



# 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.

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday (C)

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Sunday 5 October 2025

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Gregory Mathew Gomes RIP Pro-populo For the donor's intentions	(g) Twenty-Seventh Sunday (C)
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(g) St Bruno
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) Our Lady of the Rosary
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(g) Feria
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6.30pm Mass	Holy Souls	(w) St John Henry Newman
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) St Paulinus of York
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) St John XXIII
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo For the donor's intentions For the donor's intentions	(g) Twenty-Eighth Sunday (C)

### *Serving without counting the cost*

This Sunday's Gospel offers us an image that may feel uncomfortable. Jesus speaks of a servant who comes in from the fields, only to be asked by his master to serve again at table, without thanks or reward. To modern ears, it seems harsh and unfair. Yet Jesus uses this example to teach us something vital about our relationship with God.

The parable is not about human employers and employees, but about the truth of discipleship in the face of God's greatness. We stand before the One who has given us everything: life itself, faith, hope, love, and the very breath we draw. Nothing we do could ever place God in our debt. St Augustine expressed it beautifully when he wrote, "When God crowns our merits, He crowns

nothing but His own gifts." Our good works and acts of service are themselves possible because of God's generosity.

Seen in this light, humility is not about belittling ourselves, but about living in truth. It is the recognition that our faith and our strength come from God, and that we serve not to earn a reward but because we belong to Him. This humility does not diminish our dignity. On the contrary, it sets us free. For if God owes us nothing yet continues to give us everything, then all our service becomes a joyful response of love, rather than a calculation of what we might gain.

In a world where achievement and recognition are highly prized, Jesus invites us to a different way of living. We are called to serve

without counting the cost, knowing that God's love is not measured in human terms. When we say with the Gospel, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty," these words are not meant to discourage us. They help us to see clearly that our true worth lies in belonging to God and in sharing His life.

The peace that flows from such humility is deep and lasting. It allows us to serve in parish, family, and community without needing applause, because we know the One we serve sees us and loves us. In this lies our joy: not in recognition, but in communion with the Lord who calls us His own.

### **Parish Vision Meetings**

Building on the outcome of the "Called to Bear Fruit" consultation earlier this year, we now look to make the common desires and wishes of our parish community a lived reality. To this end, we are planning two evenings of discernment and conversation, in a synodal style of listening and sharing, to shape a pastoral vision for our parish. The first meeting will take place on Thursday 16 October in the Parish Hall, following the 6.30pm Mass, with the session beginning at 7.15pm. The more parishioners who are able to take part, the better every voice will be heard and the vision we form will truly reflect our life together. A second concluding meeting will follow in November, giving time for prayer and reflection in between.

### **Sacramental Preparation Programmes**

A number of parishioners have been inquiring about the commencement dates and details of First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation programmes. We are currently working with our teams of catechists to finalise arrangements, and this information will be shared with you very soon. Please continue to "watch this space."

### **St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Open Mornings**

St Osmund's will hold a series of Open Mornings for parents whose children will start school in Reception class in September next year: 930am on 16 and 23 October, and 6 November. There will be a presentation followed by a tour of the school by Year 6 pupils and lots of opportunities to ask questions about the school and the admissions process. No need to book, just turn up. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2026. For more information see:

([www.st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk](http://www.st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk))

### **Teas/Coffees Volunteers needed**

We are seeking more volunteers to help with serving teas and coffees in the hall on Sundays after the 10:30am Mass. At present, this important service of hospitality is carried out by only a small number of very generous parishioners. By increasing the number of people on the rota, we will be able to share the responsibility more widely and each individual will be called upon less often. If you are able to give some of your time on Sundays, even occasionally, please contact Carmel by text or WhatsApp on 07853 169474.

### **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 - such as Lourdes, Fatima or Walsingham - 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 Ola for more information.

### **Certificate of Catholic Practice**

For parents requesting a reference from the parish priest for their child's secondary school transfer, the Certificate of Catholic Practice form can be downloaded from the link below. Please complete the form and bring it with you to your meeting with the priest. (<https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Certificate-of-Catholic-Practice-8.pdf>)

Appointments are still available for you to meet with Fr Ola: Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. Please **AVOID** emailing the office scanned copies of your completed forms as the parish priest needs to see you in person. Children are **NOT** required to attend the meeting.

### **Sick List**

For the sick and the suffering especially 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: Alice Wakeling, Robert Walker, James Mahon, Nancy Ansbro, Alex Kelly, Michael Costello, Frederick Webber, Frederick Christian, Wim Cocqueril and John Dougal.

### **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.*

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

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**Sort Code:** 600139

**Account #:** 11311096

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