



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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Mass Times

Sundays: 6.30pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm
Weekdays: (Mon-Fri) 10.00am
Holydays: 10.00am & 6.30pm

Confession: Saturday 5.30 to 6.00pm

Baptisms and weddings by arrangement

Fifteenth Sunday (A)

Sunday 16th July 2017 (Mass book p. 102)

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sat 15 th July	6.30 pm	Emma Whitehouse RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 16 th July	8.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	William (Bill) Linehan RIP Pat Gifford RIP Pro Populo	Fifteenth Sunday (A)
Mon 17 th July	10.00 am	Peter Blair, recently deceased, and the Blair family	Feria
Tue 18 th July	10.00 am	Richard Barrett RIP	Feria
Wed 19 th July	6.00 pm	Miss Lambe Farewell Mass Miss Lambe's intentions	Feria
Thurs 20 th July	10.00 am	Mary & Ellen Donovan & relatives RIP	Feria
Fri 21 st July	10.00 am	End of year Mass at church For 2017 St Osmund's school leavers	Feria
Sat 22 nd July	4.00 pm 6.30 pm	Baptism Jo and Vince O'Brien	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 23 rd July	8.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm		Sixteenth Sunday (A)
Many thanks for last week's:	Mass count: 367	Offertory: £847.81	Second collection: £250.88

Reflection

Over the next few Sundays, a selection of letters, written to Jesus by this year's First Holy Communion children, is our reflection. They exhibit a child-like trust in Jesus, manifest excitement at receiving the Holy Eucharist and a resolute desire to follow Jesus. Pray for them, and ourselves, that we may rediscover our earlier ardour for the things of God.

Dear Jesus, I would like to receive this Holy Sacrament because I want to get closer to you and light up my heart when I come up to heaven. Please help me to have courage in accepting my First Holy Communion and help me remember your sacrifice to save us from sins. Thank you for everything in my life. Amen.

Dear Jesus, I've been preparing to receive my First Holy Communion for a long time. I've learned all about the Sacrament and I've received the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare me for the Gift of Grace. I started this because my mummy and daddy wanted me to, but now I know it will make me happy and bring me closer to you. I want to make my soul shine brightly by praying, helping others, forgiving, being kind, loving and being obedient. I'm very nervous about my special day but I want to make my mummy and daddy proud.

Dear Jesus, I want to make my Holy Communion because I want to learn more about you and be able to take the bread, which represents the Body of Christ. I would also like to make my Holy Communion because I want to be more like Jesus so I can learn what church is all about. Amen.

Dear Jesus, I want to do my First Holy Communion because I really want to be the best Christian I can be and I would like to help people with arguments and try to solve them. Jesus looks after me because he loves me. He tries to make me not give up on things. Jesus is my best friend and he loves me. I love Jesus so much.

Dear Jesus, Guide me on this journey of love and sacrifice, as I am about to receive Jesus for the first time. I want to make my First Holy Communion because I want to be close to you and love you, because you gave up everything for us and got crucified for our sins. Help me to get closer to you and help me remember that anyone who eats your body and drinks your blood will live forever.

Diary of Events

Wednesday 19th July at 6.00pm

Farewell Mass for Miss Lambe. After 15 years, first as a teacher and then as Head teacher, Miss Lambe is leaving St Osmund's Primary School. On Wednesday 19th July, there will be Mass at 6pm, followed by a drinks reception in the hall, to which all those who knew Fiona, past pupils/parents are invited, to say thank you and farewell. Miss Lambe has made a great contribution to the life of the school. We owe her a debt of gratitude.

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General information

Knock, Knock. Who's there? Jesus. Jesus WHO?

We had a good response to our request for 25 helpers to help us run a pilot course that other parishes have been running. If you have been thinking and want to join, please email Mark on pilot.st.osmunds@gmail.com. It has also been a great tool for those who have more questions and want to get a better understanding of their faith. It has also had great success at bringing new people into the church.

The course

The course runs for 10 weeks and is an opportunity for us to test how the course works. Each week there will be a different talk tackling a different topic such as, is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? How can I have faith? Who is the Holy Spirit? The course will also involve us doing a Saturday workshop together. The general idea is that we meet each week, to have something to eat together, then we listen to a pre-recorded talk on a TV monitor, and then we will break down into two smaller groups to discuss the talk.

Going forward

Following that we are hoping that some of that team will then help us run an official course which we will advertise to the local community and invite people to come in and learn about Christianity. We will also have an open invitation to those who are connected to the church because of their spouses and just want to know more and ask questions about what it is all about. In addition, we will also need people who can help us prepare food, prepare coffee and generally help.

No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you want. Interested email Mark on - pilot.st.osmunds@gmail.com

National Eucharistic Congress

From Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, who writes:

In the presence of this Sacrament, whether at Mass, at Benediction or reserved in the tabernacle in the silence of a church, our stance is always that of adoration. This call to adoration, in Latin *adoremus*, is the title being given to an initiative of all the bishops of England and Wales to create a special opportunity for us to reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives. From 7th to 9th September 2018 there will be a National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool called *Adoremus*. Through this event, and all the preparation taking place before it, we seek to rejuvenate Eucharistic adoration in our parishes as the source of strength for our lives and for our ...**cont.**

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cont.... mission, that of making present the love and compassion of Jesus in our society. Every diocese will be taking part and I hope that many of you will be willing to make the pilgrimage next September. Incidentally, the last National Eucharistic Congress took place in 1908 and permissions for a public procession with the Blessed Sacrament were refused!

Salve Regina

**Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;
vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve.**

Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae.

**Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.**

Eia ergo, advocata nostra,

**illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos
converte.**

**Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.**

O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

When a good deed leads to something unintended

A thief was caught in his act of felony. He was intending to steal a Red Mission Box from the back of the Church. He had brought his own black plastic bag in which he was about to conceal the box. When challenged he dropped the box. In order to help this character stay the right side of the law, please do not leave unattended Mission boxes in the Narthex they have a right to reach their intended, the Missions.

Film: Summer in the Forest

This poetic documentary follows the life of the L'Arche community in Trosly, France, where people with learning disabilities and their carers have found what it truly means to be human. The film offers a glimpse into the world of L'Arche founder Jean Vanier, who is inspired by his love of Jesus and his passion for God's upside down kingdom where 'the weak and foolish have been chosen to confound the wise and powerful.' Summer in the Forest is a unique opportunity for the UK church to view a really special film and a profound portrayal of God's love being lived out. See www.summerintheforest.com for more; trailer at <http://youtu.be?wLf1rx2RPRE>

What is the rule about fasting before Communion?

"One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion." (canon 919) Notice the law says one hour before communion not one hour before Mass. Communion is normally given, for example, at the 10.30 am Mass at approximately 11.10 am so the fast should begin by 10.10 am in order to receive Holy Communion.