



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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Mass Times

Sundays: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 10.00am Mon, Wed, Fri &
6.30pm Thurs

Confession: Sundays 9:45am – 10:15am & 6pm - 6:20pm

Baptisms and Weddings: Contact the Parish

Office Hours: 10:00am - 2:00pm Wed, Thurs & Fri
The parish email account is monitored regularly.

Twenty-Third Sunday (A) Sunday 10 September 2023 Mass Book p. 125

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 10 th Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Vincent Herbert Egan and Family RIP Pro-populo	Twenty-Third Sunday (A)
Mon 11th Sept	NO MASS	NO MASS	St Ambrose Barlow
Tue 12 th Sept	10.00am	Service of the Word	Most Holy Name of Mary
Wed 13th Sept	NO MASS	NO MASS	St John Chrysostom
Thur 14th Sept	NO MASS	NO MASS	The Exaltation of The Holy Cross
Fri 15 th Sept	10.00am Mass	For unity in response to the climate emergency.	Our Lady of Sorrows
Sun 17 th Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For unity in response to the climate emergency. Ellen O'Sullivan RIP	Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A)

Reflection

I love checklists. I love their order and clarity, my life deceptively laid out with remarkable tidiness. Checking things off, I enjoy a brief moment of satisfaction, a fleeting sense of accomplishment. My checklists have recently morphed into ubiquitous Post-it notes. Even more satisfying than crossing off a “thing to do” is throwing away one of those sticky yellow squares. We see the ultimate checklist: the Ten Commandments, which have guided generations of Jews and Christians. Too often, however, they have been misunderstood, oversimplifying what it means to live a good life. To show that you are a “good” Jew or Christian, just check off the list: do this, avoid that. Done.

This approach misses the underlying purpose of the Commandments. They are not an end in themselves. Nor are they intended to turn our lives into an ethical Olympiad, joylessly testing our endurance and willpower. Instead, they are a means to deeper friendship with God and others. They reflect the wisdom of the ages, which declares, for example, that lying and stealing destroy relationships and make us miserable. More positively, resting on the Sabbath cultivates inner peace and gratitude for God’s gifts. In this way, the Commandments are, in the words of Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP, “a declaration of love.” The Commandments instil habits and virtues that lead to a truly happy life. Radcliffe points out that moral guidelines are not primarily about what we can and cannot do “any more than the point of playing football is to obey the rules, necessary though they may be.” While instilling discipline, the rules also help us enjoy the game! Considered in this refreshing way, the Commandments are the path to enduring satisfaction. (Fr. Kevin O’Brien SJ)

This Sunday's collection: Catholic Education Service

Second collection on Sun 10 Sept will be on behalf of the Catholic Education Service (CES) which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops Conference to support Catholic education. There are over 2000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one third of all the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education.

Cycle of prayer intentions during the Autumn

For the harvest, the fruits of human work, and for the reverent use of creation, especially on 1 Sept. The World Day of prayer for the care of creation until 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. For students and teachers; Education Sunday, 10 Sept.

For justice and peace in the world; Harvest Feast Day, 6 Oct.

For prisoners and their families; Sunday 8 Oct.

For the spread of the Gospel; World Mission Sunday, 22 Oct.

For all victims of war, Remembrance Sunday, 12 Nov.

For young people, especially on the Feast of Christ the King; Sunday 26 Nov.

"God always forgives, we men forgive sometimes, but nature never forgives. If you give her a slap, she will give you one. I believe that we have exploited nature too much." Pope Francis.

Pope Francis prayer in September

For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Glass Door's Sleep Out

This annual event will be taking place on Friday 6 Oct 2023. Participants give up their bed for one night to give someone a chance to leave homelessness behind. Find out more and sign up at: <https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/Event/sleep-out-2023>

Call for Jam Jars

Margaret has run out and is again in need of your spare jam jars for her delicious home-made jams and other preserves. Please leave them for her to collect at the back of the church. Your help is much appreciated.

Pakistan

Up to 15 church buildings have been attacked and hundreds of Christian homes destroyed in Pakistan. Police arrested 129 people after a mob angered by an alleged Quran desecration attacked churches and homes of minority Christians. Two Christian men have also been arrested. Pray for the Church in Pakistan.

Priest Reference Forms for Secondary School Transfer

Sign-up sheets will be available at the end of September for you to book an appointment with Monsignor to have your Secondary School forms signed. For your reference, below is a listing of both Catholic State and Independent schools that serve our parish:

Catholic State Schools:

Cardinal Vaughan (boys) Gumley House (girls)
Wimbledon College (boys) London Oratory (boys)
Sacred Heart (girls) Ursuline (girls)
St Richard Reynolds (mixed)
Gunnersbury (boys)

Catholic Independent Schools:

The Marist School, Ascot
St Mary's, Ascot
Woldingham School, Caterham
Worth School, Crawley
St Benedict's, Ealing
More House, Sloane Square
St Catherine's, Twickenham.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Susan Kelsey, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, Serge Moussalli and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: 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 exsiliium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.