



# 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:** Paused for Summer

**Baptisms and Weddings:** Contact the Parish Office.

## Sunday Newsletter

**Mass Book p 127 and p130**

**Sunday 24 August 2025 and Sunday 31 August 2025**

Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	NO MASS	NO MASS	(w) St Rose of Lima
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the donor's intentions Pro-populo For the donor's intentions	(g) Twenty-First Sunday (C)
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	(w) St Louis
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) St Monica
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	NO MASS	NO MASS	(w) St Augustine
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(r) The Passion of St John the Baptist
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	NO MASS	NO MASS	(r) St Margaret Clitherow
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Holy Souls Stella Quinn RIP Pro-populo	(g) Twenty-Second Sunday (C)
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(r) St Edmund Arrowsmith
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(g) Feria
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) St Gregory the Great
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.30pm Mass	Holy Souls	(w) St Cuthbert
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(g) Feria
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w/g) The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Fr Jeremiah Cronin RIP Pro-populo Vincent Herbert Egan and family	(g) Twenty-Third Sunday (C)

### *Why a narrow gate?*

This season of rest and holidays is gradually drawing to a close. Parents and families are beginning to return, preparing for the new academic year and the resumption of work as usual. Into this moment the Gospel offers us the striking image of the narrow door, which gathers together the themes of recent weeks: the call to vigilance, the futility of possessions, and the urgency of readiness.

At first hearing, the narrow door may sound like a passage reserved for a

chosen few, with the rest shut out in despair. The mention of weeping and gnashing of teeth seems to confirm that fear. Yet Jesus never presents the Kingdom as an exclusive members' club. The narrowness is not about limitation of space, but about the form of the journey. The narrow walk ways rubs away our excess, our pride, and our wayward habits, until we emerge refined, ready to stand among the saints.

What matters is not whether we

feel strong or weak, but whether we keep walking. The discipline of prayer, honesty in work, patience at home, fidelity in friendship - these daily choices are the chisels of grace. They are not arbitrary demands, but the means by which Christ perfects what is already planted in us.

As the demands of routine return, perhaps this is the moment to decide that our spiritual life will not be pushed aside, but woven firmly into the fabric of each day.

### **Baptisms**

We are delighted to announce that Amira Magpantay and Chryshelle Fernandopulle were baptised here on Sun 17 August. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to them and their families, and assure them of the continued support and prayers of our parish community as they embark on their journey of faith.

### **Summer parish services - revised times**

**Weekday morning Masses at 10am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, as well as all Sunday Masses and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will continue as usual.** However, the Thursday 6.30pm Mass, Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 9am, and the Saturday 10am Mass will be temporarily paused, recommencing in September.

### **21 September hall reopening event**

Our parish celebration event to commemorate the reopening of the hall will take place on Sunday, 21 September, after the 1030 am Mass, in the hall and the presbytery garden. We now have a team of volunteers who have offered to help. If you would like to help and have not responded yet, please email ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk)).

### **Marriage Help**

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next retreat date: 17-19 October. Please see ([www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)) or call Mob 0788 7296983 for further information.

### **Do you need help with funding a pilgrimage to a Marian Shrine?**

If you would like to go on a pilgrimage to a Marian Shrine but are unable to afford the full cost, the parish may be able to help cover some of the expenses. If you are interested, please speak personally with Father Oladele for more information.

### **Barnes Charity Bike Sale**

Taking place on Sat 13 September 2025 from 9.30 am to midday at St Mary's Church. For more information please see: [www.barnescharitybikesale.co.uk](http://www.barnescharitybikesale.co.uk)

### **Foodbank**

Please continue to give generously. Items required include long-life or tinned meats, fish, pasta sauces, fruits, custard/rice pudding, soups, vegetables, potatoes (tinned or instant), tea, coffee, fruit, nut butters, jams, honey, UHT fruit juice, UHT Milk and cooking oil, as well as any toiletries. Thank you.

### **Sick List**

For the sick and the suffering especially Sister Margaret, John Scott, Sharon Evans, Janet Waddington, James and Audrey Smith, Teresa Cockburn, 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: Catherine Earley, Evan Dolan, Monica Comerford, Ellen O'Sullivan, Kate O'Connor, John Webster, Ian Gomes, Eugene Bracken, Maria del Rosario Blanco-Norris, Joseph Clancy, Patrick Shanley, Peter Cullinan, Nora Noonan, Aurelia Boorsma, James Blackie and Laurence O'Toole.

### **Salve Regina**

*Salve Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Euae. 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 exsilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.*

### **QR code for DONA portal donations St Osmunds**

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**Account #:** 11311096

**Account Name** - Barnes St Osmund Main Account