



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.

Fifteenth Sunday (C) Sunday, 13 July 2025 Mass Book p 108

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 13 th July	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Grace Lynch RIP Brona Boyle RIP Pro-populo	(g) Fifteenth Sunday (C)
Mon 14 th July	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	(w) St Camillus de Lellis
Tues 15 th July	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) St Bonaventure
Wed 16 th July	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Thur 17 th July	6.30pm Mass	For the donor's intentions	(g) Feria
Fri 18 th July	10.00am Mass	Patrick Joseph Greenan RIP	(g) Feria
Sat 19 th July	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w/g) The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 20 th July	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo For the donor's intentions For the donor's intentions	(g) Sixteenth Sunday (C)

Reflection

There are some weeks when the Gospel reading meets us with uncanny precision, as though the words were spoken directly into the swirl of the present moment. This Sunday is such a time. As we sit with the parable of the Good Samaritan, our hearts are also carrying the weight of recent news: the devastating flood in the Texas USA which claimed the lives of many, including innocent children at a summer camp; the ongoing and unspeakable toll of wars in here in our continent and other regions where violence has become routine; and the persistent divisions in public discourse that pit neighbour against neighbour across lines of nationality, race, or belief.

It is tempting, sometimes, to shield ourselves from such sorrow - to look away or explain it away. But

the parable Jesus gives us does not permit that luxury. It does not flatter our instincts for self-preservation. Instead, it confronts us with the figure of the wounded man lying by the roadside - anonymous, abandoned, vulnerable - and asks us, with unsettling directness: "*Will you stop?*"

The priest and the Levite do not stop. They pass by. Perhaps they had good reasons. But reasons are not what Jesus praises. He praises the Samaritan. The one whose identity should have made him least likely to act, becomes the only one who truly "*sees*". He does not only feel pity - he draws near. He binds wounds. He shoulders the burden. He interrupts his plans.

This is the Gospel's demand: not simply to feel compassion, but to act from it. And in this moment of real

human suffering - when so many lie bleeding by the roadsides of war, disaster, or neglect - we are asked again: "*Will we draw near?*"

The Gospel presents us with a searching question. *Who, in truth, is our neighbour?* And our Lord does not offer us a tidy definition. Instead, He reframes the question altogether. It is not about how to identify our neighbour, but about how to become one.

We cannot solve the world's pain, but we can refuse to be among the passers-by. We can pray with sincerity. We can give from what we have. We can teach our children to see others with mercy. We can speak gently in a world grown harsh. In all these small ways, we walk the road of the Samaritan. And we discover, as we do so, that it is the road Christ Himself has walked for us.

Save the date! - Reopening of Our Parish Hall, Sunday 21 September

Since the beginning of the year, our parish hall has been closed for major refurbishment. We are now pleased to share that the main phase of the work is nearly complete. A few minor tasks remain, but the space will soon be fully ready for parish use.

As many are away or preparing for summer holidays, it has been suggested that the formal reopening be held in September, once most parishioners have returned.

We are therefore delighted to invite everyone to join us on Sunday 21 September for a community celebration marking the relaunch of our newly refurbished hall, following the 1030am Mass. The gathering will be in the spirit of parish hospitality - a bring-and-share event with cakes, desserts, tea, coffee, wine, and other refreshments offered and enjoyed together.

This gathering will be a welcome opportunity to reconnect and to give thanks for the renewal of this space at the heart of our parish life. To help with preparations, we hope to form a small group of parishioners - a kind of social committee - to coordinate the event. If you are happy to assist, please speak with Fr Ola after Mass or email the parish office (barnes@rcaos.org.uk).

This week's Second Collection: Stella Maris

Stella Maris is a Catholic Charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Stella Maris is part of an international network working in more than 250 ports around the world. The life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year away from home. Stella Maris relies on voluntary contributions, and can only continue its work through the donations of its supporters, particularly this collection. Donate by visiting (www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting

'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its work. Thank you.

A lifechanging opportunity!

Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately? The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course will commence on 18 October 2025 and the cost will be £400 per year. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £800. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details can be found here:

(<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>). Please see Fr Ola if you would like to discuss this further as support with funding may be available.

Pope Leo XIV's intention for July

Formation in discernment: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Thank you - Barnes Fair

We are deeply grateful to the members of the PTFA of St Osmund's School, parents, school staff, and the volunteers of our parish for their hard work in making this year's Barnes Fair on Saturday, a huge success. This yearly event shows the strong bond between our parish community and school, and it depends on the quiet efforts of many working behind the scenes. We are grateful to those who donated items for sale, those who kindly looked after the stall all day, and everyone who supported us by buying. Your generosity helps build our community and its spirit.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially 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: Mary Teresa Dolan, Mary Theresa de Freitas, Peter Blair, Teresa Clancy, Aileen Lynch and Wanda Prenkowska.

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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