



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.

Thirtieth Sunday Sunday, 27 October 2024 Mass Book p149

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
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)
Mon 28 th Oct	10.00am Mass		Sts Simon and Jude
Tues 29 th Oct	10.00am Mass		Feria
Wed 30 th Oct	10.00am Mass		Feria
Thur 31 st Oct	6.30pm Mass	Frederick Webber RIP	Solemn Vigil of All Saints
Fri 1 st Nov	10.00am Mass		All Saints' Day
Sun 3 rd Nov	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the deceased members of the Ryan family Patricia Jordan RIP Pro-populo	Thirty-First Sunday (B)

Reflection

As October ends, marked by the turning back of clocks and shorter days, we sense the year's end approaching. This natural transition into November brings profound significance in the Church's liturgical calendar. It is a time when the Church invites us to engage deeply with themes of sanctity, remembrance, and eschatological hope, beginning with the solemn observances of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

While modern Halloween celebrations often focus on the eerie and macabre, they can distract from the original Christian meaning of All Hallows' Eve. Rooted in the vigil of All Saints' Day, Halloween reminds us not of darkness but of light—the light of the holy lives that have illuminated the faithful's path across the centuries. Christians are invited to reclaim this time for prayer, reflection, and

a deeper understanding of the communion of saints.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his 2006 homily for the Feast of All Saints,

expressed the essence of this feast. He described it as a day when the Church "raises her eyes to Heaven to celebrate the feast of all those who already participate in the eternal happiness of God."

This reflection highlights the universal call to holiness, an invitation extended to every believer to seek sanctity as a vocation for all. The saints are not distant figures but our "older brothers and sisters" who have "travelled the same difficult path of life" and now rejoice with God, reminding us that sanctity is within reach for everyone.

The following day, All Souls' Day, is when the Church collectively prays for those who have departed this life. It's a day to remember and pray for the souls in Purgatory, reflecting the deep communion between the Church Militant, the Church Triumphant, and the Church Suffering. The liturgy is marked by a sombre yet hopeful tone, encouraging the faithful to intercede for their loved ones who have died,

trusting in God's mercy and the promise of eternal life.

As we step into November, these back-to-back feasts directs our thoughts to the ultimate destiny of the human soul, prompting reflection on our lives and preparation for eternity. While the world emphasizes the temporal and sensational aspects of Halloween, the Church calls for a spiritual reawakening. Observing these feasts encourages us to look beyond the material, remember those who have gone before us, and draw inspiration from their example.

Contemplating the saints and departed souls invites us to examine our own lives, cultivate a deeper relationship with God, and prepare our hearts for eternity. The saints' lives testify to the transformative power of God's grace—a power accessible to all who earnestly seek it.

A reminder that the clocks go back on Sun 27 October by one hour.

All Saints Day is a day of Obligation. Thurs 31 Oct 6.30pm is the Vigil Mass and Mass on All Saints Day, Fri 1 Nov will be at 10am.

Blessing of the graves will take place at 3 pm on Sunday 3 November: Gathering at the gates of East Sheen Cemetery.

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. Your presence and input would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to attend, email (barnes@rcaos.org.uk).

St Osmunds Catholic School - Open Morning

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

Architects' Mass 2024

This annual mass specifically oriented to the design community is taking place this year on Fri 8 Nov at 6.30pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Warwick Street, W1B5LZ, followed by a reception in the Parish Centre.

RSVP:(architectsmass@outlook.com)

Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human Person

The Bishops will gather for a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of the dignity of the human person in response to the assisted suicide legislation currently before the UK Parliament. The Bishops' Holy Hour will commence at 5.30pm on Wednesday 13 Nov 2024. St Osmunds will also have Holy Hour at this time, so as to be united with the Bishops in a powerful moment of prayer, that the intrinsic dignity of every person be respected.

First Holy Communion 2025

There will be an introduction evening for all 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 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. Forms are now available in the Narthex/from the office: (barnes@rcaos.org.uk).

Go Green this Halloween

Halloween is coming soon. All those tricks and treats can add up to a lot of waste for landfill. Consider making your own costumes, buying locally grown pumpkins, and re-decorating household containers as 'trick or treat bags'. Consider buying locally produced treats with minimal packaging and/or those made packaged in recyclable materials. Tinsel and sparkles of all kinds are particularly unfriendly to wildlife.

Glassdoor Homeless Shelter Barnes

Volunteers(18y+) needed to help with a night shelter for 35 homeless women on Saturday nights (6-9.30pm) from Nov to April providing food and shelter. A variety of tasks from set up to food preparation to serving. Email:

(Richard_Burge@hotmail.com) for more information.

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Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Audrey Smith, 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: Leslie Battams, Aurther Claude Pollard, Bill Morgan, Patricia Jordan, Christopher Brickell, Maureen Collins, Anne Durham, William Plumbridge, Bridget Dolan, Mary Morrissey, Kathleen O'Kelly, Innes Westmacott, Rowland Jones, Margaret Kelly, George Pinney, Mary Connor and Adam Bennett.

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.