



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: Paused for Summer

Baptisms and Weddings: Contact the Parish Office.

Sixteenth Sunday (C) Sunday, 20 July 2025 Mass Book p 111

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
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)
Mon 21 st July	10.00am Mass	Mary and Ellen Donovan and relatives RIP	(w) St Lawrence of Brindisi
Tues 22 nd July	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	(w) St Mary Magdalene
Wed 23 rd July	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) St Bridget
Thur 24th July	NO MASS	NO MASS	(r) St John Boste
Fri 25 th July	10.00am Mass	Annie Saunders and William Oakden RIP	(r) St James
Sat 26th July	NO MASS	NO MASS	(w) Sts Joachim and Anne
Sun 27 th July	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo For the donor's intentions For the donor's intentions	(g) Seventeenth Sunday (C)

Reflection on the Gospel

There are moments in life when our good intentions, even those rooted in love, lead us away from the very source that gives them meaning. In the story of this Sunday's Gospel reading, we see something more profound than a simple contrast between action and contemplation. What emerges instead is the subtle, often unexamined reality of distraction - that interior restlessness which makes us feel we are always slightly behind, never fully present, even to those we love most.

It is easy to assume that our worth is tied to the visible, measurable, and productive. Many today carry this burden silently: the parent constantly juggling responsibilities yet wondering if they are doing enough; the elderly

carer who keeps going without ever allowing themselves to be still; the young person pressured to perform, to decide, to achieve. The Gospel today points to something gently liberating: our deepest need is not to do more, but to be with Christ in the midst of it all.

Saint John Henry Newman, who himself knew the pressures of public ministry and academic expectation, once remarked that "a thousand difficulties do not make one doubt." We might say the same about responsibilities: many tasks do not mean we are far from the Lord, but they do require discernment. When the noise of expectation grows louder than the quiet presence of love, something begins to fray within us. And yet, Jesus does not chastise the burdened soul; He redirects it.

Hans Urs von Balthasar noted that the mystery of love "does not lie in doing but in letting oneself be loved." This is not passivity but surrender. It requires the courage to believe that our value begins not with what we offer, but with who we are in His gaze. That gaze is not won by labour - it is given, always.

There will always be dishes to wash, meetings to attend, phone calls to return. But the Lord's words remind us that there is something that must never be postponed: the choice to sit and be seen, to listen and be fed. This does not remove our work; it gives it meaning.

May we find in the week ahead not a new list of tasks, but the grace to reorder our hearts around the One who is already waiting for us.

Summer revised parish services times

As the summer break season begins in earnest this week with state schools breaking off during the week, a good number of our parishioners will be away on summer holidays. Please note a minor adjustment to parish services and liturgy times to reflect this seasonal change. **Weekday morning Masses at 10am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, as well as all Sunday Masses and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will continue as usual. However, the Thursday 6.30pm Mass, Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 9am, and the Saturday 10am. Mass will be temporarily paused from the week of 21 July and will recommence in September.** We appreciate your understanding and extend warm wishes to those travelling for a safe and restful holiday. For those remaining, we look forward to welcoming you at the parish.

Baptism

We are delighted to announce that Oliver Dell was baptised here on Sun 13 July. 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.

Online mass streaming – temporary disruption

As part of the hall refurbishment work, we are taking the opportunity to install new cabling to upgrade the internet system and as such have an interruption to our online mass provision. We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience and hope to have this up and running again shortly.

21 September hall reopening event

As announced last week, our parish hall refurbishment project is nearly completed, and we will hold a parish celebration to commemorate the reopening of the hall on Sunday, 21 September, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, in the hall and the presbytery garden. I am most grateful to all those who approached me last week and kindly offered to help with organising the event. However, I did not take any details at the time. Would you be so kind as to put your name and contact details on the **sign-up sheets** in the Narthex, so that we can form an event organising committee for the occasion? Your willingness to assist is deeply appreciated, and I thank you sincerely for your continued support.

Help with pilgrimage to a Marian Shrine?

If you would like to go on a pilgrimage to a Marian Shrine - such as the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 22 to 29 August this year, or to Fatima or Walsingham - but are unable to afford the full cost, the parish may be able to help cover some of the expenses. If you are interested, please speak personally with Father Oladele for more information.

Thank you - Barnes Fair

We are delighted to announce that a total of £1,000 was raised at the Barnes Summer Fair last weekend. The church and school communities came together and had a lovely day at the event. Thank you to those who donated items to sell, volunteered their time, or stopped by to support the stall. All your efforts are very much appreciated.

Part-time Job for Embracing Age

The Richmond-based Christian Charity Embracing Age is seeking an Administrator to the CEO. This flexible and hybrid role would be a great opportunity for someone looking to work part-time (10-12 hours) providing high-level administrative support to the CEO while helping the charity make a real difference to older care home residents and unpaid carers, and equipping churches. To apply, please visit: (www.embracingage.org.uk/jobs.html)

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: Eddie Bonnon, Peggy O'Connor, Eve Norton, CJ Provini, William Roberts and Paul Hannon.

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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