



A warm welcome to

The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 19th July

Sixteenth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Jennie Cooke RIP

10:30am Pro-populo

6:30pm Diana Goodall RIP

MONDAY 20th July

St Apollinaris (r)

Holy Souls

TUESDAY 21st July

St Lawrence of Brindisi (w)

Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 22nd July

St Mary Magdalene (w)

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 23rd July

St Bridget (w)

Holy Souls

FRIDAY 24th July

St Sharbel Makhlūf (w)

Holy Souls

SATURDAY 25th July

St James (r)

Holy Souls

SUNDAY 26th July

Seventeenth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am NO MASS

10:30am Hugo D'Arcy RIP

6:30pm Pro-populo

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

A word from the presbytery...

One of the most memorable images in Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* is the searching Eye of Sauron. Its power lies not only in what it sees, but also in the attention it commands. Armies move in fear of it, while those who carry the Ring feel drawn towards it. Yet Sauron is defeated through actions beyond the centre of his gaze. He assumes that every movement must concern him, while two small figures continue a journey governed by another purpose.

The parable of the wheat and the weeds from the Gospel reading for this Sunday contains a similar struggle for attention. The enemy enters the field at night, sows weeds among the wheat and disappears. When the weeds emerge, however, he continues to shape the servants' conversation. They ask where the weeds came from and whether they should remove them. For a moment, the intruder has made his work the subject of the field.

The master refuses him that victory. He identifies the cause clearly: "An enemy has done this." He turns his attention towards the protection of the wheat and the harvest. The enemy has changed the appearance of the field, but the master will not permit him to change its purpose.

This is an overlooked dimension of the parable. Evil seeks more than the damage it causes. It seeks to occupy our imagination.

It tempts us to examine the weeds endlessly until they become all that we can see. One painful incident can define an entire relationship. One failure can occupy our memory that years of fidelity disappear from view. The weeds are real, yet they never constitute the whole field.

Christ's gaze is steady and truthful. He does not minimise what the enemy has done. He also refuses to grant evil the dignity of becoming the centre of the story. The field still belongs to the master. The wheat remains alive. The harvest is approaching. Grace continues to grow beside everything that threatens it.

This may change where we choose to place our attention. Alongside whatever is wrong, there is always something planted by God which needs light and protection: a neglected friendship, the beginning of faith in a young person, an act of courage, or a quiet movement of grace within ourselves.

Attention is among the most valuable gifts we possess. Whatever receives it is given room to grow. The enemy sowed the weeds, but the master would not allow him to decide what the field was for. We resist him whenever we recognise evil honestly, then turn deliberately towards the wheat and help it reach the harvest.



Congratulations

We are delighted to announce that Fleur and Jasper Bowditch were baptised here on Sunday 12 April. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to them and their family, and assure them of the continued support and prayers of our parish community as he embarks on their journey of faith.

Revised Mass Times for the Summer Holidays

Following the Archbishop's recommendation, and recognising that many members of our parish community will be away during the summer holidays, a reduced Mass schedule will operate at our parish from Sunday 26 July to Sunday 30 August inclusive. **During this period, the Sunday 8.30 am Mass, Thursday 6.30 pm Mass and Saturday 10am Mass will not take place; the usual Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays will also not take place.** All other scheduled Masses will continue as usual. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these temporary changes. The 8:30am Mass will resume on Sunday 6 September.

DAY OF THE WEEK	MASS TIMES
Sundays	10.30am, 6.30pm
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	10 am

Printed Newsletter

From Sunday 26 July to Sunday 30 August inclusive, the parish office will operate with reduced staffing; therefore, no printed copies of the weekly newsletter will be available at the Narthex. The online version of the newsletter will continue to be sent by email to regular subscribers and published on the parish website. **(Please email the parish office (barnes@rcaos.org.uk) if you are not already on our mailing list.)** Weekly Mass intentions will also be displayed on the noticeboard beside the church's side entrance. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Exploration of the Gospel of Luke

Our evening sessions exploring the Gospel of Luke continue, offering an opportunity to delve more deeply into the interpretation and application of the Scriptures we hear at Mass. Next Monday (20 July) will be our **last session**. If you have not yet joined us, do come next Monday at 6:30pm in the Hall; it will greatly enrich your understanding of the faith.

Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre

This residential trip from 11- 14 August for altar servers aged 11-15, and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. It is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. Cost £199. Contact Father Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St Stephen, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel: 01322 220075.

Luminiscence – Westminster Cathedral

This immersive audio visual experience in Westminster Cathedral is a 360° video projection concert with stunning visuals blended with live performances of the great composers brought to life by the Lux Aeterna choir. Voiced by Paddington and Downton Abbey star Hugh Bonneville, this 50-minute performance uses 24 laser projectors, which bring the Cathedral to life with colour and imagery. More information: <https://luminiscence.com/london/>

Icon of St Osmund

We have been given a beautiful new icon of St Osmund, the patron saint of our parish. The icon was commissioned and paid for by one of our parishioners, Teresa Cockburn, and was designed and painted by Dr Stefan Reynolds, a lifelong member of our parish. It will be installed in the narthex, where it will be officially unveiled in the autumn. We offer our sincere gratitude to both Teresa and to Dr Stefan for the care, prayerfulness, and attention he has given to preparing this icon of our patron saint.



PARISH DIARY

Come & Explore the Gospel of St Luke:

Monday 20 July: 6:30pm - 7:45pm (Hall)
(Final session)

Mothers' Prayers Group:

Summer Break

Summer Mass Schedule Directive

The Archbishop has directed that every parish should observe a reduced schedule of Mass during the summer holidays, when many parishioners are naturally away. Accordingly, from Sunday 26 July to Sunday 30 August we shall celebrate two Sunday Masses rather than three, at 10:30am and 6:30pm. The 8:30am Mass will be suspended until it resumes on Sunday 6 September.

Supervising Children during Parish Gatherings

The safety of our children is of the utmost importance, particularly at our social events. This is a gentle reminder to every responsible adult, and not parents alone, to keep a watchful eye on the little ones during our times of fellowship. Supervising the young to avoid accidents is a responsibility we all share.



PRAYER LIST

For those parishioners who are unwell, especially:

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:

Eddie Bonnon
Peggy O'Connor
William Roberts

Eve Norton
Paul Hannon
CJ Provini



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.



NEWS FROM ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Barnes Fair - Parish and School Stall

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed, in ways large and small, to the remarkable success of the St Osmund's Parish and School stall at Barnes Fair on Saturday 11 July. It was encouraging to see so many parish and school families present, helping to run the stall and generously purchasing the items on sale. Together, your efforts raised a record sum of just over £1300. Our sincere gratitude goes to the organisers, volunteers, school parents, parishioners and all who supported the stall. Thank you, one and all.

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

July: Respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



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

There is no second collection this week.

Parish Priest: Father Oladele Craig | Parish Administrator: Cath Brizzell

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