



A warm welcome to

The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 23rd August

Twenty-First Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am -----

10:30am Agnes Foley RIP

6:30pm Susan Cuss RIP

MONDAY 24th August

St Bartholomew (r)

Vincent Herbert Egan &
family

TUESDAY 25th August

St Louis (w)

Pro-populo

WEDNESDAY 26th August

*Blessed Dominic of the Mother of
God (w)*

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 27th August

St Monica (w)

FRIDAY 28th August

St Augustine (w)

Holy Souls

SATURDAY 29th August

The Passion of St John the Baptist (r)

SUNDAY 30th August

Twenty-Second Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am

10:30am Pro-populo

6:30pm Holy Souls

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

A word from the presbytery...

There is a curious ending to this Sunday's Gospel. Peter has just declared that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God". It is a magnificent confession, and Jesus praises him for it. Yet almost immediately Jesus orders the disciples not to tell anyone that he is the Christ. At first this seems strange. If Peter has spoken the truth, why should that truth remain unannounced?

The verses that follow help us understand. Peter has the right words, but he has not yet understood what those words will demand of him. When Jesus begins to speak about suffering, rejection and the Cross, Peter objects. He knows who Jesus is, but he still has to learn what following Jesus means.

There is something deeply familiar here. Most Christians already know many of the words of faith. We say, "Thy will be done." We ask God to forgive us as we forgive others. We profess that Christ is risen and that death does not have the final word. We speak of every human being as made in the image of God. These are not merely beautiful ideas. They are truths into which we spend a lifetime growing.

Perhaps this is one way of understanding discipleship: it is the journey by which the faith we profess gradually

becomes the life we live. That is why the Christian life always remains a school of conversion.

That journey is rarely completed all at once. We may sincerely believe in forgiveness and still find one particular person difficult to forgive. We may trust God and still become frightened when life moves beyond our control. We may believe that every person possesses dignity and still discover how easily impatience or prejudice enters our judgement. The gap between what we believe and what we manage to live does not necessarily mean that our faith is false. It may simply show us where Christ is still forming us.

Peter is encouraging precisely because Jesus does not discard him when his understanding proves incomplete. He remains a disciple. He continues to listen, misunderstand, learn, fail, return and finally become the man who can live the confession he once spoke.

Perhaps we might therefore hear Sunday's Gospel as an invitation to take one familiar truth of our faith seriously again. Not simply to repeat it, but to ask quietly: what would my life look like if this became fully true in me? Christian maturity begins when the Creed moves slowly from our lips into our choices.



PARISH NOTICES

Let Us Pray Together

Have you ever knelt to pray and found you had no idea what to say? Have you wondered why the Church presses the Rosary upon us so warmly — or prayed it once, long ago, and let the habit slip? Come and begin again. On Monday 14 September 2026, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, at 6.30 pm in the church, we gather as a parish family for an evening of prayer. Using Bishop Robert Barron's Rosary video series, we shall start with a simple introduction to the Rosary, pray it together, and then keep a quiet time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, closing with Benediction. Whether you are learning the Rosary for the first time or refreshing a practice you already love, you are welcome. Come and know the peace and grace of prayer in the presence of the Lord.

Icon of St Osmund

We are delighted to share that the parish has 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. It will be a lasting addition to our church and a visible reminder of the faith, history, and identity we share as the parish family of St Osmund.

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.



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE & BEYOND

The Archbishop's Certificate

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy.

The course will commence online on 10 October 2026 from 2pm - 4pm. The total cost of the 2-year course is £800, £400 is payable before the start of each academic year. Would you like to know more? Join our 'Come and See' Evening on Monday 14 September at 7pm. A link to register can be found [here](https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert) -

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Weekend for The Bereaved

Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ is a weekend (9-11 October) for those who have been bereaved. It will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you – 01622 717 272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

Growing in Faith Together

Consisting of four hour-long online sessions, this is a wonderful opportunity for married and engaged couples to enrich their friendship and love. It will take place at 8.30pm on 8, 15, 22 and 29 September. More details: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

Preparing for Marriage

Dates for the official Southwark diocesan marriage preparation course in the South West Pastoral Area in 2027 are as follows: 16 January, 27 February, 10 April, 12 June, 31 July, 16 October and 27 November. Early booking is advised. (All these dates plus venues and other details can be found at <https://rcaos.org.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life/>)



PARISH DIARY

Mothers' Prayers Group:

Currently on Summer Break

Revised Mass Times for the Summer Holidays

As 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 a.m. Mass, Thursday 6.30 p.m. Mass and Saturday 10.00 a.m. 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.

Sundays at 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesdays, Fridays, at 10.00 a.m.

Resumption of Our Usual Mass Schedule

Following our summer break, we shall resume our usual Masses, including Mass on Thursday 3 September at 6:30 pm, and Mass on Saturday 5 September at 10am. Our Sunday 8:30 am Mass will resume from Sunday 6 September. We are pleased to return to our usual parish Mass schedule and look forward to welcoming everyone back after the summer period.

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill receives its second reading in Parliament on 11 September. Parishioners who wish to write to their Member of Parliament, asking that the Bill be opposed, may do so through the e-action link at righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote, which takes only a few minutes to use. Letters carry considerably more weight when they arrive well before the debate rather than in the final days, and members of the parish are encouraged to make use of the link between now and September.



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 Stillier
Maureen Carr
Nora Timmins



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Catherine Earley
Ellen O'Sullivan
Monica Comerford

Evan Dolan
John Webster
Kate O'Connor



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 evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



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 are no second collections during the month of August.

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

Office hours: 10:00am-2:00pm Tues, Wed, & Fri

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