



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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Mass Times

Sundays: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 10.00am Mon, Wed, Fri &
6.30pm Thurs

Confession: Sundays 9:45am – 10:15am & 6pm - 6:20pm

Baptisms and Weddings: Contact the Parish

Office Hours: 10:00am - 2:00pm Wed, Thurs & Fri
The parish email account is monitored regularly.

Thirty-First Sunday (A) Sunday 5 November 2023 Mass Book p. 149

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 5 th Nov	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Susie Trajer RIP (Birthday remembrance) Patricia Jordan RIP Pro-populo	Thirty-First Sunday (A)
Mon 6 th Nov	10.00am Mass	Rev John Cressey RIP	Feria
Tue 7 th Nov	10.00am	Service of the Word	The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St George
Wed 8 th Nov	10.00am Mass		St Willibrord
Thur 9 th Nov	6.30pm Mass		The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Fri 10 th Nov	10.00am Mass		St Leo the Great
Sun 12 th Nov	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Andrzej Kedzierski RIP For the Deceased of the Parish Luke and Ambrose Teeling RIP	Thirty-Second Sunday(A)

Reflection

I knew a lot about the saints before I entered the Church but never could have imagined how I would be transformed by knowing them intimately. St. Teresa of Avila is my patron saint, but a few months after my baptism I was surprised by a devotion to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. When I mentioned this to a nun, she said that if you find yourself attracted to a saint, you can be sure that saint is praying for you. I've remembered her words with comfort as my personal litany of saints has grown. The intercession of St. Josephine Bakhita allowed me to forgive a long-festering wound. St. Catherine of Siena guided me to a spiritual director. St. Bridget of Kildare softened the hardness of my heart when I resisted being charitable. St. Joseph saw me through two long periods of unemployment. St. Martin of Tours gave me courage in a challenging time.

I am continually astonished by the generosity of the saints. But I think I know their secret. In allowing themselves to be emptied, they became vessels to channel the overwhelming, prodigal love of God. They became empty but their histories and personalities remained intact—like us, shaped by the times in which they lived, formed in the crucible of sorrow but radiant because they trusted in the promise that their reward would be great in heaven. How blessed we are that this same way to holiness is open to us all.

(Rachelle Linner is a freelance writer, reviewer, and a spiritual director)

Today is the Blessing of Graves at 3pm: Gathering at the Gates of East Sheen, Cemetery.

Holy Souls' Masses

We pray for our dear departed brothers and sisters whom we love after they have died, confidently entrusting them to the loving mercy of God, and asking that they will enjoy the fullness of life with God for which they hoped and prepared since their baptism. You may like to write their names in our 'Book of Remembrance' which, throughout November, will be on the Altar. We pray for all whose names are written there, and add names of deceased relatives or friends on the sheets in the narthex which will then be put into its pages. All will be prayed for at Mass during this month. Holy Souls' Masses will be celebrated in this month of November. Every £10 donated ensures one Holy Souls' Mass will be offered for all the Faithful Departed including your particular loved ones. You can also make such offerings using the special option on our Card Reader in the Narthex.

Second Collection for the Archbishop's Appeal

The Archbishop's Appeal 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 that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve.

Synod Report: A Church that involves everyone and is close to world's wounds.

The Synthesis Report offers reflections and proposals on topics such as the role of women and the laity, the ministry of bishops, priesthood and the diaconate, the importance of the poor and migrants, digital mission, ecumenism, and abuse. Members participating in the Synod of Bishops have issued a 'Letter to the People of God' explaining the work of the past weeks. (Available at www.cbcew.org.uk)

The Catholic Medical Association

The CMA is holding a one day course in Healthcare Ethics in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church on 11 Nov at St Aloysius RC Church, 20 Phoenix Road, London, NW1 1TA between 9.30am - 7 pm.

(<https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk/events/>)

The Men's Group

Next meeting is Thurs 16 Nov, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, over the river at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward Church, Chiswick High Road (enter via passageway to right of main church building). Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a presentation on "The Intentional Father: A Practical Guide to Raise Sons of Courage and Character" followed by a drink at The Lamb pub. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: donnellysm@hotmail.com or just turn up.

St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Open Morning – Reception 2024

The final Open Morning for September 2024 starters is on Thurs 23 November, 9:30- 1030am. Head's welcome followed by a tour of the school. No booking required, just come along.

St Osmund's School Christmas Fair

Taking place on Sat 25 Nov, from 11-3pm. Please consider supporting our parish school in one of these ways:

- Make or donate a raffle prize
- Sponsor our festive Christmas wall - different price levels available
- Hire a stall to sell your own goods (£70 including a glass of Prosecco) - last few slots available
- Come along to see Father Christmas and do some Christmas shopping! Please get in touch with the PTFA directly (stosmundspfta@live.co.uk) if you would like to support our wonderful Fair. Thank you.

First Holy Communion 2024

Application forms are still available in the Narthex. Please complete and return to the Presbytery by 10 Nov. The introduction meeting for parents is on Thursday 16 Nov at 7pm. The Mass of Initiation into the Programme is on Sun 26 Nov at 10.30am, Feast of Christ the King.

The Glassdoor night shelter

This year, Glassdoor night shelter at the Methodist Church, Barnes will be for up to 35 female guests. The shelter will run on Saturday nights from 6th Nov to April 2024 and will provide a hot meal. The volunteer evening is 6pm to around 9.30pm. For more information contact: (Richard_burge@hotmail.com)

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Joan Moore, David Hoyland, Susan Kelsey, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stillier, Serge Moussalli 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.