



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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Mass Times

Sundays: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 10.00am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Thurs (6.30pm)

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.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday Sunday, 20 October 2024 Mass Book p146

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 20 th Oct	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo For the intentions of Mary Ryan Mulqueen Ted and Brigid McCormack RIP	Twenty-Ninth Sunday (B)
Mon 21 st Oct	10.00am Mass	Thomas Reginald Cooper RIP	St Margaret Clitherow
Tues 22 nd Oct	10.00am Mass		St John Paul II
Wed 23 rd Oct	10.00am Mass		St John of Capistrano
Thur 24 th Oct	6.30pm Mass	Fr Anthony Logan RIP	St Anthony Mary Claret
Fri 25 th Oct	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sun 27 th Oct	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Patrick, Anastatia and Michael Costillo RIP Kathleen and Martin McCormack RIP Pro-populo	Thirtieth Sunday (B)

Reflecting on the Legacy of St John Paul II

Next Tuesday, October 22, we celebrate the feast day of Saint John Paul II, the Pope whose life and teachings continue to inspire many around the world. Born Karol Józef Wojtyła in Wadowice, Poland, in 1920, he experienced firsthand the trials of war and oppression. Rising from humble beginnings, he became the first non-Italian pope in over four centuries when he was elected in 1978. His pontificate, lasting until 2005, was marked by a profound commitment to evangelization, human dignity, and the promotion of peace.

As we remember him, we also reflect on his enduring legacy and how it encourages us in our own journey of discipleship. Saint John Paul II tirelessly emphasised the "universal call to holiness", reminding us that sanctity is not a privilege for a few but a responsibility for all.

He urged every Christian to seek holiness in everyday life, transforming ordinary actions into extraordinary expressions of love.

His profound teachings on the *dignity of the human person*, especially through his "*Theology of the Body*," challenge us to recognize the sacredness of our own bodies and those of others. In a world often marred by division and disregard for life, his message calls us to uphold the sanctity of life at all stages and to treat each person as a reflection of God's image.

Saint John Paul II's personal witness to suffering, particularly in his later years battling Parkinson's disease, offers a powerful example of embracing the cross with faith and hope. He showed us that suffering is not meaningless but can be a profound participation in Christ's own Passion, leading to spiritual growth and deeper union with God.

Drawing strength from his famous exhortation, "*Do not be afraid*," we are encouraged to open our hearts fully to Christ and trust in His infinite love and mercy. Saint John Paul II once urged the world, "Open wide the doors to Christ," a call to embrace faith without hesitation and allow it to transform every aspect of our lives.

Through the intercession of Saint John Paul II, may we grow as faithful disciples, transforming the world with the love and hope that come from Christ.

A suggestion for an in-depth study on the Saint:

George Weigel *Witness to Hope. The Biography of Pope John Paul II*, 1999

Missio

Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken this Sunday (World Mission Sunday) goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church.

PACT Collection

A big thank you on behalf of the PACT team – last Sunday's collection for PACT raised a total £710.19. If anyone is interested in volunteering with PACT please speak to Andy Keen-Downs after Sunday 10.30 Mass or email andy.kd@prisonadvice.org.uk

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, Helpers, and Children's Liturgists: Invitation to a Gathering

We warmly invite all Catechists involved in First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation programs, as well as helpers and those who lead the Children's Liturgy during the 10.30 am Mass, to a brief gathering on Thursday, 24 October, after evening Mass (around 7pm) in the presbytery. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together, share what we're currently doing, and explore ways we can continue to support one another in these important ministries. Your presence and input would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to attend, please let us know in advance by emailing the parish office (barnes@rcaos.org.uk). We look forward to seeing you and sharing this time together.

St Osmund's Alpha Course continues

'Ask anything about life, faith and God'. Join us for the next 3 Wed evenings from 7.15-9pm at St Osmund's School. For more information, speak to Mark Bithrey, or email: alpha@htbarnes.org

First Holy Communion 2025

There will be an introduction evening for parents on Thurs 14 Nov at 7pm in the Church. The mass of Initiation into the programme is on Sun 1 Dec at 10.30 am. Application forms are now available in the Narthex or from the Parish office: (barnes@rcaos.org.uk).

Confirmation 2025

There will be an introduction evening on Thursday 14 Nov at 7pm for parents of children in Year 8 or above who are interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in 2025. Application forms available shortly.

St Osmunds Catholic School - Open Mornings

Prospective parents are invited to attend our remaining open mornings on: Thurs 24 Oct and 7 Nov. Short introduction from Mrs Lunney at 9:30 followed by a tour of the school. No booking needed.

An Evening with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Archbishop John invites young adults (18-40) to join him at St George's Cathedral for "An Evening with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati" on Thursday 31st October at 6:30 pm. The evening will include praise and worship led by One Hope Project, a talk by Archbishop John, and social afterwards. No tickets necessary, just turn up. For further details, visit: (www.tinyurl.com/frassatieve).

St. Osmund's School Christmas Fair

Sponsor a Carter Jonas Estate Agent Board! Please help support the St. Osmund's PTFA by hosting a Carter Jonas estate agent board advertising our Christmas Fair on 30 Nov. Carter Jonas will donate £20 per posted board (up to £1000) to the PTFA. All participants will be entered into a draw for a bottle of prosecco! Email: (stosmundsptfa@live.co.uk) by Wed 23 Oct if interested.

QR code for DONA portal donations St Osmunds

Please see posters in the church porch with a QR code which will take you to our 'Dona' portal to enable you to make a contactless donation to the parish without using the devices inside the church (particularly useful if there is a queue for these devices, or if they are out of order). You can find the same QR code below:



As always, we are very grateful for all your support.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Teresa Cockburn, Mary Kelly, 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: Patrick Sheahan, Michael Ruvigny, Andrzej Panufnik, Jeff Potts, Marian Jay, Joe O'Donne, Anna Bowers, Sharon Pasteiner and Patrick & James O'Neill.

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.