



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

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9-10am

Baptisms and Weddings: Contact the Parish Office.

Fourteenth Sunday (B)

Sunday, 7 July 2024

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Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 7 th July	8.30am Mass	Pro-populo	Fourteenth Sunday (B)
	10.30am Mass	For the Benefactors of the Parish	
	6.30pm Mass	Saleh Estaphanos RIP and Albert Andrews RIP	
Mon 8 th July	10.00am Mass		Feria
Tues 9 th July	10.00am Mass		St Augustine Zhao Rong
Wed 10 th July	10.00am Mass		Feria
Thur 11 th July	6.30pm Mass		St Benedict
Fri 12 th July	10.00am Mass		St John Jones
Sun 13 th July	8.30am Mass	Pro-populo	Fifteenth Sunday (B)
	10.30am Mass		
	6.30pm Mass	Guidubaldo Querci della Rovere RIP	

Reflection

Reflections on these Sundays of Ordinary time aim to explore recent magisterium on prayer, starting with Catechesis of Benedict XVI.

The late Pope discussed the centrality of prayer, particularly Christian prayer, as taught by Jesus, emphasizing its significance in fostering a relationship with God characterized by fatherhood and sonship. Jesus' teachings provided a model for how humanity could approach God. The Pope echoed the disciples' plea, "Lord, teach us to pray," emphasising the continual need to learn authentic prayer, even for those advanced in spiritual life.

Prayer, the Pope asserted, was a learned practice, illustrated through the example of Jesus' intimate communion with the Father in the Gospels. This theme was further explored through historical examples of prayer across ancient cultures, demonstrating the universality of prayer.

In ancient Egypt, a blind man's prayer for sight exemplified a heartfelt petition: "*My heart longs to see you... create light for me, so that I may see you*" Similarly, Mesopotamian prayers, laden with a sense of guilt and hope for redemption, revealed a deep spiritual yearning: "*O God who are indulgent even in the greatest sin, absolve me from my sin...*"

Greek prayers, according to Pope Benedict, evolved from seeking material benefits to requesting spiritual enrichment, as seen in Socrates' prayer recorded by Plato: "*Grant to me that I be made beautiful in my soul within, and that all external possessions be in harmony with my inner man*".

Roman prayers, while often utilitarian, occasionally demonstrated profound personal devotion. Apuleius of Madaura, in his 'Metamorphoses', reflected this sentiment: "*You are holy, you are in every epoch a saviour of the*

human species..." Emperor Marcus Aurelius also emphasized the importance of prayer in fostering cooperation between divine and human actions: "*So begin to pray to them and you will see*"

Pope Benedict concluded that these examples highlighted prayer as a fundamental aspect of human nature, expressing human weaknesses and dependence on a higher power. Prayer was portrayed as an inherent need, seeking a relationship with the divine. The journey in the "school of prayer" was thus an ongoing process of deepening one's connection with God, continually asking, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Lk 11:1).

(Sources: *Benedict XVI; General audience, St. Peter's square 4th May 2011*)

Letter from Monsignor James Cronin

'Dear Father Ola.

Thank you for your kind welcome and facilitating a wonderful celebration of my eight happy years as Parish Priest. I got a glimpse of heaven.

I know these events do happen without a lot of care and organisation. I am going to avoid the trap of thanking individuals. However I know folks gave of their time and energy in preparing the Mass and the sumptuous feast in the Hall. Thank you.

I never thought I would leave Barnes until I retired.

However, this was a night to remember. So many people saying kind things which are totally underserved but at the same time so much appreciated. Together with the children from the Schools who sang me away in style at the end of Mass.

People have been most generous to me on this occasion and over the years. So I hope to use the gift to go to India to do the Golden Triangle which is something I have wanted to do. I thank one and all from the bottom of my heart for their support, affection and generosity.

I leave with happy memories. I hope in time you will have the same and many blessings too.

Sincerely James Cronin.'

Congratulations to Our Confirmands

Congratulations to the 28 young people of our parish who on Saturday received the Sacrament of Confirmation, embracing the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We are deeply grateful to Canon Gerard Bradley for leading the wonderful celebration. Our immense gratitude goes to the dedicated team of Catechists who worked tirelessly to prepare our youth for this sacrament. Additionally, we thank those who prepared the Liturgy, including our Parish sacristan, Mia, and the altar servers, for their invaluable contributions. Special thanks to the flower arrangers for making the church look so delightful and to everyone who prepared the hall and contributed towards the gathering afterward. Thank you, one and all for your support and prayers.

Next week's Second Collection - Sea Sunday

Stella Maris is a Catholic Charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Stella Maris is part of an international network working in more than 250 ports around the world. The life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year away from home. Stella Maris relies on voluntary contributions, and can only continue its work through the donations of its supporters, particularly this collection. Donate by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its work. Thank you.

Holy Hour, Fridays - 9am

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 9am, one hour before Morning Mass, for silent prayer and adoration. During this time, Fr Ola will be available for confessions. Adoration will conclude with Benediction, followed by the 10am Mass.

The Men's Group

Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for our next meeting on Thursday 11 July, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, over the river at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward, on Chiswick High Road (enter via passageway to the right of the church), for some midsummer prayer and reflection, followed by a social drink at The Lamb pub. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: donnellysm@hotmail.com or just turn up.

1 week to go until the Barnes Fair (Sat 13 July)!

The parish and school will be selling handmade items. We need your support. Ways to help:

Donate items for the hamper:

Use the link below to donate a pre-selected item via Amazon HAMPER LIST (https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/14AJECEA1HQEW?ref=wl_share). Please use 'gift registry address' for the Amazon list, or if you would prefer to donate towards a Ginger Pig voucher for the hamper, please make a transfer to the St Osmund's PTFA (Sort code: 60-01-39, Acc no: 47062495, Bank: NatWest with 'Barnes Fair' as the reference).

Bake or donate items:

All cakes and confectionery must be sealed, clearly labelled with ingredients especially nuts, marked 'Barnes Fair' (Please drop them off to the School office between 9am and 5pm on Friday 12 July.

Volunteer!:

Volunteer for an hour to run our stall on the day. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A44A5AD22A2F49-50102728-barnes>) THANK YOU so much in advance.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Audrey Smith, Nina Antonia, 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: Fr Anthony Logan, Paul Cuss, Charmian McWilliam and Richard Jones.

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.