



# 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.

## Sixth Sunday (C) Mass Book p139 Sunday, 16 February 2025

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Patricia Bradley RIP Pro-populo Ted and Brigid McCormack RIP	Sixth Sunday (C)
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am Mass		Feria
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am Mass		Feria
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am Mass		Feria
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.30pm Mass	Holy Souls	Feria
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10.00am Mass	Gladys, Daisy and Cynthia Smith RIP	St Peter Damian
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10.00am Mass		The Chair of St Peter the Apostle
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Kathleen and Martin Mc Cormack RIP Pro-populo	Seventh Sunday (C)

## Reflection

Though it is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, today also carries a significance that reaches beyond the immediate moment. In the older liturgical calendar, this Sunday was known as Septuagesima Sunday, marking seventy days before Easter. While not yet in the Lenten season, this former observance served as a subtle reminder that the Christian life is one of preparation, attentiveness, and renewal. True discipleship does not unfold by chance; it requires intention, commitment, and the willingness to be shaped by Christ's teaching.

The Gospel this Sunday presents St Luke's version of the Beatitudes (Luke 6:17, 20-26), a passage that upends conventional wisdom. While St Matthew's account speaks of poverty "in spirit," St Luke's

Gospel is uncomfortably direct: "Blessed are you who are poor," "Blessed are you who hunger now," "Blessed are you who weep now." Christ speaks not in abstractions but in concrete realities, showing a divine preference for those who have little and suffer much. Just as striking are his warnings: "Woe to you who are rich," "Woe to you who are full now." It is not wealth or comfort itself that Our Lord condemns, but the peril of self-sufficiency - the illusion that earthly security is enough.

To be a disciple of Christ means to embrace a new way of seeing, where the world's measures of success - power, wealth, influence - are revealed as fleeting. Christ does not merely sympathise with the poor and suffering; he stands among them. To follow our Lord is to adopt his

priorities, to take to heart what he takes to heart.

Saint John Paul II frequently returned to this theme, insisting that the Christian cannot remain indifferent in the face of suffering. In *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, he wrote that the "preferential option for the poor" is not a passing concern but a demand of justice and love. It is not an ideology but a requirement of the Gospel. True discipleship, he taught, means recognising Christ in those the world forgets and allowing our own lives to be shaped by that recognition.

As disciples of Christ, are we willing to let Christ's words unsettle us? Are we prepared to measure our lives not by what we possess, but by the love we give? This is the challenge of discipleship: not to settle for comfort, but to choose the way of Christ.

**Baptism**

We are delighted to announce that Eldorado Payne was baptised here on Sun 9 February. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and his family, and assure them of the continued support and prayers of our parish community as he embarks on his journey of faith.

**Pope Francis' prayer intention for February**

For Vocations To The Priesthood And Religious Life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**This Sunday's Second Collection: Racial Justice**

Today's collection supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in the wider society.

**Next Sunday's Second Collection: Clergy Support Fund**

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes. You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at ([www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF)). You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

**Called to Bear Fruit**

We continue to encourage every member of our parish to take part in the on-going consultation requested by the Archbishop. Anyone wanting to join small groups of 4-7 people to take part in the "Called to Bear Fruit" consultation being organised by Southwark Diocese covering themes in the "Called to Bear Fruit" booklets is very welcome to contact one of the group facilitators Stephen Donnelly at ([donnellysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnellysm@hotmail.com)) who will be running groups on Sun 2 and 16 March 9.15-10.15am at the back of church. Let him know if you would like to join at that time. If some of you wish to form other groups, please feel free to do so.

**Help needed – brass and silver cleaners**

We need a team to help polish candles holders and other brassware especially in preparation for major festivals (Christmas and Easter). Occasional hours only. Training will be provided. Please contact the parish office ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk)) if have a few hours to spare.

**Gift aid envelopes**

Please collect your named Gift Aid box from the narthex containing envelopes up to April 2026. If you are expecting a box and cannot see your name, please contact the parish office: ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk)).

**Clerk to the School Governing Board**

St Osmund's School seeks a suitable person to act as clerk to the governing board. The role includes taking minutes, preparing agenda, and advising the board on compliance matters. It is a paid position requiring about 100-150 hours per annum at £18 per hour. Training is available. Most meetings take place in the evening. Please speak to the chair, Andrew Cole, or email him at ([a.cole@st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:a.cole@st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk)). The School also needs someone to take minutes at meetings in the meantime.

**Parent readers needed at St Osmund's School**

The school is very thankful that a number of parents and parishioners visit our parish school to hear children read. If you would like to join the team once a week or fortnight for an hour or so, please contact Deborah O'Sullivan, English coordinator, at the school: [d.osullivan@st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:d.osullivan@st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk).

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

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



**Sick List**

For the sick and the suffering especially Sr Mairead Quigley RSCJ, 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 Battams, Susan Keane, Ellen Danby, Nova Mallalieu, Mona Bruce, Rose Couch, John Codrington, Terence O'Neill, Desmond Osbourne and Michael Donovan.

**Ave Regina Caelorum:**

*Ave, Regina Caelorum,  
Ave, Domina Angelorum:  
Salve, radix, salve, porta  
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:  
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,  
Super omnes speciosa,  
Vale, o valde decora,  
Et pro nobis Christum exora.*