



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 of The Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9-10am

Baptisms and Weddings: Contact the Parish Office.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (C)

Sunday, 22 June 2025

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Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 22 nd June	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Ian Gomes RIP Michael O'Sullivan For the intentions of the Ashley family	(w) Corpus Christi (C)
Mon 23 rd June	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	(w) St Etheldreda
Tues 24 th June	10.00am Mass	Vincent Herbert Egan and family	(w) The Nativity of St John
Wed 25 th June	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(g) Feria
Thur 26 th June	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(r) St Thomas Garnet
Fri 27th June	NO MASS	NO MASS	(w) The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat 28 th June	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	(w) The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 29 th June	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Maureen McDonnell RIP Pro-populo Ned Eaves RIP	(r) Sts Peter and Paul

Corpus Christi

Each year, around this time in June, the Church invites us to pause and take stock, not of ourselves, but of the gift that makes us who we are. The Solemnity of Corpus Christi follows a remarkable succession of feasts: Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday. It is as though the Church is unfolding, one by one, the great realities of our faith; Christ exalted, the Spirit poured out, the inner life of God revealed, and then, suddenly, we are brought here: to the altar, to the Host, to the chalice. To Christ made present, given, and received.

Corpus Christi literally, the Body of Christ, was instituted for the whole Church in 1264 by Pope Urban IV, prompted by the Eucharistic devotion of a Belgian nun, Saint Juliana of Liège. Unlike Holy Thursday, where the Eucharist is remembered in the

shadow of the Passion, this feast allows us to contemplate the Sacrament in its own right: the source and summit of Christian life, as the Second Vatican Council would later affirm.

From the fourteenth century onwards, *Corpus Christi* was marked by Eucharistic processions through towns and villages. Streets were swept, homes were decorated, flowers were laid in reverence, and bells rang out, not as spectacle, but as public witness. In Christ's Body, carried through the world, the Church saw itself: a people gathered and sent, a sacrament of unity. The Church in some parts continues to uphold these traditions with solemn devotion, while in others, it is the quiet adoration before the tabernacle that bears the same testimony of faith.

Though public customs have changed, the Church's teaching has not. What we receive is not a symbol or a memory. It is Christ Himself, whole and entire. In every Mass, the mystery of the Last Supper is renewed: "*This is my Body... This is my Blood.*" It is a declaration, not a metaphor.

But this is not only about what we receive. It is also about what we become. Saint Augustine, preaching to new communicants, said, "*Be what you see; receive what you are.*" We are the Body of Christ. The Eucharist does not end at the dismissal. It begins again in the world, in homes, in conversations, in acts of charity wherever the members of that Body live what they have received. In every sense, it is the Church's most radical calling and most enduring treasure.

Father's Day oversight

I am aware that Father's Day passed last Sunday without being acknowledged in some of our liturgical celebrations. This was a genuine oversight amidst the many other events taking place in the parish. However, this in no way reflects how deeply we value the fathers in our community. To all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and those who have been father-figures to others: thank you for all that you do - so often quietly, generously, and without seeking notice. We are truly grateful for your presence in our lives and in the life of the parish. A warm and heartfelt belated Happy Father's Day.

No Friday Exposition and no Mass on 27 June

We would like to inform parishioners that there will be no Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 9am on Friday 27 June, and the usual 10am Mass will not take place on that morning. Father will be away attending an important pastoral responsibility elsewhere. We are very sorry for the disruption to the usual rhythm of prayer and worship in the parish, and we thank you sincerely for your patience and understanding.

Baptism

We are delighted to announce that Dillon Dempsey was baptised here on Sun 15 June. 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.

St Osmund's Parish WhatsApp Group

We've set up a new WhatsApp group to help our parish community stay in touch, share news, and support one another. It's a simple way to stay connected throughout the week. If you'd like to join, just click the link or scan the QR code below. We'd love to have you with us!

(<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HZFslzBu3w886UYCtZ5clS>)

Join Us for Holy Spirit Day - Sat 28 June 10-3pm

If you're feeling spiritually dry, weary, or distant from God - you're not alone. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Holy Spirit Day is an invitation to come just as you are - tired, searching, or simply open - and encounter the presence of God in a real and personal way. We meet at the back of the Brompton Oratory in a smaller church there called HTB in Knightsbridge. Come and see! Email the church at (barnes@rcaos.org.uk) or email (markbithrey020902@gmail.com)

Richmond Women's Hub

Meeting every Wednesday from 11am to 2:30pm at The Vineyard Community Centre, Richmond, TW10 6AQ. Sessions include wellbeing activities, creative workshops and pampering, a hot lunch, peer support and a safe, friendly environment with free access to an experienced psychotherapist. All welcome.

St. Osmund's Primary School Summer Ball - Diamonds Are Forever - 28 June

The St. Osmund's Catholic Primary School PTFA is excited to announce our Bond-themed summer ball, Diamonds Are Forever, taking place on Sat, 28 June from 7pm – 1am at Dukes Meadows, W4 2SH. Soul Rites Band (featuring Camille), live DJ, a live and silent auction, raffle and a 3-course sit-down dinner. Early bird discounted tickets - £85.00 per person (when purchased by 31 May), £97.50 per person thereafter. Purchase tickets at:

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3VABjZwFzSUJj6KQ5iWcfRxPRuKjXgU9_W0WuJYFO2jFCA/viewform) or through the PTFA (stosmundspfta@live.co.uk). We look forward to seeing you there!

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, especially Marek Grebowiec, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Simeon Craig, Len Cunningham, Edna Durie, Michael Scanlon, Rosetta Hoadley and Norman Harrison.

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.

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