



# 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.

## Seventh Sunday (C) Mass Book p141 Sunday, 23 February 2025

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Kathleen and Martin Mc Cormack RIP Sr Mairead Quigley RSCJ Pro-populo	Seventh Sunday (C)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am Mass		Feria
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am Mass		St Ethelbert
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am Mass		Feria
Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.30pm Mass	Fr Anthony Logan RIP	Feria
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	10.00am Mass		St David
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Georgina Chevallier and Jozef Langiewicz RIP Marie Bonnon RIP Michael McCormack RIP	Eighth Sunday (C)

## Reflection

This Sunday's Gospel (Luke 6:27-38) continues from last week's Beatitudes, but with a distinctive emphasis. While Matthew's account emphasises the interior dispositions of the Christian—meekness, righteousness, purity of heart—Luke directs our attention to those in real and dire need. The poor, the hungry, the sorrowful—these are the blessed ones. But Christ does not stop at declaring their blessedness. He places upon His disciples the weight of a great responsibility: to love even those who hate us, to give without hesitation, to lend without expectation, to forgive without reservation. The mercy of God must be made visible in the lives of those who follow Him.

At first, Luke's emphasis appears to be on material possessions. His Gospel, written for a more affluent

audience than that of Mark or Matthew, constantly warns of the dangers of wealth and the obligations that come with it. Possessions, if clung to, corrupt the heart; but if freely given, they become an instrument of grace.

Yet the generosity Christ demands is not merely financial. It reaches into every fibre of our being. It is a generosity of spirit, a disposition of the soul that transcends calculation and self-interest.

This is the heart of Christ's teaching: "*Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.*" Unlike Matthew, who records Christ's exhortation as "*Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect*" (Matt 5:48), Luke presents the perfection of the Christian life not in terms of an ideal but as something intimately bound to the life of the soul—mercy. True perfection is not found in human achievement but in becoming

ever more conformed to the divine life, which is, above all, love poured out. To be merciful is to enter into the very movement of God's own heart.

This Sunday being the second before lent, the Church reminds us that our exterior works must correspond to an interior transformation. Lent is not merely about disciplines of fasting and almsgiving, but about the reshaping of our very selves in the likeness of Christ. Mercy is not simply an action we perform; it must become a virtue, a habit of the soul. And virtue is formed not in a single moment, but through daily fidelity, through the discipline of grace, through the quiet and oft-hidden struggle to conform our hearts to Christ's. If we do not first cultivate an interior disposition of mercy, our Lenten practices risk being mere outward observance.

**Pope Francis' prayer intention for February**

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**This Sunday's Second Collection: Clergy Support Fund**

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes. You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at ([www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF)). You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

**Called to Bear Fruit**

We continue to encourage every member of our parish to take part in the on-going consultation requested by the Archbishop. Anyone wanting to join small groups of 4-7 people to take part in the "Called to Bear Fruit" consultation being organised by Southwark Diocese covering themes in the "Called to Bear Fruit" booklets is very welcome to contact one of the group facilitators Stephen Donnelly at ([donnellysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnellysm@hotmail.com)) who will be running groups on Sun 2 and 16 March 9.15-10.15am at the back of church. Let him know if you would like to join at that time. If some of you wish to form other groups, please feel free to do so.

**Help needed – brass and silver cleaners**

We need a team to help polish candles holders and other brassware especially in preparation for major festivals (Christmas and Easter). Occasional hours only. Training will be provided. Please contact the parish office ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk)) if have a few hours to spare.

**Mozart Requiem – Sat 22 March**

Members of our parish will be performing with The Thames Philharmonic Choir, singing Mozart Requiem, Regina Coeli Divertimento in D, featuring Marianna Martines, on Sat 22 March, 7.30pm at Cadogan Hall, SW1X 9DG. Call the Box Office on 0207730 4500 for tickets or see ([cadoganhall.com](http://cadoganhall.com)) for more information.

**Songs of Praise**

All parishioners are welcome to a recording of Songs of Praise, taking place at St Georges Cathedral in Southwark on Saturday 15 March. Tickets are free - please book directly here: (<https://lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1359>).

**Gift aid envelopes**

Please collect your named Gift Aid box from the narthex containing envelopes up to April 2026. If you are expecting a box and cannot see your name, please contact the parish office: ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk)).

**Science and Sustainability**

One of a series of open meetings to be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham on Tuesday 25 February, 7.30pm. Speakers are Fran Kerton and Chris Kozak, spouses and professors of chemistry at Memorial University of Newfoundland in Canada founders of the Green Chemistry and Catalysis Research Group. Their research work includes carbon dioxide utilization, use of ocean biomass and food waste as a source of chemicals, and degradable plastics. Mass will take place at 7pm before the meeting with a meal and refreshments served. All are welcome. Contact Fr Peter Andrews ([peter.andrews.lon@gmail.com](mailto:peter.andrews.lon@gmail.com)) or call 07753827967 if interested.

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**Sick List**

For the sick and the suffering especially 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 Sr Mairead Quigley RSCJ, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mary Battams, Susan Keane, Ellen Danby, Nova Mallalieu, Mona Bruce, Rose Couch, John Codrington, Terence O'Neill, Desmond Osbourne and Michael Donovan.

**Ave Regina Caelorum:**

*Ave, Regina Caelorum,  
Ave, Domina Angelorum:  
Salve, radix, salve, porta  
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:  
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,  
Super omnes speciosa,  
Vale, o valde decora,  
Et pro nobis Christum exora.*