



# 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-Third Sunday (C)

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Sunday 7 September 2025

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| Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | 8.30am Mass<br>10.30am Mass<br>6.30pm Mass | Fr Jeremiah Cronin RIP<br>Ellen O Sullivan RIP<br>Vincent Herbert Egan and family | (g) Twenty-Third Sunday (C)                 |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | 10.00am Mass                               | Richard Du Parcq RIP  | (w) The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | 10.00am Mass                               | For the donor's intentions  | (w) St Peter Claver                         |
| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | 10.00am Mass                               | For the donor's intentions  | (g) Feria                                   |
| Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept | 6.30pm Mass                                | Fr Anthony Logan RIP  | (r) St Ambrose Barlow                       |
| Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | 10.00am Mass                               | For the donor's intentions  | (w) The Most Holy Name of Mary              |
| Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | 10.00am Mass                               | Holy Souls  | (w) St John Chrysostom                      |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | 8.30am Mass<br>10.30am Mass<br>6.30pm Mass | For the donor's intentions<br>Pro-populo<br>For the donor's intentions            | (r) The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (C)    |

### *Beginning again...*

The Gospel this Sunday from Saint Luke (14:25–33) presents a call that can at first seem stern: Christ speaks of the cost of discipleship, of leaving behind attachments, of carrying the cross. Yet, rather than a word of discouragement, this invitation can be heard as an opening towards a new beginning. At the threshold of the academic year and in the early days of autumn, when routines begin again and life settles after summer's openness, the words of the Lord give us a direction of travel.

Jesus does not ask us to count the cost as though faith were a burden, but to consider carefully what truly gives life. He reminds us that discipleship is not a casual interest but a path walked with

determination. Every September, as children return to school, students step into new classrooms, and adults return to the rhythm of work, there is a sense of renewal in the air. This season, with its fresh notebooks, sharpened pencils, and new timetables, speaks of preparation, of a readiness to invest in something that matters. In much the same way, the Christian life asks us to prepare our hearts, to set aside distractions, and to be ready to walk forward with clarity.

Autumn itself is a teacher. The falling leaves remind us that letting go is not loss but part of the cycle of life. The earth makes space for what is to come. Likewise, Jesus invites us to let go of what binds us, so that space may be created

for God's grace to flourish. The harvests gathered in these weeks remind us that hard work brings fruit, and that nothing is wasted when offered with love.

This Gospel, then, is not a warning that discipleship is too difficult, but a reminder that it is worth everything. Just as no one would begin a building without the confidence of finishing it, so we set out with Christ with trust that He brings our efforts to fulfilment. If we take His hand at the beginning of this new season, He will give us the strength to carry the cross, and in carrying it, we discover freedom.

So as this autumn unfolds, let us embrace the new beginnings before us with faith. May our work, study, and daily life become places where the joy of following Christ is made visible.

Welcome back to parish life after the summer months. Some have travelled, others have remained close to home, and many families now face the joys and anxieties of new schools and fresh beginnings. Whatever these weeks have brought, we return as one parish community, ready to walk the path of faith together. May this season bring peace, courage, and hope to us all. We are glad to confirm that those parish services paused over the summer have now resumed at their usual times.

### **Formal re-opening and blessing of the church hall 21st September 2025**

The Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Buendía, will celebrate the 10:30am Mass at St Osmund's on Sunday 21 September, after which he will re-open and bless our refurbished church hall and join our celebration party with buffet and BBQ. If you are able to attend it would be gratefully appreciated if you could bring a plate of buffet food, either savoury or sweet, from 8:30-10:30am on the day. We also need volunteers to help set and clear up. If you are able to help, please sign up:

([https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14AR\\_Pc8EizwJNFYV7ego5lftZh40IO7zf6umhIHhMc/edit?gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14AR_Pc8EizwJNFYV7ego5lftZh40IO7zf6umhIHhMc/edit?gid=0#gid=0))

Alternatively, you could make a donation of £20 towards the cost of the event through the parish giving portal

(<https://stosmunds.parishportal.net/giving>) or by bank transfer to Barnes St Osmund Main Account (Sort Code: 600139, A/C No 11311096) adding your name and 'Hall' in the reference field or through the digital giving devices in the narthex. Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to the building fund to make possible the refurbishment of the hall; it will be a great and valuable asset for the parish for years to come.

### **Mothers Prayers**

Mothers Prayers is a global network of women who gather to pray in confidentiality for their families. We are mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, and God-mothers who unite to pray from the heart for our children, grand-children, and God-children. Those that attend the prayer meetings regularly find they experience many blessings and a great sense of peace. Here at St Osmund's we meet in-person, after the 10am Mass on Tuesdays, during term time. If you would like to find out more please contact Isabel Boyle on 07810 257172.

### **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 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 Oladele for more information.

### **St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Fundraising Bike Ride**

On 12 and 13 September, 40 parents and teachers from St Osmund's Catholic Primary School are cycling 270km from Barnes to Bruges raising money for the school and for Shooting Stars Children's Hospice. Some are returning cyclists from our epic ride to Paris but many are new cyclists inspired to take on a new challenge for the benefit of both the school and wider community. If you would like to donate towards this amazing challenge and two very worthy causes, please use the link. Any sponsorship will be gratefully welcomed.

(<https://thegreatcycletrip.wixsite.com/bruges>)

### **Sick List**

For the sick and the suffering especially Sister Margaret, John Scott, Sharon Evans, Janet Waddington, James and Audrey Smith, Teresa Cockburn, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Joan Moore, Susan Kelsey, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, and Bridget Jabour.

### **In Remembrance**

For those who have died recently especially Richard DuParcq, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Judith Hiller, Ellen O'Sullivan, Joe Harris, Anne Marie D'Cruz, Barbara Pearson and Ronald Fader.

### **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.*

### **Collection for August 25 - £2892.84**

(This excludes Second collections and all Standing Orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

Please use the QR code below to make a contactless donation to the parish.



Alternatively, you can set-up a one-off donation or stipend online directly from your bank. Please use the following banking details and include your surname and type of donation in the reference field. (ie Surname/Mass Intention, Surname/FHC, Surname/General Donation)

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