



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)

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.

Tenth Sunday (B) Sunday, 9 June 2024 Mass Book p 92

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 9 th June	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Anneliese Sullivan RIP Ed Knight RIP Pro-populo	Tenth Sunday (B)
Mon 10 th June	10.00am Mass		Feria
Tues 11 th June	10.00am Mass		St Barnabas
Wed 12 th June	10.00am Mass		Feria
Thur 13 th June	6.30pm Mass		St Anthony of Padua
Fri 14 th June	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sun 16 th June	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Bernard Blair RIP Eamonn Magner RIP	Eleventh Sunday (B)

Reflection

In the Gospel for the 10th Sunday in Ordinary time it appears that Jesus faces misunderstanding and opposition from both his family and the scribes. Early Church Fathers, such as St. Augustine, interpret this passage as a clear example of the challenges and hostility Jesus faced during His ministry. Augustine emphasizes the difference between earthly family ties and the spiritual family of believers, highlighting Jesus' mission to create a new community based on faith rather than blood relations.

The scribes' accusation that Jesus is possessed by Beelzebul illustrates their profound spiritual blindness and refusal to acknowledge His divine authority. Origen explains that calling the good works of Jesus evil is a serious offense against the Holy Spirit, revealing a heart that stubbornly rejects the truth of the Gospel.

Modern interpretations by recent popes build on these early insights while emphasizing the inclusive nature of Jesus' message. Pope Benedict XVI, in **Jesus of Nazareth**, highlights that Jesus' redefinition of family stresses the importance of discipleship and obedience to God's will. He explains that Jesus' message transcends traditional boundaries, forming a new family of faith that is open to all believers.

Pope Francis, known for his pastoral approach, reiterates the importance of community and the call to be inclusive. He reminds us that Jesus' invitation to join His spiritual family is open to everyone who seeks to do God's will. The Pope emphasizes mercy, compassion, and the inclusiveness of God's love, urging believers to welcome and embrace all people as brothers and sisters in Christ.

This passage challenges Christians to reflect on their own openness to Jesus' radical call. It highlights the importance of forming spiritual kinship within the community of faith and encourages a transformation that aligns with God's will, promoting unity and love among all members of the Church.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your support and hard work in organizing the Mass of Induction on Thursday evening. The bishop, members of the clergy, and representatives of civil authorities who attended commented on the extraordinary beauty of the liturgy, the Church adorned with beautifully and exquisitely arranged flowers, and the reception downstairs afterward. I am profoundly grateful for the warm welcome I received from this community. Special thanks go to those who organized the liturgy, the Sacristan, the florists, the Choir that sang so wonderfully, the Head and staff of St. Osmund's School, and the children. My sincere appreciation also extends to those who dedicated their time and resources to the reception. Thank you all, and God bless.

Day for Life

Next Sunday's second collection will be to support Day for Life. This is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Day for Life Collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic Charities working in the particular field determined by the time of the year.

St Osmund's School Quiz night

Would you like to join a table of parishioners for the St Osmund's School Quiz night? It is taking place on Wed 12 June at 7.30pm in the St Osmund's School Hall. Tickets are £10, and it's a great opportunity to get together and raise money for our wonderful school. Come on your own, bring a friend or neighbour, or anyone with an excellent general knowledge! Groups are coming dressed as their favourite decade - outfits can be just a token gesture, anything goes! Please contact the parish office (barnes@rcaos.org.uk) if you would like to join a table of 6-10 people.

St Osmund's Holy Hour, starting 5 July

In anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025, declared by the Holy Father through his Bull of Indiction "Spes Non Confundit" on 9 May, 2024, our parish will restart weekly silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Beginning Friday, 5 July, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 9am, one hour before Morning Mass, for silent prayer and adoration. During this time, the priest will be available for confessions. Adoration will conclude with Benediction, followed by the 10am Mass. We encourage all community members to join in this moment of prayer to deepen their faith and prepare for the Jubilee Year.

Farewell mass for Mgr Cronin Fri 28 June

On Friday, 28 June at 6:30pm, we will host a farewell mass for our former parish priest, Mgr Cronin, at St Osmund, followed by a reception in the hall in thanksgiving for his eight years of dedicated service to our parish and the Barnes community. This occasion will offer us a chance to show our appreciation for his years of hard work in our parish and in the community. If you would like to contribute to Mgr Cronin's leaving gift, you can use the contactless machines in the narthex or online at (<https://donate.mydona.com/st-osmunds-catholic-church>) or by placing your donation in an envelope marked 'Mgr Cronin' to the Parish Office. Cheques should be made out to 'James Cronin'.

The Men's Group

Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for our next meeting on Thursday 13 June, 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). We will have an Introduction to the Sycamore Course, followed by a social drink at The Lamb pub. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: (donnellysm@hotmail.com) or just turn up.

Summertime 2024 Altar Servers' Summer Break

29th July – 1st August: Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £189. For aged 11-16. We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. In an event that has now gone on for more than 20 years, and includes football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm's Dartford, see your parish priest for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel:01322 220075.

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: Eamonn Magner, Paula Ormerod, Annette Kelsey, Anastasia Costello, Michael O'Sullivan, Mirella Baldwin, Edward Fennessey, and Patrick Costello.

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.