



A warm welcome to

The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 18th Oct

Twenty-Ninth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Pro-populo

10:30am Teresa Cockburn RIP

6:30pm Virginia Elliot (Ints)

MONDAY 19th Oct

Feria (g)

Holy Souls

TUESDAY 20th Oct

Feria (g)

Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 21st Oct

St Margaret Clitherow (r)

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 22nd Oct

St John Paul II (w)

Fred Webber RIP

FRIDAY 23rd Oct

St John of Capistrano (w)

Holy Souls

SATURDAY 24th Oct

The Blessed Virgin Mary (w/g)

Holy Souls

SUNDAY 25th Oct

Thirtieth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Pro-populo

10:30am Holy Souls

6:30pm Sister Leila O'Brien
RIP

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

A word from the presbytery...

When we meet someone for the first time, the question "What do you do?" often follows soon after their name. It gives us somewhere to begin. Gradually, however, the answer can become the measure by which we understand ourselves. Our work, our responsibilities and the contribution we make become bound up with our sense of worth. We feel this particularly when a role changes or our efforts go unrecognised. Something within us asks: who am I now?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks a question about identity: "Whose image is this?" The coin bears Caesar's likeness. That image establishes its connection with the emperor and prepares the way for his instruction to give Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and God what belongs to God.

The second part leaves a question for us to consider. Where should we look for God's image?

Genesis supplies the answer: "God created humankind in his image" (1:27). Commenting on this Gospel, Pope Benedict XVI explained that every person carries God's image and owes their existence to him. The coin points towards Caesar; the human person points towards the Creator. We ourselves are implicated in the answer Jesus gives.

This takes us back before our first achievement, before anyone needed our expertise or thanked us for our contribution.

Even before we received our name, we bore God's image. Our dignity was already freely and lovingly given. Every subsequent vocation rests upon that first gift.

There is something deeply consoling here for those of us who find it difficult to separate our worth from our usefulness. We may carry responsibilities faithfully for years and gradually feel that everything depends upon our continuing to perform. Retirement, illness or simply being overlooked can then unsettle us profoundly. The image we bear remains through every change in what we can accomplish.

Giving ourselves to God begins with remembering whose we are. In prayer, we bring him the person beneath the responsibilities: grateful, anxious, hopeful, sometimes exhausted. We allow ourselves to be loved before presenting anything we have done.

From that place, we can return to our daily duties with greater freedom. Our work becomes an expression of the life we have received. We can give generously, accept help and make room for another person's gifts. The question "Whose image?" gently accompanies us through it all. Before we have anything to offer, we already belong to the One who has given us ourselves.



PARISH NOTICES



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE & BEYOND

Clocks Go Back Next Weekend

A gentle reminder that British Summer Time ends in the early hours of next Sunday, 25 October, when the clocks go back one hour at 2am. Please remember to set your clocks and watches back by one hour before retiring on Saturday evening, so that you are not caught out when preparing for Mass on Sunday morning. All Sunday Masses will be celebrated at the usual times, according to the new time.

Unveiling of the St Osmund Icon: 18 October at 10:30am

The icon of St Osmund, donated to the parish earlier this summer, will be unveiled today at the 10.30am mass. Dr Stefan Reynolds, who designed and created the icon, will speak about the inspiration behind the work, which was commissioned by the late Teresa Cockburn, whom we commend to your prayers.

Enquiries about First Holy Communion and Confirmation

A number of you have been in touch regarding the preparation programmes for Confirmation and for First Confession and First Holy Communion. This is simply to reassure you that the dates for both programmes are being settled at present, and that you will be given ample time in which to register for either of them. As soon as the dates and the outline of the programmes are confirmed, we shall invite those interested to register in the usual way, and the announcement will be made in good time and through every means available to us, so that no family is left unaware.

Prayer for Pope Leo's Recovery

Lord Jesus, we entrust to You our Holy Father, Pope Leo, as he recovers from lung surgery. Grant him the grace of serenity, and guide those who care for him. Mary, Mother of the Church and Health of the Sick, protect him and be at his side at every moment.

St Osmund's Youth Club

All young people aged 12-17 are to join our thriving parish youth club. Our hope is to offer a welcoming space where young people can grow in friendship with one another and with the Lord. There they can express themselves freely and come to know more deeply the love of Christ. There is no homework and no pressure, simply the chance to grow together in faith and fellowship. The Youth Club meets every Sunday from 5.00 pm and finishes shortly before the 6.30 pm Mass. Please do encourage the young people of your family and acquaintances to come along and join us.

A Day With Mary

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7 November 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at (<https://www.adaywithmary.org/>)

Thames Philharmonic Choir, Sat 19 December, 7pm

Celebrate the festive season and rediscover the wonder of J S Bach's Christmas Oratorio at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square. For more information: <https://www.thamesphilharmonicchoir.co.uk/>

Wintershall - The Nativity Journey

Discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable event for all the family. It's a Nativity like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Stand with the shepherds, walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey, journey with Roman soldiers and enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold. It's the perfect festive event for kids, parents and grandparents. From 17-20 December. For more information see: (<https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-nativity-journey/>)



PARISH DIARY

Parish Youth Club:

Sunday 18 October: 5pm (Hall)

Mothers' Prayers Group:

Tues 20 October: 10:30am (Presbytery)

Family Mass:

Sunday 15 November

St Osmunds Reading Club

Wednesday 18 November: (Presbytery).

Our next book is *Shrines of Gaeity*, Kate Atkinson. All welcome.

And save the date:

Art and Faith Lecture with Dr Teresa Lane

Thursday 19 November (Hall)

St Osmund's Christmas Carol Concert:

Friday 11 December at 7pm (Hall)



PRAYER LIST

For those parishioners who are unwell, especially:

Sr Margaret (Byrnes)
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:

Thomas Reginald Cooper
Patrick Sheahan
Michael Ruvigny
Andrzej Panufnik
Sharon Pasteiner

Jeff Potts
Marian Jay
Joe O'Donne
Anna Bowers
Patrick & James
O'Neill

NEWS FROM ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Reception Class applications

Applications for places in Reception Class in September 2027 are now open. You can apply online through your local authority admissions website. There are open days at the school on Tuesday 20th October at 9:30am and Wednesday 4th November at 9:30am. No booking required. For more information please call 020 8748 3582 or email: (info@st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk)



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

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



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

This Sunday's Collection: World Mission Sunday

This Sunday's collection (World Mission Sunday) goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church. For more information see: (<https://missio.org.uk/>)

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