



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.

Thirtieth Sunday (C) Mass Book p 155 Sunday 26 October 2025

Sun 26 th Oct	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Benjamin Yoo RIP Pro-populo Frederick Webber RIP	(g) Thirtieth Sunday (C)
Mon 27 th Oct	10.00am Mass	Hugo D'Arcy RIP	(g) Feria
Tues 28 th Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(r) Sts Simon and Jude
Wed 29 th Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(g) Feria
Thur 30 th Oct	6.30pm Mass	For the donor's intentions	(g) Feria
Fri 31 st Oct	10.00am Mass	Thanksgiving mass	(g) Feria
Sat 1 st Nov	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	(w/g) The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 2 nd Nov	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the donor's intentions Andrzej Panufnik RIP Mrs Ann Clotworthy RIP	(w) All Saints Day

Honest Prayer and the Grace of Humility

There are moments in prayer when silence becomes a mirror. In that stillness, the soul confronts its truth - not what it wishes to be, nor what it pretends to be before others, but what it is before God. Such honest self-examination is the beginning of humility. In this Sunday's Gospel, the difference between self-display and self-knowledge reveals the measure of true prayer. Real prayer does not rely on eloquence or performance; it draws its strength from the courage to be transparent before God, who already knows the depths of our being.

The heart that prays sincerely does not offer God a record of success. It seeks rather to stand in the light of divine mercy and to be known in its poverty. Humility arises not from comparison with others but from the awareness of one's creatureliness. St Augustine said, "the foundation of all virtue is humility, for upon it the whole

edifice of the spiritual life must be built". When the soul names its need truthfully, prayer ceases to be self-presentation and becomes a dialogue of trust.

The tax collector in the Gospel embodies this truth. His words are few, yet his prayer carries the weight of honesty. He knows himself and therefore knows where to stand - within the mercy of God. Such a disposition opens the way to growth because it accepts limitation. Self-righteousness seals the heart within its own achievements, closing the door to grace. One anchors itself in God, the other in self.

Honesty before God does not humiliate; it liberates. To acknowledge one's fragility is to discover a deeper confidence in divine fidelity. St Bernard of Clairvaux called humility "the virtue by which man, knowing himself as he truly is, becomes lowly in his own eyes".

Such knowledge is not self-contempt but self-acceptance in the light of mercy. It transforms guilt into gratitude and weakness into trust.

In a world that prizes self-assurance and outward success, such humility appears as folly. Yet it is this very simplicity that draws one into communion with God. Honest prayer refuses illusion; it anchors the soul in reality. And reality, in the light of faith, is always grace.

To pray with humility is to live truthfully before the One who sees all and loves still. The tax collector went home justified not because he thought little of himself, but because he thought truthfully of himself before God. He recognised that everything begins and ends in mercy. In that recognition, he found peace - the peace of those who know they are creatures, and that God alone is their anchor.

Baptism

We are delighted to announce that Kevin Luke Pereira Alderslade was baptised here on Sun 5 October. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and his family, and assure them of the continued support and prayers of our parish community as they embark on their journey of faith.

Confirmation

If your child is in Year 8 or above and has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation but would like to take part in the Confirmation Preparation Programme 2026, please complete the registration form via the below link or by scanning the QR code. Please note, we will host a Parent's Information meeting on **Sunday, 30 November after 6:30pm Mass.**

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXFzWAQ0H9GC8N5sZ_qm0ZMfg_XXQe00jBOy6RfOZMCpX6Ng/viewform?usp=header)



Parish Vision Meetings

I warmly invite everyone to the second and final parish vision meetings on **Thursday, 27 November at 7:15 pm** in the church hall. Please take time to read the synthesis of our earlier parish consultation beforehand (link provided in online newsletter). Your presence and insights will be most valuable as we continue shaping the future of our parish community in Barnes with faith, commitment, and a spirit of service.

Adult Faith Exploration and Formation Programme

Our Parish will begin a Faith Exploration and Formation Programme on Monday 1 December, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, for those considering joining the Catholic Church - whether unbaptised, baptised in another Christian tradition, or baptised Catholics adults who have not yet received Holy Communion or Confirmation. The programme will continue through the coming months, with the hope that those preparing for the sacraments will be received or baptised at the Easter Vigil on 4 April 2026. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the Church for anyone wishing to take part. These sessions are also open to all parishioners who would like to deepen their understanding of the Faith.

St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Open Mornings

St Osmund's last Open Mornings for parents whose children will start school in Reception class in September next year: 9:30am on 6 November. For more information see: (www.st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk)

Holy Souls Masses in November

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of All Saints, marking the beginning of the month of prayer and remembrance for all our departed brothers and sisters. From next weekend, the Book of Remembrance will be placed in the Narthex for parishioners to inscribe the names of their departed loved ones, who will be prayerfully remembered at all Masses throughout November. Envelopes will also be available for those who wish to include names together with Mass offerings. Please return the completed envelopes, with the names and offerings enclosed, to the Parish Office.

Teas/Coffees Volunteers needed

Please contact Carmel by text or WhatsApp on 07853 169474 if you can help.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Paddy Grafton-Green, James and Audrey Smith, Phyllis O'Kelly, John Scott, Sharon Evans, Janet Waddington, 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: Leslie Battams, Aurthur Claude Pollard, Bill Morgan, Patricia Jordan, Christopher Brickell, Maureen Collins, Anne Durham, William Plumbridge, Bridget Dolan, Mary Morrissey, Kathleen O'Kelly, Innes Westmacott, Rowland Jones, Margaret Kelly, George Pinney, Mary Connor and Adam Bennett.

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 exsiliu ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.

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