



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.

Fifteenth Sunday (A) Mass Book p. 102 Sunday, 16 July 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 16 th July	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the welfare of John Harries Fr Anthony Logan RIP For the Benefactors of the Parish	Fifteenth Sunday (A)
Mon 17 th July	10.00am Mass		Feria
Tue 18 th July	10.00am	Service of the Word	Feria
Wed 19 th July	10.00am Mass		Feria
Thur 20th July	NO MASS	NO MASS	St Apollinaris
Fri 21 st July	10.00am Mass	Mary and Ellen Donovan and family RIP	St Lawrence of Brindisi
Sun 23 rd July	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo	Sixteenth Sunday (A)

Reflection

Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

We have invented clever machines which should enable us to rest: washing machines, dishwashers, microwaves, smartphones. Yet we are busier than ever, fretfully texting, messaging, phoning.

Maybe we fear to face ourselves. This is to forget who we are. In the myths of Israel's neighbours, such as the Canaanites, the gods created human beings to be their slaves. Humans were supposed to do all the cooking and cleaning, and offering sacrifices so that the gods could loll around in the heavens, eating and drinking. But the God of Israel did something utterly scandalous. He invited us to share his Sabbath rest. It is as if Lord Grantham in Downton Abbey were to invite a young footman to put up his feet and take a seat at the dining room table.

What is this rest that God desires for us? "No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." The Father and the Son rest in each other's gaze. It is here, in the gentle gaze of our God, that we find the tranquillity for which we long. Each of us is called to transmit this peace and receive it in how we gaze at each other.

A story from the ancient Desert Fathers shows that sometimes words are not necessary. It is enough to delight in the presence of another. Three of the desert fathers used to visit the great St. Antony each year. Two used the occasion to ask him questions. The third was always silent, and when Antony asked him why he bothered to come, he said: "It is enough for me to see you, Father."

(Fr Timothy Radcliffe, OP, is former master general of the Order of Preachers)

St Osmund's School closes on Friday for Summer Break. Happy holidays to Mrs Lunney, teachers, parents, support staff and pupils.

A huge thank you to all who contributed to making this year's Barnes Fair such a success - from baking delicious items, to looking after the stall on Saturday afternoon. It was a real team effort and having lots of wonderful cakes and sweet treats to sell made the day go even better.

Pope Francis prayer in July

For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

FiSH AGM 2023

The Trustees invite you to attend the FiSH AGM at 4pm on Tues 25 July, Barnes Green Centre, Church Road, SW13 9HE. After the formal business there will be video outlining events and activities that FiSH does throughout the year as well as the 60th anniversary appeal and hopes for FiSH over the coming years. Please RSVP to info@fishhelp.org.uk

St Francis of Assisi exhibition, National Gallery

The St Francis of Assisi exhibition at the National Gallery is on until 30 July and is worth a visit. For tickets: (<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/saint-francis-of-assisii>)

Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ

If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from October 6-8; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

New cardinal of Hong Kong

Stephen Chow Sau-Yan SJ aged 63 began his episcopal ministry in 2021 against the difficult background created in Hong Kong by the national security law imposed by Beijing to crush the pro-democracy movement. Cautious by nature, Cardinal Chow is firmly convinced of the importance of avoiding divisions. Yet, in recent months, he has not shied away from the difficulties Hong Kong is facing today. The appointment of Bishop Chow as a cardinal is important because it comes at a time when the city and the diocese of Hong Kong face one of the most difficult moments in their history. This appointment indicates that Pope Francis and the Holy See are close and attentive to the bishop, the diocese, and the people of Hong Kong. (Source Catholic Asia News)

Foodbank

The Foodbank is short of tinned items such as stews, rice pudding, custard and long life milk.

Office Administrator - St Osmund's School

The governors are seeking to appoint an able and experienced individual who can provide high quality administrative duties in our thriving parish school. The role is term time only and based on a 12:30 - 5pm working pattern, 22.5 hours per week, 40 weeks per year, based upon the operational requirements of the school office. For further information, please visit the vacancies section of our school website:

(<https://www.st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk/>)

Starting date: 4 Sept 23 (with training available before the school summer holiday).

Cathedral Mass in celebration of marriage

If you are celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on 23 September. Give your details to your parish priest or email them to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk The deadline is 31 July.

The Passage - Secret Garden Party

This flagship summer event is taking place on Thurs 20 July at 6pm in the beautiful surroundings of the historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey. Enjoy a delicious barbecue buffet, unlimited drinks (beer, wine, Pimm's and soft drinks) and entertainment supporting the work of The Passage, helping towards our vision of a society where everyone has a place to call home. Purchase tickets here: (<https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/secret-garden-party/>) or call 020 7592 1856.

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, especially Bernard Blair and Mary Teresa Dolan, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mary Theresa de Freitas, Peter Blair, Teresa Clancy, Mark de Santis, 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 exsilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.