



# 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-Fifth Sunday Sunday, 22 September 2024 Mass Book p135

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Georgina Chevallier RIP Pro-populo	Twenty-Fifth Sunday (B)
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	10.00am Mass		St Pius of Pietrelcina
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am Mass		Our Lady of Walsingham
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am Mass		Feria
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.30pm Mass		Sts Cosmas and Damian
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am Mass	Annie Saunders and William Oakden RIP	St Vincent de Paul
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Ian Gomes RIP Agnes Foley RIP Pro-populo	Twenty-Sixth Sunday (B)

## Reflection

Pope Francis' Apostolic journey to Southeast Asia and Oceania, from September 2 to 13, 2024, was more than a diplomatic visit—it was a heartfelt mission to promote unity, peace, and care for creation. As the Pope travelled through Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and Singapore, his messages carried profound significance, resonating deeply with both the local communities and the global Church.

At every stop, Pope Francis invited reflection on shared values of fraternity, dialogue, and compassion—principles he believes are essential in confronting today's global challenges.

In Indonesia, the Pope emphasized the importance of interfaith cooperation, highlighting the potential for harmony between Christians and Muslims in a nation

home to the world's largest Muslim population. His visit to Jakarta's Istiqlal Mosque symbolized his deep respect for diverse religious traditions and his hope for collaborative efforts to overcome division and extremism.

In Papua New Guinea, Pope Francis shifted the focus to the urgent issue of ecological responsibility, calling for a development approach that honours both humanity and the environment. He presented the region as a "laboratory" for a future where people and nature exist in harmony, urging all to see the environment as a sacred gift that must be safeguarded.

In Timor-Leste, the Pope delivered a message of hope and renewal. He reminded both leaders and citizens that peace and reconciliation are not distant ideals, but ongoing efforts that require

constant nurturing. In Singapore, he commended the nation's ability to foster harmony despite its diversity, encouraging continued bridge-building among its various communities.

Reflecting on the broader significance of this apostolic journey, it is clear that the Pope's message extends far beyond the regions he visited. His trip underscores the Church's mission to engage with areas often on the periphery of global attention, reminding us all of the universal call to action.

As Pope Francis reminds us, "Fraternity is the future." Through unity, respect, and mutual care, we can address the crises of our time and build a world that reflects the Gospel's message of love and peace. Let us remain steadfast in our prayers for the Pope, the Church, and for leaders around the world.

**First Holy Communion 2025**

Registration will open soon. Please check the newsletter regularly for information and contact the parish office if you do not already receive the parish newsletter online and would like to join our mailing list.

**New Bishop of Plymouth – Bishop Philip Moger**

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Philip Moger as the 10th Bishop of Plymouth. Bishop Philip served as Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Southwark. He said 'I shall very much miss the Archdiocese of Southwark, where I've been privileged to minister for the last 18 months. The Archbishop, my fellow Auxiliary Bishop, clergy, religious and lay faithful quickly took me to themselves and gave me their love, friendship and encouragement.' We join in congratulating Bishop Philip on his appointment and praying for him as he prepares to take up this new ministry in the diocese of Plymouth.

**St Osmund's Alpha Course – new start date**

'Ask anything about life, faith and God'. To join our latest course starting Wed 2 October from 7.15-9pm at St Osmund's School, speak to Mark Bithrey, or email: ([alpha@htbarnes.org](mailto:alpha@htbarnes.org))

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

On Sun 29 Sept, Victoria Firth will be joining us for World Day of Migrants and Refugees to fundraise for the work of the Jesuit Refugee Service UK. JRS work with refugees and asylum seekers, providing a mix of practical, casework, legal, and accommodation support - as well as befriending and spiritual accompaniment. Your donation will support vital services for refugee friends. If you'd like to donate online, please visit: ([www.jrsuk.net/barnes](http://www.jrsuk.net/barnes))

**Food bank deliveries**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Denis O'Sullivan and family who have handled the responsibility for delivery of items donated. We are also very grateful to those who have volunteered to take over this important role.

**Choir seeks new members**

The choir is looking for new members, and with Christmas coming up, now would be a great time to join! Male voices are especially needed. Please get in touch with Deirdre on [deeokelly@hotmail.com](mailto:deeokelly@hotmail.com) or just turn up to join in for Sunday 10.30 Mass.

**St Richard Reynolds Catholic College**

Tours take place on Weds and Fridays during Sept and Oct. Open Evening is on 2 Oct, 5:30pm-7:30pm. Please visit our website for more information: (<https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/high-school/high-school-admissions>)

**Priest Reference Forms - Secondary School Transfer**

Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church for you to book a 15 min appointment with Fr Ola to have your Secondary School forms signed. For your reference, Catholic State and Independent schools that serve our parish:

**Catholic State Schools:**

Cardinal Vaughan, Gumley House, Wimbledon College, London Oratory, Sacred Heart, Ursuline, St Richard Reynolds, Gunnersbury.

**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.

**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 is 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 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: Costa Rodoussakis, Mary Catherine Kiselick, Gregory Gomes, Charles McGarvey, Ted Keen and Virginia Warda.

**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.*