



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: Paused for Summer

Baptisms and Weddings: Contact the Parish Office.

Nineteenth Sunday (C) Sunday, 10 August 2025 Mass Book p 121

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 10 th Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Jadwiga Langiewicz RIP Gilbert Hughes RIP For the donor's intentions	(g) Nineteenth Sunday (C)
Mon 11 th Aug	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	(w) St Clare
Tues 12th Aug	9.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) St Jane Frances de Chantal
Wed 13 th Aug	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(r) Sts Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus
Thur 14th Aug	10.00am Mass	Funeral Mass for Hugo D'Arcy RIP	St Maximillian Kolbe
Fri 15 th Aug	10.00am Mass	Rose and Timothy Couch RIP	(w) The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 16th Aug	NO MASS	NO MASS	(w) St Stephen of Hungary
Sun 17 th Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo For the donor's intentions For the donor's intentions	(g) Twentieth Sunday

Quiet Responsibility and the Maturity of Love

One of the clearest signs of spiritual maturity is what a person does when there is no one standing nearby to correct, to notice, or to praise. It is in such conditions that the heart reveals itself - not in the grand gestures, but in the quiet decisions made without attention. The Christian vocation, in its most interior expression, is a call to live generously and attentively even when the context is unremarkable and the impact unseen.

We live in a culture that values visibility, outcomes, and constant supervision. In many areas of life, our worth is measured by how much noise we make or how well we are recognised. But the Christian path moves in a different direction. It requires an attentiveness that is undramatic. It asks us to be consistent in character even when no one is watching. It summons us to honour the small things, the entrusted moments, the daily details that shape

the integrity of a life.

St Bernard of Clairvaux once wrote that the soul grows not by expanding outward, but by deepening inward. This deepening is rarely visible. It takes place in the small acts of fidelity that the world may not notice: in showing up, in choosing patience, in giving quietly, in forgiving without being asked. These things are not impressive, but they are decisive.

It is love, not fear, that enables this hidden fidelity. Fear eventually becomes exhausted by its own anxiety. Love, by contrast, deepens its attention over time. The one who loves becomes more attentive, not less. Love seeks no recognition, not because it is indifferent to being known, but because it rests in the quiet knowledge that the beloved already sees. And in that knowledge, it finds enough reason to persevere.

This Sunday's Gospel, taken from Luke 12:32-48, evokes precisely this interior

landscape. The Gospel does not describe panic, but trust. Responsibility becomes not a burden, but a dignified reply to having first been loved and entrusted with something precious.

To be entrusted with something - even something small - is never insignificant in the Christian life. It is a sign of confidence placed in us by God. That trust is not conditional on how spectacular the result may be, but on whether we receive what is given with care, reverence, and responsibility.

The mature disciple does not wait to be watched. Love itself is enough to sustain the task. And in this love, the hidden becomes holy.

Mass at 9am on Tues, 12 August

Mass on Tuesday, 12 August will be at the earlier time of 9am (not 10am), as I need to attend a commitment elsewhere later in the day. Thank you for your understanding.

Summer revised parish services times

Weekday morning Masses at 10am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, as well as all Sunday Masses and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will continue as usual. However, the Thursday 6.30pm Mass, Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 9am, and the Saturday 10am Mass will be temporarily paused from the week of 21 July and will recommence in September.

Baptisms

We are delighted to announce that Elysia Zhanna Schenk and Rory and Finleigh Byrne were baptised here on Sun 3 August. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to them and their family, and assure them of the continued support and prayers of our parish community as they embark on their journey of faith.

21 September hall reopening event

Our parish celebration event to commemorate the reopening of the hall will take place on Sunday, 21 September, after the 1030 am Mass, in the hall and the presbytery garden. We now have a team of volunteers who have offered their help. If you would still like to help and have not responded yet, please email (barnes@rcaos.org.uk).

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next retreat date: 17-19 October. Please see www.retrouvaille.org.uk or call Mob 0788 7296983 for further information.

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.

Foodbank

Please continue to give generously. Items required include long-life or tinned meats, fish, pasta sauces, fruits, custard/rice pudding, soups, vegetables, potatoes (tinned or instant), tea, coffee, fruit, nut butters, jams, honey, UHT fruit juice, UHT Milk and cooking oil, as well as any toiletries. Thank you.

Barnes Charity Bike Sale

Taking place on Sat 13 September 2025 from 9.30 am to midday at St Mary's Church. For more information please see:

www.barnescharitybikesale.co.uk

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, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bishara Abboud, Edward Wall, Josie Flood, Tom Phillips, Ted Keen, William Cullinan, Sheila Cook, Mary Twohig, and Nuala Morgan.

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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Account Name - Barnes St Osmund Main Account

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