose we are. The stones may fall, but we remain held in God's unshakeable grip.

Consider how often we exhaust

ourselves shoring up the wrong structures. We pour energy into appearances rather than substance, into accumulating rather than being. We seek approval, chase success, build elaborate defences against uncertainty. Yet the King we celebrate next Sunday comes not to preserve our comfortable temples, but to establish an eternal kingdom where moth and rust do not consume.

The practical challenge, then, is this: what would it mean to live today as though we truly believed our security rests in Christ alone? Not to abandon responsibility, but to hold our earthly securities lightly, knowing they are gifts rather than foundations. To find our peace not in perfectly ordered circumstances, but in the promise that even when the stones fall and they will fall, our lives remain eternally secure in the hands of the King whose kingdom has no end.

Annual Mission Appeal for the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP)

This weekend at all masses, Fr. Jude Iroh MSP, of the Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP), will make the mission appeals. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. There will be a second collection at all Masses. Additionally, you can donate by setting up a direct debit or by cheque using these account details: Name: The Missionary Society of St Paul, Sort code: 202963, Account No: 73306224 Bank Name: Barclays Bank. Online donation: using the following link:

(<https://donate.mydona.com/missionary-society-of-st-paul>), or donate via the QR code below.



Archdiocesan Merit Award

Mia Gibbons and Camille Roberson-Cole will be presented with their medals for the **Archdiocesan Merit Honour**, Fideliter Servienti at the 10.30 am Mass on **Sunday, 23 November**, by Monsignor Canon James Cronin on behalf of the Archbishop, in recognition of their long and faithful service to the parish and community. We warmly congratulate Mia and Camille on this well-deserved honour.

Confirmation Programme 2026

If your child is in Year 8 or above and would like to take part, please complete the registration form by scanning the QR code. There will be a Parent's Information meeting on **Sun, 30 November after 6:30pm Mass**.



First Holy Communion Preparation Programme 2026

Preparation for children aged 8 or above (Year 3 or above) will begin with a Mass of Initiation on Sunday, 14 December 2025. Catechetical sessions will start in Jan 2026 concluding with the FHC Mass. Register using the online link or QR code provided. Parents to attend a meeting on **Thursday, 4 December 2025 at 7pm** in the church hall (after the 6:30pm Mass). For further enquiries, please contact the parish office.



Holy Souls Masses in November

The Book of Remembrance is in the Narthex for parishioners to inscribe the names of their departed loved ones, who will be remembered at all Masses throughout November. Envelopes are available for those who wish to include names together with Mass offerings. Please return these to the Parish Office.

Adult Faith Exploration and Formation Programme

This Programme is for those considering joining the Catholic Church or those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith and starts on Mon 1 Dec, from 7-8:30pm. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the Church.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Paddy Grafton-Green, James and Audrey Smith, Phyllis O'Kelly, John Scott, 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 all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Nora Magner, Patrick Rice, John Brooks, Angelina King, John Gibbons, Laszlo Trajer, Susie Wood, Richard O'Mahoney, Robin Durie, Christine Brett, Ines Hawken, Peter Hennesey, Eileen Dallaglio and Bridget Keane.

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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Account Name - Barnes St Osmund Main Account