



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-Third Sunday Sunday, 8 September 2024 Mass Book p129

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 8 th Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Ian, Gregory and Simon Gomes RIP Pro-populo Vincent Herbert Egan and family RIP	Twenty-Third Sunday (B)
Mon 9 th Sept	10.00am Mass	Thanksgiving mass	St Peter Claver
Tues 10 th Sept	10.00am Mass		Feria
Wed 11 th Sept	10.00am Mass		St Ambrose Barlow
Thur 12 th Sept	6.30pm Mass		The Most Holy Name of Mary
Fri 13 th Sept	10.00am Mass		St John Chrysostom
Sun 15 th Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo	Twenty- Fourth Sunday (B)

Reflection

As the summer season draws to a close and we embark on a new school year, we warmly welcome everyone back to our parish community. We extend our prayers and well wishes for students, teachers, and families as they begin this new chapter.

September also marks the start of the Season of Creation, a time dedicated to reflecting on our role as stewards of the planet, a responsibility that is shared by all of humanity. Our Parish's Green Team, inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis, continues to champion initiatives that emphasize the Christian duty to care for creation.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us of the grave responsibility that rests upon us: "*The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more*

like an immense pile of filth" (*Laudato Si'*, 21). He urges us to recognize that "*each community can take from the bounty of the Earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the Earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations*" (*Laudato Si'*, 67).

The Pope's call for ecological conversion is clear: caring for the planet is not simply an environmental issue, but a profoundly moral and spiritual responsibility that touches the heart of our faith.

In his recent Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis strengthens this message by emphasizing that the time to act is now: "*We are no longer faced with climate change as a future*

problem; it is happening here and now. We cannot afford to waste any more time" (*Laudate Deum*, 12).

As we journey through the Season of Creation, let us remember that our care for the Earth is intimately connected to our Christian duty to love and serve one another.

In the words of Pope Francis: "*Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience*" (*Laudato Si'*, 217). By embracing this responsibility, we honour God's creation and safeguard it for future generations, ensuring that our actions reflect the love and care we are called to show towards both the Earth and our fellow human beings.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for September

For the Cry of the Earth: "Let us pray that each of us hears with the heart the cry of the Earth and victims of natural disasters and climate change, personally committing to care for the world we inhabit."

Catholic Education Service

Today is Education Sunday and our second collection will be on behalf of the Catholic Education Service (CES) which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one third of all the schools in the country.

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 and would like to join our mailing list.

Alpha Course

'Ask anything about life, faith and God'.

To join our latest course starting Wed 25 Sept from 7.15-9pm at St Osmund's School speak to Mark Bithrey or email: (alpha@htbarnes.org)

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Open Evenings for Year 7 (First Form pupils)

These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. They will include an address from Mr Stubbings, Headmaster, and a tour of the school. Dates: Thurs 12 Sept 2024 & Tuesday 17 Sept 2024. The Headmaster will speak at 4.30pm and 6.00pm. We suggest, therefore, that you arrive between 4:15 pm and 5:30 pm.

You do not need to book for our open evenings. Full details are available on our website:

(<https://www.cvms.co.uk/Admissions/>)

KHS Jerusalem Ball

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Lieutenancy of England and Wales, present the 9th Jerusalem Ball on 12 October 2024, at the Gladstone Library, One Whitehall Place.

Doors will open at 6:30 PM, welcoming guests with a Chapel Down Brut reception, three-course dinner, and an evening filled with music, dance, and a live auction. Our biennial ball directly supports the works of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem in the Holy Land, where the need for aid is more pressing than ever due to the ongoing crisis. Tickets are £175 and can be purchased at (<https://jerusalemball.org.uk/>)

Church cleaning - can you help?

We are looking for a few extra people to join our cleaning rota which would greatly help our existing team. As a rough guide, we're looking at 1 or 2 hours every 4 to 6 weeks or so (but any time that you could spare would be very much appreciated).

If you can help, please contact Aoife Hulme:

(aoifehulme@hotmail.com)

Priest Reference Forms - Secondary School Transfer

Sign-up sheets will be available at the back of the church from the middle of Sept for you to book a 15 min appointment with Fr Ola to have your Secondary School forms signed. For your reference, Catholic State and Independent schools that serve our parish:

Catholic State Schools:

Cardinal Vaughan, Gumley House, Wimbledon College, London Oratory, Sacred Heart, Ursuline, St Richard Reynolds, Gunnersbury.

Catholic Independent Schools:

The Marist School, (Ascot), St Mary's, (Ascot) Woldingham School (Caterham), Worth School (Crawley), St Benedict's (Ealing), More House, (Sloane Square), St Catherine's, Twickenham.

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 is 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 especially Judith Hiller and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Ellen O'Sullivan, Joe Harris, Anne Marie D'Cruz, Barbara Pearson and Ronald Fader.

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.