



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-Fourth Sunday (A) Sunday 17 September 2023 Mass Book p. 128

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
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 Pro-populo	Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A)
Mon 18 th Sept	10.00am Mass	Fr Kevin St Aubyn RIP	St Edith
Tue 19 th Sept	10.00am	Service of the Word	St Theodore
Wed 20 th Sept	10.00am Mass	Mary Donovan RIP	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon
Thur 21 st Sept	6.30pm Mass		St Matthew
Fri 22 nd Sept	10.00am Mass	For unity in response to the climate emergency.	Feria
Sun 24 th Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Georgina Chevallier RIP Ian Gomes RIP Pro-populo	Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A)

Reflection

You have loved us first, O God, alas! We speak of it in terms of history as if You have only loved us first but a single time, rather than that without ceasing. You have loved us first in many things and every day and our whole life through. When we wake up in the morning and turn our soul toward You – You are the first – You have loved us first; if I rise at dawn and at the same second turn my soul toward You in prayer, You are there ahead of me, You have loved me first. When I withdraw from the distractions of the day and turn my soul toward You, You are the first and thus forever. And yet we always speak ungratefully as if You have loved us first only once. (Søren Kierkegaard)

Bishop Howard Tripp's Year's Mind Mass for him will be celebrated at St George's Cathedral on Wed 4 Oct at 12.30pm. Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the main celebrant.

This Sunday's Second collection: Evangelii Gaudium

Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer, Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.
- Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024.

Priest Reference Forms for Secondary School Transfer

Sign-up sheets will be available next week for dates during Oct and Nov for you to book an appointment with Monsignor to have your Secondary School forms signed. Below is a list of both Catholic State and Independent schools that serve our parish:

Catholic State Schools:

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| 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.

Cap on Free Schools

The 2,175 Catholic schools in England and Wales continue to be successful in educating more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds, as well as routinely outperforming national averages in GCSE English, Maths and Religious Studies. However, since 2010 the Church has not been able to open new free schools due to a government policy capping at 50% the number of Catholics a Catholic school can take in if oversubscribed. This 50% cap would result in Catholic pupils being refused admission, which is against canon law. The Catholic Union's campaign to scrap this arbitrary cap, would ensure that parents have the choice of a Catholic education for their child: For more information see: www.CatholicUnion.org.uk

St Osmund's School Barnes to Paris Bike Ride

280km, 2 days - That is the challenge! 32 brave parents and teachers (including Mrs Lunney) will set off from Barnes Green on 15 Sept. Many of the cyclists are complete novices but all are committed to the challenge. The aim of the ride is to raise money for the school as well as The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity - 2 very worthy causes, chosen directly by the pupils themselves. The training has begun - waistlines are reducing, friendships are growing and excitement is building. Join us for the Grande Depart at 8:30am on Sept 15th and by contributing to the fundraising total via the link: <https://www.st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk/fundraising-barnes-to-paris-bike-ride/>

THE MEN'S GROUP

Our next meeting is on Thursday 21st September, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, over the river at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward Church, Chiswick High Road (enter via passageway to right of church). Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a presentation on "The Main Protagonists and the Legacy of Early Christian Monasticism", followed by a drink at The Lamb pub. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: donnellysm@hotmail.com or just turn up.

Here I Stand: On the Front Line in Ukraine

Autumn lecture Series, Here I Stand, I Can Do No Other on Mon 18 Sept, 7pm at St Martin in the Fields, London, with Fr Vitaliy Novak, Lindsey Hilsum, Emma Graham-Harrison and Mike Wooldridge.

Job Vacancy- Parish Faith Minister for Youth

The Sacred Heart Parish, Wimbledon seeks a Faith Minister to help promote the mission of the Church to young people of the parish, and co-ordinate youth programmes. Salary: £29,736 a year, 35 hrs pw. See: wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk Closing date 16 Oct.

Sick List

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

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Jonathan Goodall, Jim Carr, Leonard Brajou, Robina Brown, Vera Strobera, John Kennedy, Patrick Hayes, Julie Dean, Lily McLoughlin, Edward Ryan, Patsy Crudden and Margueritte Glennie.

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.