



# 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.

## Sixteenth Sunday (B) Sunday, 21 July 2024 Mass Book p 109

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> July	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Mary and Ellen Donovan and relatives RIP Pro-populo	Sixteenth Sunday (B)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	10.00am Mass		St Mary Magdalene
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	10.00am Mass		St Bridget
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am Mass	Annie Saunders and William Oakden RIP	St John Boste
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm Mass	Welfare of Francesca Querci della Rovere	St James
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am Mass		St Joachim and Anne
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> July	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo	Seventeenth Sunday (B)

### Reflection

In his third catechesis on prayer, Pope Benedict XVI explored the biblical roots of the dialogue between God and man, particularly through the lens of the covenant. He initiated this journey with a profound examination of Abraham, the patriarch whose intercessory prayer for Sodom and Gomorrah exemplified a model of deep, faithful engagement with the divine will.

Benedict XVI emphasized that prayer was a universal phenomenon, transcending cultural and temporal boundaries. He began by highlighting the biblical narrative of Genesis 18, where the depravity of Sodom and Gomorrah prompted God to reveal His intentions to Abraham. This disclosure set the stage for Abraham's intercession, a poignant illustration of prayer as a conduit for divine justice and mercy.

Abraham's plea, "*Will you indeed destroy the righteous with the wicked?*" (Gn 18:23-25), stressed the patriarch's bold confrontation with

God, advocating for a justice that spares the innocent and seeks the transformation of the guilty through forgiveness.

The Pope noted Abraham's persistence in reducing the number of righteous needed to spare the cities, from fifty down to ten, each decrement revealing the depth of God's mercy. This mediation reflected a divine justice that went beyond human retributive measures, embracing a salvific intent that aimed to transform and save.

Abraham's intercession, as Benedict XVI observed, "*did not invoke a merely compensatory form of justice but rather an intervention of salvation,*" which highlighted the transformative power of divine forgiveness that converted sinners and created new avenues for righteousness. The late Pope further explained that God's mercy extended even beyond the scenario in Sodom.

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God indicated that just one righteous

person could save Jerusalem, a prefiguration of the ultimate fulfilment of divine mercy in Jesus Christ.

The Incarnation, the Pope articulated, was the embodiment of this divine justice and mercy, where God himself became the righteous one to bring salvation to all. This theological insight culminated in the recognition that through Jesus, the prayer of intercession achieved its fullest expression, bridging human need with divine compassion.

The catechesis concluded by urging believers to open their hearts to God's abundant mercy and persistently pray for the salvation of humanity, trusting in God's immense love and desire to forgive and save. Abraham's example teaches the power and necessity of intercessory prayer in aligning human desires with divine will, seeking not merely justice but transformative mercy.

*Excerpts from the Third Catechesis on Prayer by Pope Benedict XVI*

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. Everyone's support was really appreciated. The total raised was a fantastic amount of £1,687.59. Congratulations to Hannah who won the hamper and Keila who won the Ginger Pig breakfast box voucher.

### **Altar linens**

Our parish community extends heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Jo and Vincent O'Brien. For several years, with great dedication and commitment, they have meticulously cared for our altar linens for each Mass, significantly enhancing our liturgical celebrations. As they now step back from this important service, we are seeking volunteers to join a rota system to continue this essential work. If you feel called to serve in this capacity, please speak with Fr. Ola. Your involvement would be greatly appreciated and help maintain the tradition of excellence established by Jo and Vincent.

### **Retreat for Young Adults - Minster Abbey, Kent**

The Benedictine Sisters, will be hosting a retreat for young adults aged 18-35, from 22-26 July. The 4 day retreat will be led by the Sisters and will involve times for personal prayer and manual work with the Sisters, as well as joining the Sisters for Mass, the Divine Office and Adoration. The Sisters offer a simple breakfast and there are shops, cafes and other food outlets within walking distance. Payment by donation. Minster Abbey is a 5 minute walk from the train station, with hourly trains to London. If you have any queries about the retreat please feel free to email Sister Walburga: [minsternuns@gmail.com](mailto:minsternuns@gmail.com) (Minster Abbey: <https://minsterabbeynuns.org/>)

### **Holy Hour, Fridays - 9am**

Every Friday at 9am there is Exposition and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, one hour before Morning Mass, for silent prayer and adoration. During this time, Fr Ola will be available for confessions. Adoration will conclude with Benediction, followed by the 10am Mass.

### **Hospital Stays**

If you have to go to hospital and stay overnight or longer, make sure always to tell the ward staff that you are a Catholic and ask them to put this in your records. Our large local hospitals have full- or part-time Catholic Chaplaincy teams. They are there to look after your spiritual needs while you are in Hospital, but they will only be able to do so if you ask the Hospital Staff to contact them and let them know you would like a Catholic Chaplain to visit.

### **Divine Mercy Retreat Aylesford 26 August 2024**

The Divine Mercy Apostolate is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

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

There are now posters in the church porch with a QR code which will take you to our 'Dona' portal – this will enable you to make a contactless donation to the parish without using the devices inside the church. This may be particularly useful if there is a queue for these devices, or they are not working properly. You can find the same QR code below:



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

### **Food Bank**

The following non-perishable items are needed: long-life or tinned meats, fish, pasta sauces, fruits, custard/rice pudding, soups, vegetables, potatoes (tinned or instant), tea, coffee, fruit, nut butters, jams, honey, UHT fruit juice, UHT Milk and cooking oil. Additionally, toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel, soap, toothpaste, and deodorants are greatly appreciated.

### **Sick List**

For the sick and the suffering especially Audrey Smith, Nina Antonia, 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 exsilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.*