



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.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday (A) Sunday 8 October 2023 Mass Book p. 137

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 8 th Oct	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Gregory and Simon Gomes RIP Sonia Hilton RIP For the benefactors of the parish	Twenty-Seventh Sunday (A)
Mon 9 th Oct	10.00am Mass		St John Henry Newman
Tue 10 th Oct	10.00am	Service of the Word	St Paulinus of York
Wed 11 th Oct	10.00am Mass	Jane Robertson RIP	St John XXIII
Thur 12 th Oct	10.00am Mass		St Wilfrid
Fri 13 th Oct	6.30pm Mass		St Edward the Confessor
Sun 15 th Oct	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Brigid and Ted McCormack RIP	Twenty-Eighth Sunday (A)

Reflection

As we age, we can progressively slim down our spiritual vocabulary. Ultimately, we need only to do one thing, forgive. Forgive those who have hurt us, forgive ourselves for our shortcomings, and forgive God for those times when life seemed unfair. We need to do this so we do not die angry and bitter. Jesus tells us that if we do not forgive others, God will not forgive us. Why not? Isn't God all-merciful? Can't God forgive everything? The issue is not on God's side, but on ours.

John Shea wrote 'the heavenly banquet table is open to everyone who is willing to sit down with everyone'. There's the catch! That's why it is so difficult for God to forgive us if we do not forgive others. Simply put, there cannot be segregated tables in heaven where we get to sit down only with those persons with whom we are on good terms. Bitterness and hatred may not carry over into heaven. To be in intimacy, joy, and celebration with everyone, we need to be reconciled with everyone. This is an intrinsic imperative, not something God can change. A friend likes to say, "I try to be on good terms with everyone, knowing that I will be spending eternity with them." Sound advice.

(Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI)

Thank you for all the kind donations to the Building Fund following last week's appeal. As one family commented, 'We like it warm at church!'

This Sunday 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. They provide caring and life changing services at every stage of the criminal justice process: in court, in prison, on release, and in the community. PACT works at the intersection of criminal justice, child and family welfare, mental health, wellbeing provision and health and social care.

PACT is building its Parish representative/volunteer network. They are looking for an individual to be a 'go-to' link between PACT and the parish. If anyone would like to take on this role, PACT will be very grateful. Please contact Andy Keen-Downs directly to find out more: (andy.kd@prisonadvice.org.uk)

Monday is the Feast of St John Henry Newman.

"A Christian who doesn't safeguard creation, who doesn't make it flourish, is a Christian who isn't concerned with God's work, that work born of God's love for us."

First Holy Communion 2024

Application form are available now in the Narthex. Please complete and return to the Presbytery. The Mass of Initiation into the Programme is on Sun 26 Nov at 10.30am, Feast of Christ the King.

Red Boxes

Today we continue to empower the Catholic Church globally, showing the love of Christ to everyone, and especially to those in need. Missio achieve this with their partners, the Mill Hill Missionaries, and your Red Box donations. In England and Wales there are Red Boxes in over 200,000 homes. Together we have collected millions of pounds for the missionary Church. **Please bring your Red Box to Mass next Sunday.**

Catholic Women Praying Together (CWPT)

Their annual Mass will be held this year on Wed 15 Nov at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. CWPT is the successor group formed from the Catholic Women of the Year Luncheon, and brings together representatives of the main Catholic women's organisations in the UK.

The Catholic Children's Society Christmas Card Brochures 2023 can be found in the Narthex.

Here I Stand Lecture Series, St Martin in the Fields

Mon 16 Oct, 7pm - Here I Stand: Films that Give Voices to the Voiceless. With Ken Loach. Tickets: (<https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/book-now/?instances-id=256604>)

The National Mass Count

This will continue at all the Masses.

Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

Please pray this prayer for the Synod taking place in Rome and for Archbishop Wilson who is a delegate: *We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.*

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities

This seminar, scheduled for Sat, 28 Oct at the Amigo Hall, is an opportunity for a conversation between all peoples from across the Archdiocese to share the lived experiences about how our parishes, schools, institutions and the wider communities engage in promoting racial justice and cultural inclusion.

Job vacancies: Vineyard Community Centre

Full Time Caseworker to support guests at the drop-in and Part-Time Supervisor for our charity shops. Please visit <https://www.vineyardcommunity.org/> for more information. Closing date, 18 October.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Julio Lopez, David Hoyland, Susan Kelsey, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, Serge Moussalli and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Ian Gomes, 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 exsilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.