



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.

Sunday Newsletter

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Sunday 25 January 2026

Sun 25 th Jan	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Eileen Gasson RIP Pro-populo Michael McCormack RIP	(g) Third Sunday (A)
Mon 26 th Jan	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	(w) Sts Timothy and Titus
Tues 27 th Jan	NO 10am MASS 11.30am	NO 10 am MASS Funeral Service - Vincenzo Dallaglio RIP	(w) St Angela Merici
Wed 28 th Jan	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	(w) St Thomas Aquinas
Thur 29 th Jan	6.30pm Mass	Holy Souls	(g) Feria
Fri 30 th Jan	10.00am Mass	John Wilson RIP	(g) Feria
Sat 31 st Jan	10.00am Mass	Private intention	(w) St John Bosco
Sun 1 st Feb	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Daithi (David) Holland RIP Pro-populo Noel McCormack RIP	(g) Fourth Sunday (A)

Call to conversion...

The liturgy of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time offers an opportunity for all of us to attend with renewed seriousness to the pattern of divine calling that emerges within Scripture. Although the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul yields to the Sunday observance, its spiritual depth remains a valuable lens through which we may approach the Gospel of Matthew 4:12–23. When these two moments of revelation are held together, a single unifying theme becomes evident: the grace of hearing the call of God and the responsive movement of the human heart that follows such hearing.

The transformation of Paul on the road to Damascus stands as a vivid expression of the primacy of grace. Paul does not begin by seeking a new direction. The divine Word addresses him, interrupts his certainties, and invites him into an unforeseen horizon. Hans Urs von Balthasar notes that Paul's vocation reveals how authentic mission arises only when a person allows divine

initiative to redefine the foundations of life. Paul hears a voice that reshapes both his understanding of God and his understanding of himself. His response is not a mere adjustment of behaviour but a surrender to a radically new identity given in Christ.

The Gospel passage for this Sunday presents a parallel dynamic within the first steps of the public ministry of Our Lord. Christ speaks, and those who hear are invited into a new way of living. The scene does not present a dramatic rupture like Paul's, yet it reveals a similar pattern: the divine voice enters ordinary circumstances and invites a willingness to relinquish familiar securities. The response of those who follow Christ expresses a readiness to listen with the whole heart. It also demonstrates that discipleship begins not with self-directed initiative but with attentive receptivity.

Pope Benedict XVI writes that the heart of Christian hearing is "*an obedience that listens, and a listening that obeys*". This insight illuminates

both Paul's conversion and the calling of the first disciples. In each case, divine summons and human response form a single movement of grace. This Sunday therefore encourages us to consider our own disposition to such listening. The call of Christ is not confined to extraordinary moments. It reaches us in prayer, in Scripture, in the quiet movements of conscience, and in the needs of those around us. The question is whether we cultivate the interior readiness that allows God to reorient our path.

By contemplating the beginnings of Christ's ministry alongside the mystery of Paul's conversion, we are invited to rediscover that Christian life is always founded upon this dynamic encounter between the divine call and the human response. To hear with faith and to follow with trust remains the essential shape of every authentic vocation.

Parish Diary:

First Holy Communion: Sun 25 Jan, 9am (Hall) and 5pm (Church).

Confirmation: Sun 25 Jan 4.30pm (St Osmund's School)

Catholicism for the Curious: Mon 26 Jan, 6:30pm (Hall)

There will be no 10 am mass on Tuesday 27 January.

The funeral service of Vincenzo Dallaglio RIP will be held at St Osmund's Church on Tuesday 27 January at 11.30 am. For more information please use the following link:

(<https://www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notices/23-12-2025-vincenzo-dallaglio/>)

This week's Second Collection

This will be for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral, Southwark, the mother church of the diocese. This collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral.

Ambassadors for Christ: A Catholic apologetics resource

The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched a project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?". Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, along with a worksheet to enable groups to use them as part of their faith formation. For more information, please visit: (rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist).

Archdiocesan Pilgrimages for Young Adults

Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are invited to join Archbishop John on pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 7 to 13 June 2026. The cost is £789, which includes flights and full-board accommodation on a shared basis. To book, please visit: (www.tinyurl.com/lourdes26)

National Year of Reading - Parish Book Club

This year has been designated the National Year of Reading, an initiative intended to reconnect reading with the interests that already enrich our lives, from music and sport to film, food, and family life. As a parish, we are exploring the possibility of taking part in this campaign. There is a particular desire to foster a parish reading group or book club, working with the parish priest, which would gently encourage the expansion of our reading habits into works that engage thoughtfully with the life of faith, theology, and Christian spirituality. Anyone who might be willing to assist in helping to shape, organise, or coordinate this initiative should speak with Father Ola after Mass, or contact the parish office by email. The commitment would not be onerous, and there is ample scope for creativity in how such a group might take form. Many thanks in advance for your interest and generosity.

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, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, and Charles Stiller.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently especially Bridget Jabour and Nan Brenninkmeyer, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mary Callaghan Mary and Sonnie O'Connell, Timmy O'Connell, Mary Mango, Eileen Gasson, Canon Francis Moran, John Maguire, Clorinda Gale, Walter Cuss, Margaret Bullen, Patrick Carr, Donna Jordan, and Barbara Kelsey.

Alma Redemptoris Mater

*Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ pèrvia cæli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succùrre cadénti,
Súrgere qui curat pòpulo: tu quæ genuísti,
Natùra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem
Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.*

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