



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-Ninth Sunday (C)

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Sunday 19 October 2025

Sun 19 th Oct	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Carol Hylands RIP Teresa Cockburn 90 th birthday remembrance For Colm McAtarsney and family	(g) Twenty-Ninth Sunday (C)
Mon 20 th Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(g) Feria
Tues 21 st Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(r) St Margaret Clitherow
Wed 22 nd Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) St John Paul II
Thur 23 rd Oct	6.30pm Mass	Thomas Reginald Cooper RIP	(w) St John of Capistrano
Fri 24 th Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) St Anthony Mary Claret
Sat 25 th Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w/g) The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 26 th Oct	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the donor's intentions Pro-populo Frederick Webber RIP	(g) Thirtieth Sunday (C)

The Unrighteous Judge

There is a moment in faith when God appears slow. That is where the Gospel reading of this Sunday begins, though it never names it directly. The widow speaks, the judge delays, and time itself becomes the testing ground of trust. The world knows this tension well. The long stretch between prayer and response, between promise and fulfilment. We often call it silence, but perhaps it is the place where faith learns to breathe.

In that silence, God is not absent. He is waiting for the human heart to grow spacious enough to receive what He wishes to give. St Augustine once wrote that *"God defers to increase desire, and by delay He enlarges the soul, that it may receive what is prepared for it."* (St Augustine, *Exposition on the Psalms* 37.13). His words reveal something vital about divine timing.

The delay of God is not the indifference of heaven. It is the way mercy ripens within time. Delay becomes the soil in which faith takes root, stretching the heart beyond impatience toward longing, and from longing toward love.

The parable exposes how differently God measures time. We measure it by progress, success, or visible change. God measures it by fidelity. The widow's cry, which seems at first only a symbol of human persistence, begins to resemble the constancy of God Himself. Her repeated return to the judge mirrors the divine rhythm, that quiet, relentless faithfulness by which God sustains creation day after day. Human justice tires and yields; divine justice waits until all things can be restored.

The silence of God, then, is not an empty void between question and answer. It is the quiet work of

redemption moving beneath the surface of things. It asks from us a trust that does not demand proof. To trust God in silence is to believe that what is hidden is not lost, and that divine time is never wasted. Each delay can become an invitation to purification, freeing the heart from self-assertion and teaching it to wait without bitterness.

When Christ asks, "Will the Son of Man find faith on earth?", it is not a reproach but a summons. It is the question that silence always asks: can we still recognise the presence of God when He chooses not to speak? Can we remain steady when His justice does not hurry?

The faith Christ seeks is not loud or defensive. It is quiet, attentive, unhurried. A faith that hears meaning within silence and sees promise in delay. For such faith, time ceases to be an obstacle and becomes instead the dwelling place of God.

Parish Vision Meeting

The first of our Parish Vision Meetings took place on Thursday, 16 October, gathering parishioners to reflect and discern together a shared vision for the coming years. We are most grateful to all who attended and contributed so thoughtfully to the process. I am aware that some parishioners who wished to take part were unable to be present, and so I warmly invite everyone to the second and final session on **Thursday, 24 November at 7:15 pm after mass in the church hall**. This will be another opportunity to help define the direction of our parish community here in Barnes. Please take time to read the synthesis of our earlier parish consultation beforehand (link provided in online newsletter). Your presence and insights will be most valuable as we continue shaping the future of our parish community in Barnes with faith, commitment, and a spirit of service.

Missio

Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken this Sunday (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/>)

PACT Collection

A big thank you on behalf of the PACT team – last Sunday's collection for PACT raised a total £418.43. Thank you for your support. For more information, visit (<https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/>).

St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Open Mornings

St Osmund's will hold a series of Open Mornings for parents whose children will start school in Reception class in September next year: 930am on 23 October, and 6 November There will be a presentation followed by a tour of the school by Year 6 pupils and lots of opportunities to ask questions about the school and the admissions process. No need to book, just turn up. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2026. For more information see: (www.st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk)

Teas/Coffees Volunteers needed

We are seeking more volunteers to help with serving teas and coffees in the hall on Sundays after the 10:30am Mass. At present, this important service of hospitality is carried out by only a small number of very generous parishioners. By increasing the number of people on the rota, we will be able to share the responsibility more widely and each individual will be called upon less often. If you are able to give some of your time on Sundays, even occasionally, please contact Carmel by text or WhatsApp on 07853 169474.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially James and Audrey Smith, Charles Gibbons, Phyllis O'Kelly, John Scott, Sharon Evans, 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 those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Thomas Reginald Cooper, Patrick Sheahan, Michael Ruvigny, Andrzej Panufnik, Jeff Potts, Marian Jay, Joe O'Donne, Anna Bowers, Sharon Pasteiner and Patrick & James O'Neill.

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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