



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: Paused for Summer

Baptisms and Weddings: Contact the Parish Office.

Twentieth Sunday (C) Sunday, 17 August 2025 Mass Book p 124

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 17 th Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo For the donor's intentions For the donor's intentions	(g) Twentieth Sunday (C)
Mon 18 th Aug	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(g) FERIA
Tues 19 th Aug	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) St John Eudes
Wed 20 th Aug	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) St Bernard
Thur 21st Aug	NO MASS	NO MASS	(w) St Pius X
Fri 22 nd Aug	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 23rd Aug	NO MASS	NO MASS	(w) St Rose of Lima
Sun 24 th Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the donor's intentions Pro-populo For the donor's intentions	(g) Twenty First Sunday (C)

I came to cast fire on the earth..

There are moments in the Gospels when the words of the Lord unsettle us. This Sunday we hear one of them: "*I have come to bring fire to the earth... Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace? No, but rather division*" (Luke 12:49–53). In a world already torn apart by wars, deep social fractures, and wounds within families, these words can seem hard to reconcile with the image of Christ as Prince of Peace. A purely literal reading might even tempt us to imagine that He delights in the strife that troubles our times. Yet the Church, faithful to her Lord, understands these words very differently.

The "fire" Christ speaks of is the purifying and life-giving fire of divine charity. It is the same fire of the Holy Spirit that descended at Pentecost, consuming the hearts of the Apostles

with zeal for the Kingdom. As Pope Benedict XVI taught, "*The fire of God is the transforming energy of His love, which burns away what is decayed in our lives and makes us new*". This fire does not destroy for the sake of destruction but purifies so that we may live entirely for God.

Such purification inevitably demands choice. As St. John Paul II often reminded us, "*The truth makes demands; it calls for conversion*". When we choose the Gospel without compromise, we sometimes find ourselves misunderstood or even opposed, not because we seek division, but because the values of Christ will not always align with the values of the world.

The call to discipleship, therefore, is a summons to courage and to tenderness at once. Courage, to bear the cost of fidelity;

tenderness, to ensure that in our witness we reflect the mercy of the One we follow. St. Catherine of Siena, whose heart burned with this divine fire, urged Christians to "*be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire*."

In the face of the world's conflicts, our task is not to mirror its hostility, but to let Christ's fire free us from bitterness, cynicism, and fear. Then our presence will be a quiet but unmistakable sign of the peace He does not give the fragile peace of avoiding truth, but the deep reconciliation born from hearts ablaze with the love of God.

Summer parish services - revised times

Weekday morning Masses at 10am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, as well as all Sunday Masses and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will continue as usual. However, the Thursday 6.30pm Mass, Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 9am, and the Saturday 10am Mass will be temporarily paused, recommencing in September.

21 September hall reopening event

Our parish celebration event to commemorate the reopening of the hall will take place on Sunday, 21 September, after the 1030 am Mass, in the hall and the presbytery garden. We now have a team of volunteers who have offered their help. If you would still like to help and have not responded yet, please email (barnes@rcaos.org.uk).

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next retreat date: 17-19 October. Please see (www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or call Mob 0788 7296983 for further information.

Do you need help with funding a pilgrimage to a Marian Shrine?

If you would like to go on a pilgrimage to a Marian Shrine but are unable to afford the full cost, the parish may be able to help cover some of the expenses. If you are interested, please speak personally with Father Oladele for more information.

Barnes Charity Bike Sale

Taking place on Sat 13 September 2025 from 9.30 am to midday at St Mary's Church. For more information please see: www.barnescharitybikesale.co.uk

Foodbank

Please continue to give generously. Items required include long-life or tinned meats, fish, pasta sauces, fruits, custard/rice pudding, soups, vegetables, potatoes (tinned or instant), tea, coffee, fruit, nut butters, jams, honey, UHT fruit juice, UHT Milk and cooking oil, as well as any toiletries. Thank you.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Sister Margaret, 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: Patrick Rae, Michael McCaughey, Margaret Fitzsimons, Diane Durie and Rorie Duncan.

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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