



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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Mass Times

Sundays: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 10am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri,
Thurs (6.30pm), Sat (**Latin**) 10am

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.

Pentecost Sunday (C)

Sunday, 8 June 2025

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Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 8 th June	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Anneliese Sullivan RIP For the intentions of Dennis Potemkin Simon and Gregory Gomes RIP	Pentecost Sunday (C)
Mon 9 th June	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	Mary, Mother of the Church
Tues 10 th June	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	Feria
Wed 11 th June	10.00am Mass	For the donor's intentions	St Barnabas
Thur 12th June	2.00pm Mass (No 6.30pm Mass)	Pilgrims' Mass	Our Lord Jesus Christ
Fri 13 th June	10.00am Mass	For the intentions of Max Potemkin	St Anthony of Padua
Sat 14th June	10.00am Mass	First Holy Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 15 th June	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the intentions of Felix Potemkin For the donor's intentions Eamonn Magner RIP	The Most Holy Trinity (C)

Reflection

The Church comes to life at Pentecost. What Christ accomplished in the Paschal Mystery - His death, resurrection, and ascension - is not complete until the Holy Spirit is poured out. That moment, fifty days after Easter, marks not an end, but a beginning. The Jewish feast of Shavuot, once recalling the gift of the Law to Moses, is fulfilled and transformed. Now, the gift is not written on tablets of stone, but on hearts open to grace.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we are told that the apostles were gathered in one place. They were not strategising, nor planning. They were waiting - obedient to Christ's command. When the Spirit came, it was not in silence or subtlety, but with clarity and power: a sound like wind, tongues like fire, speech that

reached across nations and languages. The early Fathers saw this not as disorder, but as the true order of grace. St Cyril of Jerusalem said it plainly: "With one voice and many tongues they proclaimed one faith" (Catechetical Lectures, 17.6).

This miracle of speech was no display of ecstatic utterance. The apostles spoke, and people from every nation heard the Gospel in their own language. The confusion of Babel was healed. What had once divided now became the path of communion. The Spirit did not give eloquence. He gave intelligibility - the capacity to speak to the heart.

The third Person of the Trinity is not a passive force or abstract energy. The Holy Spirit is the divine agent of mission. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "It is only through the

Holy Spirit that the Church is kept young and vibrant" (Homily, Pentecost 2010). Without Him, there is no evangelisation, no conversion, no transformation.

That same Spirit is offered to each of us. Through Baptism and Confirmation, we are anointed with the fire of Pentecost. The seven gifts - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord—are not ceremonial relics. They are the divine means by which the Church speaks, serves, and sanctifies.

Pentecost is not a memory we admire. It is the power we need. The mission of Christ continues. If we would share in it, then we must first receive the Spirit who makes it possible.

No 6:30pm Mass on Thursday 12 June

This Thursday at 2:00pm in our parish church, we will be celebrating a special Joint Pilgrims' Mass for the pupils of our two schools - St Osmund's and St Mary Magdalene's, Mortlake. All are warmly invited to join us for this joyful occasion. As a result, please note that there will be no 6:30pm Mass on Thursday 12 June. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause and grateful, as always, for your kind understanding.

First Holy Communion, Saturday 14 June, 10am

As a parish community, we are looking forward to Saturday, 14 June, when about 28 of our children will receive Holy Communion for the first time. As this momentous event approaches, let us remember them in our prayers - asking that this step draws them closer to Christ and strengthens the bonds of faith within their families and our wider parish life.

Invitation to join the Parish Green team

Our parish Green Team has been working diligently to secure for our community the highly respected *LiveSimply* award (<https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/livesimply-award>) - a CAFOD initiative that celebrates parishes that put into practice their commitment to live simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with the poor. This is a significant step for our parish, reflecting both faith in action and care for creation. Alongside this, the team is actively helping the Finance Committee explore the possibility of installing a renewable source of energy for the parish buildings - an exciting prospect for our future. Though small in number, the scale of our Green Team's impact is remarkable. For more information about what they do or to discuss joining them, please talk to Fr Ola after Mass or email the parish office (barnes@rcaos.org.uk).

Day for Life

Every year the Church in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year it will be celebrated on 15th June, Trinity Sunday. See (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>)

The Painted Word

St Stephen's Church, Gloucester Road (SW7 4RL) are hosting a free art exhibition from 2-15 June entitled *The Painted Word* by Jérémie Queyras - based on TS Eliot's *The Four Quartets*. Come and explore TS Eliot's enduring legacy to the church, arts, and the world. See (<https://linktr.ee/TSEliot>)

St. Osmund's Primary School Summer Ball - Diamonds Are Forever - 28 June

The St. Osmund's Catholic Primary School PTFA is excited to announce our Bond-themed summer ball, *Diamonds Are Forever*, taking place on Sat, 28 June from 7pm - 1am at Dukes Meadows, W4 2SH. Soul Rites Band (featuring Camille), live DJ, a live and silent auction, raffle and a 3-course sit-down dinner. Early bird discounted tickets - £85.00 per person (when purchased by 31 May), £97.50 per person thereafter. Purchase tickets at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3VABjZwFzSUJj6KQ5iWcfRxPRuKjXqU9_W0WuJYFO2ijFCA/viewform or through the PTFA (stosmundsptfa@live.co.uk). We look forward to seeing you there!

Altar Servers Trip: Westminster Pastoral Centre

Residential trip taking place 6 - 9 August for altar servers aged 11-15. It is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, (Dartford@rcaos.org.uk), Tel:01322 220075. Cost £189. Help available with funding.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Sharon Evans, Janet Waddington, James and Audrey Smith, Teresa Cockburn, 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: Eamonn Magner, Paula Ormerod, Annette Kelsey, Anastasia Costello, Michael O'Sullivan, Mirella Baldwin, Edward Fennessey, and Patrick Costello.

Regina Caeli:

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia; quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia; resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia; ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

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