



# 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.

## Thirty-First Sunday (B) Sunday, 3 November 2024 Mass Book p152

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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)
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	St Charles Borromeo
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	Feria
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am Mass	Johnny Lynch RIP	Feria
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.30pm Mass	Rev John Cressey RIP	Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St George
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	St Willibrord
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Andrzej Kedzierski RIP Fergus O'Kelly RIP Jose Colautti RIP	Thirty-Second Sunday (B)

## Reflection

November, the month of remembrance, is traditionally dedicated to praying for the faithful departed—a custom rooted in the Church's early practice of interceding for souls in purgatory. This practice finds origins in the early Christian communities, which commemorated martyrs and saints but also prayed for all departed believers, as noted by early Church Fathers like St. Augustine, who recognized the need to intercede for those undergoing purification: "The prayer either benefits the dead, or if not, is a comfort to the living" (*St. Augustine, Enchiridion, 110*).

Theologically, praying for the dead is grounded in the doctrine of the Communion of Saints, which highlights the unity of the Church militant (the living), the Church suffering (those in purgatory), and

the Church triumphant (the saints in heaven). This doctrine affirms that the faithful on earth, through acts of charity, prayer, and sacrifice, assist those who have died yet have not fully attained the holiness needed to enter God's presence. Pope Benedict XVI writes, "In the interconnectedness of the communion of saints, our lives extend beyond time, embracing those who have gone before and those yet to come" (*Spe Salvi, 48*).

This belief emphasizes the Catholic understanding of community and solidarity, transcending earthly life. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to pray for the deceased as an act of charity and hope, confident that our intercession aids in their purification and ultimate union with God. For the living, this practice

serves as a reminder of our own mortality, urging us to live in holiness and humility. St. Thomas Aquinas explains, "We pray for the dead so that they may be loosed from their sins" (*Summa Theologiae, Supplement, Q.71, Art. 1*), reinforcing the profound love that connects the living and the departed.

Thus, as we pray for our deceased loved ones, we embody the Creed's affirmation of the Communion of Saints, uniting the earthly and heavenly realms in a shared hope of eternal life with God. This sacred duty renews our bonds in Christ and deepens our awareness of salvation's transformative grace.

**Baptisms**

We are delighted to announce that the following children were baptized on Sun 27 Oct: Gia Goodall, Ramazan and Evalina Hida, and James and Jacob Stranton. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to them and their families, and assure them of the continued support and prayers of our parish community as they embark on their journey of faith.

**November: Month of the Holy Souls**

Throughout November, the Church encourages us to pray especially for all the faithful departed, including members of our own families, friends, and parishioners who have gone before us. As a sign of our remembrance, the names of those we hold in our hearts will be placed at the foot of the altar for the entire month, where Masses will be offered in their memory. Remembrance sheets are available in the Narthex for those who wish to add names, or you may send these directly to the parish office. You can donate using the Dona portals 'Holy Souls' button. Envelopes for offerings toward Holy Souls' Masses are also available in the Narthex.

**Visit and Blessing of Graves at the Cemetery**

On Sunday at 3 pm, all are invited to join Father Ola at the entrance of East Sheen Cemetery for the annual blessing of graves. This is a cherished tradition to honor the memory of friends, relatives, and benefactors of our parish who rest in peace there. Through our prayers and blessings, we express our communion with those who have gone before us in faith.

**The Month of the Holy Souls: Indulgences and Prayers for the Departed**

As the Church dedicates November to the souls in purgatory, the faithful are encouraged to pray for their eternal repose. The Church's teaching on the Communion of Saints is especially highlighted through the granting of indulgences during this time. From 1st to 8th November, a plenary indulgence (the full remission of temporal punishment due to sin) is granted each day to those who visit a cemetery and offer prayers, even in silence, for the deceased. Additionally, on 2nd November, All Souls' Day, a plenary indulgence is available for those who devoutly visit a church or oratory and recite the Our Father and the Creed. Let us embrace these opportunities to assist the faithful departed through our prayers and acts of devotion.

**The Men's Group**

All men welcome to join us on Thurs 14 Nov, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward, Chiswick High Road for a video on "Leading and Protecting Your Family" by exorcist Fr Carlos Martins, followed by a social drink at The Lamb pub. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: ([donnellysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnellysm@hotmail.com)) or just turn up.

**Christmas Carol concert - save the date!**

All welcome for a carol concert in the hall at 7.30pm on Fri 13 Dec with mulled wine.

**Archbishop's Appeal 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next Sunday**

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent. To find out more see: ([www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal)).

Envelopes are at the back of church. Thank you.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk)).

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

Please use the QR code below to make a contactless donation to the parish. As always, we are very grateful for all your support.

**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: Martin Baker, Eamonn Ted Kenna, Kamil Stuczynski, Patricia Jordan and Simone Walbyoff.

**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.*