



# 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-First Sunday (C) Mass Book p 157 Sunday 2 November 2025

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| Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov  | 8.30am Mass<br>10.30am Mass<br>6.30pm Mass | Sharon Evans RIP<br>Andrzej Panufnik RIP<br>Mrs Ann Clotworthy RIP | (w) Feast of All Saints                                       |
| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov  | 10.00am Mass                               | Pro-populo   | (p/b) All Souls' Day  |
| Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 10.00am Mass                               | Holy Souls   | (w) St Charles Borromeo                                       |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 10.00am Mass                               | Holy Souls   | (g) FERIA   |
| Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 6.30pm Mass                                | Rev John Cressey RIP   | (g) FERIA   |
| Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 10.00am Mass                               | Holy Souls   | (w) The Dedication of the<br>Cathedral Church of St<br>George |
| Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 10.00am Mass                               | Holy Souls   | (w) St Willibrord   |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 8.30am Mass<br>10.30am Mass<br>6.30pm Mass | Andrzej Kedzierski RIP<br>Patricia Jordan RIP<br>Pro-populo        | (w) The Dedication of the<br>Lateran Basilica                 |

### The Vocation of Every Christian

The feast of All Saints invites us to contemplate a profound truth often obscured by the Church's formal canonisation processes: holiness is not the preserve of the exceptional few whose names appear in the liturgical calendar, but rather the universal calling of every baptised Christian. Whilst the Church's official recognition of saints testifies to heroic virtue and miraculous intercession, the communion of saints extends far beyond the marble altars and gilded images of our basilicas.

Saint Paul, writing to the Corinthians, addresses the faithful not as the mediocre or the spiritually adequate, but as the *sancti* - the saints - calling them to recognise what they fundamentally are through baptismal incorporation into Christ. This apostolic designation reminds us that canonisation does not create sanctity; rather, the Church's solemn

declarations merely confirm what grace has already wrought. The vast multitude whose names remain unknown save to God constitute the true depth of the Church's holiness.

Saint John Paul II, in his apostolic exhortation *Christifideles Laici*, articulated with particular clarity the "universal call to holiness," emphasising that this vocation admits of no exceptions. John Paul II reminded us that sanctity is not measured by extraordinary penances or dramatic martyrdoms alone, but by the faithful execution of ordinary duties animated by supernatural charity. In this vision, the mother caring for her children, the tradesman conducting his work with integrity, and the labourer serving faithfully at his post are as truly called to the heights of Christian perfection as those whose virtue the Church has formally recognised.

Yet the saints we venerate - Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint Teresa

of Ávila, Saint John of the Cross - serve an indispensable pedagogical function. They are not distant ideals but luminous witnesses to what the Christian life, lived without compromise, can achieve. Through their intercession, we do not bypass Christ our mediator, but rather we acknowledge the communion that binds us across the veil separating the Church militant from the Church triumphant. We seek their prayers precisely because they have attained what we pursue.

This feast, therefore, calls us to a double recognition: first, that we ourselves are saints in virtue of our baptismal consecration; secondly, that we are summoned to live worthily of that exalted title. The canonised saints remind us of the possibilities inherent in human nature redeemed and transfigured by grace. They are, as it were, the fullest expression of what humanity was created to become.

Blessing of the graves will take place at 3 pm on Sunday 2 November: Gathering at the gates of East Sheen Cemetery.

### **Confirmation**

If your child is in Year 8 or above and has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation but would like to take part in the Confirmation Preparation Programme 2026, please complete the registration form via the below link or by scanning the QR code. Please note, we will host a Parent's Information meeting on **Sun, 30 November after 6:30pm Mass.**

([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXFzWAQ0H9GC8N5sZ\\_qm0ZMfg\\_XXQe00jBOy6RfOZMCpX6Ng/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXFzWAQ0H9GC8N5sZ_qm0ZMfg_XXQe00jBOy6RfOZMCpX6Ng/viewform?usp=header))



### **Adult Faith Exploration and Formation Programme**

Our Parish will begin a Faith Exploration and Formation Programme on Monday 1 December, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, for those considering joining the Catholic Church. The hope is that those preparing for the sacraments will be received or baptised at the Easter Vigil on 4 April 2026. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the Church for anyone wishing to take part. The programme is also open to all parishioners who would like to deepen their understanding of the Faith.

### **St Mary's Barnes Advent Nicean Talk**

On Sunday, 16 November at 5 pm, at St Mary's Anglican Church, Barnes, Bishop Richard will give an introductory address on the Nicene Creed, followed by an opportunity for questions and a short said service of Evening Prayer. All are warmly invited to attend as we mark the 1700th anniversary of the Creed that continues to unite us in faith at the celebration of the Mass.

### **St Osmunds School Quiz Night**

The quiz night is on Wednesday 12 November from 7.15pm in the school hall and tickets are just £12 per person. It's a great opportunity to get together socially and raise some money for our local school. Come on your own, bring a friend or neighbour, or anyone who loves a bit of trivia! Tables of 8-10 people. Please contact the parish office or e-mail: ([stosmundsptfa@live.co.uk](mailto:stosmundsptfa@live.co.uk))

### **Volunteers Needed for Barnes Saturday Night Shelter**

The Glassdoor winter night shelter is seeking female volunteers for Saturday evenings in Barnes, starting 15 Nov 2025. Volunteers help provide a hot meal for 35 homeless women between 6:00pm and 9:30pm, working on a four-week rota. Even one evening would be greatly appreciated. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Richard Burge: ([Richard\\_Burge@hotmail.com](mailto:Richard_Burge@hotmail.com)).

### **Holy Souls Masses in November**

Today is the Solemnity of All Saints, marking the beginning of the month of prayer and remembrance for all our departed brothers and sisters. The Book of Remembrance will be placed in the Narthex for parishioners to inscribe the names of their departed loved ones, who will be prayerfully remembered at all Masses throughout November. Envelopes will also be available for those who wish to include names together with Mass offerings. Please return the completed envelopes, with the names and offerings enclosed, to the Parish Office.

### **Parish Vision Meetings**

The final parish vision meeting will be on **Thursday, 27 November at 7:15 pm.** Your insights will be most valuable as we continue shaping the future of our parish community with faith, commitment, and a spirit of service.

### **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 especially: Sharon Evans, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Martin Baker, Eamonn Ted Kenna, Kamil Stuczynski, Patricia Jordan and Simone Walbyoff.

### **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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