



# 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-Seventh Sunday Sunday, 6 October 2024 Mass Book p140

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	John Dolan RIP Pro-populo	Twenty-Seventh Sunday (B)
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass		Our Lady of the Rosary
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass		Feria
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass		St John Henry Newman
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6.30pm Mass	Canon Jeremiah Cronin RIP	St Paulinus of York
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass	Fr Anthony Logan RIP	St John XXII
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo For the Benefactors of the Parish	Twenty-Eighth Sunday (B)

## Reflection

In July 2024, Pope Francis released a compelling letter titled \*On the Role of Literature in Formation\*, directed not only at priests and seminarians but also at the broader Christian community. The Pope takes an unexpected yet profound approach in this document, focusing on the spiritual and intellectual significance of reading literature - novels, poetry, and the written word more broadly - as an essential element of Christian formation.

While the faithful might be accustomed to papal communications that delve into doctrinal, ethical, or social issues, this letter addresses something more personal and universal: the formation of the individual through the transformative power of reading. Originally conceived to address priestly formation, the Pope's reflections quickly extend to all believers, emphasizing that literature

is not just a form of entertainment but a powerful tool for personal growth, spiritual reflection, and pastoral sensitivity.

Pope Francis stresses that literature provides unique access to the human heart, making it indispensable for those engaged in pastoral work. By entering into the worlds created by novels and poems, readers encounter human experiences - joys, struggles, suffering, and hope - in ways that are both intimate and expansive. Through this imaginative exercise, readers grow in empathy, discernment, and interior richness, which are critical for engaging with others, understanding culture, and deepening one's faith.

The Pope also criticizes the marginalization of literature within many seminary programs, arguing that neglecting literary study impoverishes the intellectual and

spiritual life of future priests. Instead, he advocates for a renewed embrace of literature within formation programs, encouraging Christians to view literature as a vital pathway to encountering the deeper truths of human existence and, ultimately, the divine.

By placing literature at the centre of personal and pastoral development, Pope Francis opens up new avenues for dialogue between faith and culture, urging believers to draw from the wealth of literary traditions in their own spiritual journeys.

Those wishing to read the full text of Pope Francis' letter can find it on the official Vatican website at: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2024/documents/20240717-lettera-ruolo-letteratura-formazione.html>

**Baptisms**

The entire parish community extends heartfelt congratulations to Harmanpreet-bal Kaur Kainth and Obi Stanton-Davy, who were baptized this week here in our parish Church. We assure them of our continued support and prayers as they embark on this journey of faith. May the grace of the sacrament enrich their lives and lead them ever closer to Christ.

**New Lectionary**

From the First Sunday of Advent this year, all parishes will begin using a new translation of the Scripture readings at Mass. These new altar and chapel lectionaries, will come at a significant cost to the parish. Thank you to those of you who have already contributed to sponsor the acquisition of these books. The names of sponsors will be inscribed in the books as a lasting memorial to their generosity. If you would also like to contribute towards the cost, please contact the parish office: ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk)).

**Jesuit Refugee Service**

Last week's collection raised a total of £1027.09. Thank you on behalf of the JRS.

**Next Sunday's Second Collection**

Sunday 6 October is a day of prayer for Prisoners and their families. The retiring collection will be for PACT, a pioneering national charity that supports prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families.

**The Men's Group**

Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for our next meeting on Thursday 17 October, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, over the river at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward, Chiswick High Road (enter via passage to right hand side of the church). We'll have a video presentation on "Healing Our Wounds" - exorcist Fr Carlos Martins explains where our spiritual wounds come from and how to heal them, followed by discussion and a social drink at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: [donnellysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnellysm@hotmail.com) or just turn up.

**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.

**Pope Francis prayer intention for October**

For a Shared Mission: Pope Francis asks for prayers so that the Church "continues to support a synodal way of life, under the sign of co-responsibility, promoting participation, communion, and shared mission among priests, religious, and laypeople."

**The National Mass Count**

This will continue at all the Masses for the next 2 Sundays.

**Mary's Meals – Collection of foreign currency**

Mary's Meals would like to collect all your foreign currency no matter how old or obscure. We can turn it into cash to feed children in the 18 countries we work in - for as little as £19.15 per child per year! Please take an envelope from the Narthex today and put all your foreign coins and notes\* into it. Then bring your envelope back to church next weekend and drop it in the box in the narthex. For more info see: (<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>). \*We also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender. Thank you for your support.

**Priest Reference Forms - Secondary School Transfer**

Sign-up sheets are still 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.

**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 if 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: Alice Wakeling, Robert Walker, James Mahon, Nancy Ansbro, Alex Kelly, Michael Costello, Frederick Webber, Frederick Christian, Wim Cocqueril and John Dougal.

**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.*