



A warm welcome to

The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 20th Sept

Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Georgina Chevallier
RIP

10:30am Thea Brand RIP

6:30pm Pro-populo

MONDAY 21st Sept

St Matthew (r)

Mary Donovan RIP

TUESDAY 22nd Sept

Feria (g)

Holy Souls RIP

WEDNESDAY 23rd Sept

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) (w)

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 24th Sept

Our Lady of Walsingham (w)

Holy Souls

FRIDAY 25th Sept

Feria (g)

Mary Catherine Kiselick RIP

SATURDAY 26th Sept

Sts Cosmas and Damian (r)

Francis Hoyland RIP

SUNDAY 27th Sept

Twenty-Sixth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Ian and Gregory
Gomes RIP

10:30am For the intentions of
Catholic artists

6:30pm Holy Souls

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

A word from the presbytery...

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, from the twentieth chapter of Matthew, a brief reply deserves our attention: "No one has hired us." The workers still standing in the marketplace explain why they have done nothing all day. Until they speak, their inactivity is visible while its cause remains unknown. The landowner asks a question, and their answer changes what we can see.

We are given no account of why others have passed them over. Their explanation is simply that nobody has offered them work. They have remained available, yet the day has almost ended without anyone making room for them.

This small exchange offers a searching insight into our discipleship. Christ knows how much of a person's life remains concealed from an observer. Throughout his ministry, he gives people space to express what others have failed to hear. In following him, we gradually learn to approach another person with that same willingness to discover what we do not yet understand.

Within a parish, we can become familiar with who attends, who helps, and who seems to remain at the edges. Such familiarity can create an impression of knowledge. We recognise a pattern and begin to assume that we know its explanation. Someone rarely appears, declines an invitation, or never volunteers. We may conclude that they have little interest.

Yet there may be a story we have never heard. Someone may be caring for a relative. Another may feel uncertain of their welcome after years away. A person who appears comfortably detached may be waiting for an invitation that feels genuinely addressed to them.

The landowner allows the workers to answer for themselves. There is a particular charity in this: allowing another person's words to interrupt the account we have formed of them. Their answer may ask us to reconsider a judgement that had seemed quite reasonable.

Christ draws us into this patient attention. We ourselves live by his knowledge of the whole person, including the struggles that never become visible to others. As that knowledge gives us confidence before him, it can also make us more generous in our understanding of one another.

The conversation ends with an invitation into the vineyard. Being heard opens the way to belonging. Something similar can happen through us when our interest becomes personal enough to ask, and patient enough to listen. In that encounter, the welcome of Christ begins to take a recognisable human form.



PARISH NOTICES

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.

The Season of the Care of Creation: Living Water

Throughout September, we join Christians around the world celebrating the Season of Creation, a time to dedicate prayer and practical commitment to the care of our natural world. This year's theme, Living Water, reminds us of the gift of water and the importance of ensuring access to clean water and sanitation for all. We will be supporting WaterAid through donations in the narthex or online ('Care of Creation – Water Aid' tab) and continuing our Toilet Twinning project (www.toilettwinning.org).

Synod update - Can You Represent Our Parish?

The Synod on Synodality has reached its third phase, Implementation, which runs until December 2026. Parishes are being asked to consider how synodality — listening, praying and discerning together — already shapes our life as a community, and how it might be strengthened in the service of the Church's mission. Would anyone be willing to represent us at the online meeting with Archbishop John Wilson on 26 November at 7.30pm? Resources are available at aec.rcaos.org.uk/synod-implementation. Please speak to me after Mass.



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE & BEYOND

Adoremus 2026, Saturday 10 October

The Adoremus Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John at St George's Cathedral, Southwark at 12pm, followed by a keynote from Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP. A Eucharistic Procession to Westminster Cathedral will follow, culminating in Benediction, Mass, and an all-night vigil. Find out more at: cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026.

How do we pray?

How do we build a better, more fulfilling relationship with God? You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called Teach Us to Pray facilitated by Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission. The programme will be online on Tuesdays, starting 6th October from 7pm to 8.15pm. Following 4 online sessions, there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a Diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can. For details/ to sign up see <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqd> or email for further information spirituality@rcaos.org.uk

Service for those that have been harmed by abuse

The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding their annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse on Wednesday 30 September at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral. The service will be lead by Archbishop John Wilson and is an opportunity for the archdiocese community to express their solidarity and compassion to those that have been hurt by abuse and our commitment to building safe environments for all. Please attend if you are able.



PARISH DIARY

Mothers' Prayers Group:

Tues 22 September: 10:30am (Presbytery)

Parish Youth Club:

Sunday 27th September: 5pm (Hall)

Childrens' Mass:

Sunday 11 October

St Osmunds Reading Club:

Wed 14 October September: 7pm
(Presbytery) - (Next book is *The Finest Hotel in Kabul: Lyse Doucet*). All welcome.

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.

Altar Servers — Guild of St Stephen

We invite young people who have received their First Holy Communion or, and Confirmation to consider serving our parish as altar servers and becoming members of the Guild of St Stephen. The emphasis of this ministry is upon service. We are therefore seeking young people who are willing to learn, undertake the necessary training and serve regularly at Mass. We hope to recruit servers for all our Sunday Masses, helping us to celebrate the liturgy with greater reverence, dignity and prayerfulness. If your child has the discipline, willingness and commitment required to learn and serve regularly, please complete the application form or contact the Parish Office for further information.



PRAYER LIST

For those parishioners who are unwell, especially:

Audrey Smith	John Scott
Andrew Brodrick-Ward	Joan Moore
Phyllis O'Kelly	Charles Stiller
Janet Waddington	Maureen Carr
David Stabb	Nora Timmins



IN REMEMBRANCE

For those who have died recently especially Teresa Cockburn, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Costa Rodoussakis	Ted Keen
Mary Catherine Kiselick	Virginia Warda
Gregory Gomes	
Charles McGarvey	



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 the care of water:

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



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

Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission Sunday)

Today's second collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission and the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

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

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