



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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Mass Times

Sundays: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 10.00am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Thurs (6.30pm)

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.

Sunday Newsletter

Sunday, 11 August and Sunday 18 August 2024

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Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 11 th Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Jadwiga Langiewicz RIP Pro-populo	Nineteenth Sunday (B)
Mon 12 th Aug	10.00am Mass		St Jane Frances de Chantal
Tues 13 th Aug	10.00am Mass		Sts Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus
Wed 14th Aug	10.00am Mass	Funeral Mass Barbara Doherty RIP	St Maximilian Kolbe
Thur 15th Aug	10.00am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Rose and Timothy Couch RIP	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 16 th Aug	10.00am Mass		St Stephen of Hungary
Sun 18 th Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo	Twentieth Sunday (B)
Mon 19 th Aug	10.00am Mass		St John Eudes
Tues 20 th Aug	10.00am Mass		St Bernard
Wed 21 st Aug	10.00am Mass		St Pius X
Thur 22 nd Aug	6.30pm Mass		The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 23 rd Aug	10.00am Mass		St Rose of Lima
Sun 25 th Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Anthony Elliot RIP	Twenty-first Sunday (B)

Reflection

In the sixth installment of the Catechesis on Prayer, the late Pope Benedict XVI examined the significant roles of prophets in ancient Israel, focusing on Elijah, whose name, meaning "The Lord is my God," embodied his mission to rekindle the Israelites' faith in the one true God. Elijah's fervent efforts to lead Israel back to God were highlighted, with reference to the Book of Sirach, which described Elijah as one whose words "burned like a torch" (Sir 48:1). His ministry was marked by profound acts of prayer and intercession, notably his plea to God on Mount Carmel to reveal His power and convert the Israelites' hearts. Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal during King Ahab's reign in the ninth

century BC was recounted. At that time, Israel had fallen into syncretism, worshipping both the Lord and Baal. Elijah called for a decisive test on Mount Carmel, challenging the people to choose between the Lord and Baal, thus setting the stage for a dramatic display of divine power. Pope Benedict XVI reflected on the significance of this episode, by asking, what this history of the past tell us? Responding, he suggested that firstly, the priority of the first Commandment was emphasized: worship God alone. Whenever God disappears, man falls into the slavery of idolatry, as shown by totalitarian regimes and various forms of nihilism. Secondly, the primary aim of prayer is conversion, the flame

of God that transforms our hearts and enables us to live for God and others. Thirdly, the Fathers tell us that Elijah's story foreshadows the future Christ; it is a step towards Christ. True worship of God, therefore, is giving oneself to God and to men and women, true worship is love. And true worship of God does not destroy but renews, transforms. Of course, the fire of God, the fire of love burns, transforms, purifies, but in this very way does not destroy but rather creates the truth of our being, recreates our heart. And thus, truly alive through the grace of the fire of the Holy Spirit, of love of God, we are worshippers in spirit and in truth.

The funeral mass for Barbara Doherty RIP will take place on Wed 14 Aug at 10 am. Thurs 15 Aug is a Day of Obligation with masses at 10am and 6.30pm.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for August

For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Olympics: message from Pope Francis

Pope Francis, in a message to the Archbishop of Paris heralded the Games as an opportunity to break down prejudices and bring friendship where there is hatred. "The Olympic Games are, by their very nature, about peace, not war," the Holy Father wrote. "I hope that the Paris Olympics will be an unmissable opportunity for all those who come from around the world to discover and appreciate each other, to break down prejudices, to foster esteem where there is contempt and mistrust, and friendship where there is hatred." The Pope also expressed his belief that sport can unite and encourage dialogue: "Sport is a universal language that transcends frontiers, languages, races, nationalities and religions; it has the capacity to unite people, to encourage dialogue and mutual acceptance; it stimulates the surpassing of oneself, forms the spirit of sacrifice, fosters loyalty in interpersonal relations; it invites people to recognise their own limits and the value of others."

Free School Meals from the Richmond Housing Project - summer holidays

Please see details on the posters in the church or: (https://www.richmond.gov.uk/free_school_meals)

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club

Do you enjoy walking in the countryside? We have been leading weekly walks for like-minded people since 1930. Walks take place in the South East of England and are accessible by public transport. Membership is open to all walkers who are happy to respect our Catholic ethos. Make new friends, enjoy fresh air and get fit at the same time! For further details please visit: (www.stfrancisramblers.ukwalkers.com) or email: (stfrancisramblers@gmail.com).

Run the Royal Parks Half Marathon in aid of The Passage

Applications open for the London Landmarks Half Marathon provisionally set for Sun 6 April 2025. The route showcases the iconic sites of London through 4 Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James’s Park and Green Park going past some of the capital’s most historic landmarks. Distance: 13.1 miles, Reg fee: £25, Fundraising target: £350. Money raised will go towards helping the homeless. Sign up here: (<https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/london-landmarks-half-marathon/>)

Marymount International School London

All-Girls Catholic Day and Boarding School
Next open day: Sat, 21 Sept 2024
Register online here: (www.marymountlondon.com)

Ursuline High School, Wimbledon

We welcome parents, carers and students seeking Year 7 entry in 2025 to this outstanding Catholic all girls school. Please sign up to open evenings/ mornings via website: (www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events)

QR code for DONA portal donations St Osmunds

There are now posters in the church porch with a QR code which will take you to our 'Dona' portal – this will enable you to make a contactless donation to the parish without using the devices inside the church. This may be particularly useful if there is a queue for these devices, or they are not working properly. You can find the same QR code below:



As always, we are very grateful for all your support.

Food Bank Appeal

Long-life or tinned good as well as all toiletries are greatly appreciated.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Audrey Smith, 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: Edward Wall, Josie Flood, Tom Phillips, Ted Keen, William Cullinan, Sheila Cook, Mary Twohig, Nuala Morgan, Patrick Rae, Michael McCaughey, Margaret Fitzsimons, Diane Durie and Rorie Duncan.

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.