



A warm welcome to

The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 27th Sept

Twenty-Sixth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Ian and Gregory
Gomes RIP

10:30am For the intentions of
Catholic artists

6:30pm Holy Souls

MONDAY 28th Sept

St Wenceslaus (r)

Holy Souls

TUESDAY 29th Sept

Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (w)

Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 30th Sept

St Jerome (w)

Holy Souls

THURSDAY 1st Oct

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (w)

Holy Souls

FRIDAY 2nd Oct

The Holy Guardian Angels (w)

Holy Souls

SATURDAY 3rd Oct

The Blessed Virgin Mary (w/g)

Holy Souls

SUNDAY 4th Oct

Twenty-Seventh Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Pro-populo

10:30am Robertson family's
intentions

6:30pm Terence Brizzell RIP

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

A word from the presbytery...

The distance between our chair and the front door may be only a few steps. Yet a great deal can happen along the way. The bell rings just as we have settled down, and our first response is irritation. We have enough to do. We would welcome a little peace. But as we walk towards the door, something shifts. We remember that whoever stands outside has come with a reason. By the time we turn the handle, we may already be more willing to receive them. Those few steps offer a small image of conversion.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives particular weight to the moment when a son reconsiders his refusal to work in his father's vineyard. The words that first escaped his lips could have determined the rest of his day. Instead, he allows himself to think again. His father's request comes to matter more than defending his original answer.

We recognise the struggle involved. Once we have expressed annoyance or refused a request, pride can make us reluctant to change. We begin supplying reasons why our first response was justified. Even when generosity stirs within us, we may hesitate to follow it. There is a certain vulnerability in admitting that we could have answered differently.

Yet Christ opens this possibility to us. An impatient reaction need not settle what happens next. We can still listen more carefully. We can allow the person before us to become more important than the inconvenience we initially felt. The good we struggled to offer remains possible.

This gives a quiet purpose to the small pauses in our day. The walk to the door can hold a brief prayer: "Lord, help me to welcome this person." Within that prayer, we make room for Christ to shape our response. Our feelings may take longer to change, while our willingness to love has already begun to grow.

The Gospel leaves us with a son who goes into the vineyard. His reconsideration becomes an act of love through the work he undertakes. Our own return to the Father can begin just as quietly. Before the door opens, we entrust our reluctance to Christ. Then we turn the handle, ready to offer the welcome that seemed beyond us only a few steps earlier.



PARISH NOTICES



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE & BEYOND

Congratulations

We are delighted to announce that John Gracie Atkinson was baptised here on Sunday 20 September. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and his family, and assure them of the continued support and prayers of our parish community as he embarks on his journey of faith.

Mission Appeal

This weekend we are pleased to welcome Fr Tomas Banayag OSA, who will speak at all Masses on behalf of the missionary work of the Augustinian Order. Fr Tomas belongs to the Order of St Augustine, the same religious family as our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. The Augustinians sustain a wide range of missionary and charitable work across the world. They serve in parishes and schools, care for the poor and the sick, and bring the Gospel to communities in need. Donations may be made at any of our electronic collection points by selecting the 'Mission Appeal' option. Thank you for your support.

St Osmund's School – Mass for the New Academic Year

On Friday 2 October at 9.15am, Father Ola will join the whole staff, pupils and families of St Osmund's School in celebrating Mass to mark the beginning of the new academic year. The Mass will be held in the school itself, so that our youngest children, newly arrived in Reception, may take part more easily. As this is a family Mass, all parishioners are warmly invited to attend, subject to the space available. **For this reason, there will be no Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the parish church at 9.00am that morning.** The 10.00am parish Mass will be celebrated as usual by a visiting priest.

Adoremus 2026, Saturday 10 October

The Adoremus Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John at St George's Cathedral, Southwark at 12pm, followed by a keynote from Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP. A Eucharistic Procession to Westminster Cathedral will follow, culminating in Benediction, Mass, and an all-night vigil. Find out more at: cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026.

Day of Healing

Taking place on Saturday 17 October 2026 from 10am-4pm at St Osmunds Church, Barnes. The day will include Praise and Worship, testimonies, teaching and the opportunity to receive prayer. All are welcome for the day, or to just pop-in. The day is being led by Fr Kevin Dixon, Mrs Helen Callaghan and the Littleway Team. Refreshments will start at 10am. If staying for the day, please bring a packed lunch. Email: info@littlewayhealingministries.com or see littlewayhealingministries.com

Secondary School Transfer Forms

Parents applying for a place at a state Catholic secondary school will need a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by the Parish Priest to support their child's application. To arrange this, please book an appointment **using the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.** We kindly ask that you write your details clearly and book only one time slot per family, so that every family can be seen in good time. Where possible, please choose a slot next to one already taken rather than leaving long gaps between appointments. This will help Father Ola plan his day. Thank you for your help and understanding.

The Season of the Care of Creation: Living Water

Until the end of September, we continue to support WaterAid through donations in the narthex or online ('Care of Creation – Water Aid' tab) and continue with our Toilet Twinning project (www.toilettwinning.org).



PARISH DIARY

Mothers' Prayers Group:

Tues 29 September: 10:30am (Presbytery)

Parish Youth Club:

Sunday 27th September: 5pm (Hall)

Childrens' Mass:

Sunday 11 October

St Osmunds Reading Club:

Wed 14 October September: 7pm

(Presbytery) - (Next book is *The Finest Hotel in Kabul: Lyse Doucet*). All welcome.

St Osmund's Youth Club

The first session of our new parish Youth Club was held last Sunday, and we were delighted by the excellent attendance. 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.

Enquiries about First Holy Communion and Confirmation

A number of you have been in touch regarding the preparation programmes for Confirmation and for First Confession and First Holy Communion. This is simply to reassure you that the dates for both programmes are being settled at present, and that you will be given ample time in which to register for either of them. As soon as the dates and the outline of the programmes are confirmed, we shall invite those interested to register in the usual way, and the announcement will be made in good time and through every means available to us, so that no family is left unaware.



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:

Ferdynand Guzkowski

Alap Cowderoy

Madge Prosser

Winifred Donlon

Margaret Dawson

Geoffrey Hancock

Ian Gomes

Tom Makin

Charles Gaffney

Anna Brooks

Sonia Hilton

Ann Docking

John McNelly



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



THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

For the care of water:

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



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

Augustinian Mission Appeal

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

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

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