



A warm welcome to

The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 25th Oct

Thirtieth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Bernard Ryan RIP

10:30am Pro-populo

6:30pm Sister Leila O'Brien
RIP

MONDAY 26th Oct

Sts Chad and Cedd (w)

Holy Souls

TUESDAY 27th Oct

Feria (g)

Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 28th Oct

Sts Simon and Jude (r)

Vincent Herbert Egan and
family RIP

THURSDAY 29th Oct

Feria (g)

Saunderson family (Ints)

FRIDAY 30th Oct

Feria (g)

Gerald Keen RIP

SATURDAY 31st Oct

The Blessed Virgin Mary (w/g)

Holy Souls

SUNDAY 1st Nov

All Saints (A) (w)

8:30am Pro-populo

10:30am Andrzej Panufnik
RIP

6:30pm Martin and Kathleen
McCormack RIP

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

A word from the presbytery...

The poet Ovid tells of Narcissus, a youth who caught sight of his own face in a forest pool and could not tear himself away. The nymph Echo, whom he had already spurned, lingered nearby, able only to repeat his last words back to him. Neglecting food and sleep, Narcissus withered at the water's edge. His name has become a byword for loving oneself too much. Yet the tale hides a curious detail: the great lover of self let himself waste away. Whatever he loved in that pool, it was hardly himself.

This Sunday Christ rests the second great commandment upon a love we are presumed already to have: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Some hear in it the familiar maxim, "Do not do to another what you would not have done to you" (cf. Tobit 4:15). It is a wise rule, and it keeps the peace. Left to itself, however, it can harden into a quiet treaty of self-interest: I shall leave you alone, provided you leave me alone. That is good manners. Christ asks for something far larger.

St Thomas Aquinas saw that the commandment takes a love of self for granted, and he made no apology for it. The love with which a person loves himself, he wrote, is "the form and root" of all friendship (Summa Theologiae II-II, q. 25, a. 4). We offer others only what we

have first learnt to hold. Everything turns on order: God first, then oneself in God, then the neighbour for God's sake. The self worth loving is the person God made and destined for himself, and to love that self is to want for it what God wants: truth, goodness, holiness, heaven.

Here Christ gives what Narcissus went looking for in the water. St Paul could speak of "the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). Whoever receives that love discovers his true worth in the gaze of Another. The anxious guarding of oneself and the harsh inner verdict both lose their grip, because the question of one's worth has been answered on the Cross. A self so secured is free to be spent.

That is why, on the night before he died, Christ could raise the measure higher still: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Right love of self was always meant to be a beginning. Whoever has been looked upon by Christ may lift his eyes from the water and hear, at last, the neighbour who has been waiting beside him all along.



PARISH NOTICES



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE & BEYOND

Clocks Go Back This Weekend

A gentle reminder that British Summer Time ends in the early hours of next Sunday, 25 October, when the clocks go back one hour at 2am. Please remember to set your clocks and watches back by one hour before retiring on Saturday evening, so that you are not caught out when preparing for Mass on Sunday morning. All Sunday Masses will be celebrated at the usual times, according to the new time.

Congratulations

We are delighted to announce that Eleanor Archenhold and Goldie Bailey were baptised here on Sun 18 October. 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.

First Holy Communion Preparation 2027

Registration is now open for the parish First Holy Communion programme for children aged eight or over, or in Year 3 or above. Please complete the online form using the link below or by scanning the QR code. There will be a meeting for parents of registered children on **Wednesday 2nd December 2026 at 7pm in the Parish Hall**. Completing the form and attending the meeting are both essential.
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/rZcj8iAs2?origin=lprLink>



Prayer for Pope Leo's Recovery

Lord Jesus, we entrust to You our Holy Father, Pope Leo, as he recovers from lung surgery. Grant him the grace of serenity, and guide those who care for him. Mary, Mother of the Church and Health of the Sick, protect him and be at his side at every moment.

Volunteers needed for Churches Together in Barnes. (CTiB)

Churches Together in Barnes (CTiB), which unites the six Christian parishes of Barnes in fellowship and service to the local community, is seeking a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary supports the twice-yearly meetings by liaising with the Chair, taking and circulating minutes, and acting as a point of contact; basic keyboard skills and access to a printer are needed. The Treasurer, who should have basic accountancy skills, manages the modest funds contributed by the parishes. One suitably qualified person could take on both roles. Please contact Patricia Neate, retiring Secretary, on 07778 356465.

St Osmund's Youth Club

All young people aged 12-17 are to join our thriving parish youth club. Our hope is to offer a welcoming space where young people can grow in friendship with one another and with the Lord. There they can express themselves freely and come to know more deeply the love of Christ. There is no homework and no pressure, simply the chance to grow together in faith and fellowship. The Youth Club meets every Sunday from 5.00 pm and finishes shortly before the 6.30 pm Mass. Please do encourage the young people of your family and acquaintances to come along and join us.

Thames Philharmonic Choir, Sat 19 December, 7pm

Celebrate the festive season and rediscover the wonder of J S Bach's Christmas Oratorio at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square. For more information:

<https://www.thamesphilharmonicchoir.co.uk/>

Wintershall - The Nativity Journey

Discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable event for all the family. 17-20 December. For more information see: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-nativity-journey/>



PARISH DIARY

Parish Youth Club:

Sunday 25 October: 5pm (Hall)

Mothers' Prayers Group:

Tues 3 November: 10:30am (Presbytery)

Family Mass:

Sunday 15 November

St Osmunds Reading Club

Wednesday 18 November: (Presbytery).

Our next book is *Shrines of Gaeity*, Kate Atkinson. All welcome.

And save the date:

Art and Faith Lecture with Dr Teresa Lane

Thursday 19 November (Hall)

St Osmund's Christmas Carol Concert:

Friday 11 December at 7.30pm (Hall)

NEWS FROM ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Reception Class applications

Applications for places in Reception Class in September 2027 are now open. You can apply online through your local authority admissions website. There are open days at the school on Tuesday 20th October at 9:30am and Wednesday 4th November at 9:30am. No booking required. For more information please call 020 8748 3582 or email: info@st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk



PRAYER LIST

For those who are unwell, especially:

Sr Margaret (Byrnes)

Andrzej Dzierzynski

Audrey Smith

Andrew Brodrick-Ward

Phyllis O'Kelly

Janet Waddington

David Stabb

John Scott

Joan Moore

Charles Stiller

Maureen Carr

Nora Timmins



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Leslie Battams

Aurthur Claude Pollard

Patricia Jordan

Christopher Brickell,

Maureen Collins

William Plumbridge

Innes Westmacott

Kathleen O'Kelly

Bridget Dolan

Mary Morrissey

Anne Durham

Rowland Jones,

Margaret Kelly

George Pinney

Mary Connor

Adam Bennett

Bill Morgan



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 mental health ministry

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



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

Recent Parish Second Collections:

Education Sunday 14 Sept: £304.48

Home Mission 21 Sept: £172.86

Augustinian Mission Appeal 27 Sept: £709.79

PACT 5/12 October: £602.40

World Mission Sunday (Missio) 19 Oct: £371.84

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

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