



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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(Weds to Fri; 10.00am to 2.00pm)

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Mass Times

Sundays: As noted below
Weekdays: As noted below

Confession: By private appointment only
Baptisms and weddings: Contact the Parish

Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A) Sunday 20th September 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sat 19 th Sept	No Mass	Intention Available*	
Sun 20th Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass (Reservation req'd) 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Ellen O'Sullivan RIP Vincent Herbert Egan & Family	Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A)
Mon 21 st Sept	10.00am Mass	Mary Donovan RIP	St Matthew
Tue 22 nd Sept	No Mass	Intention Available*	
Wed 23 rd Sept	10.00am Mass	Intention Available*	St Pius of Pietrelcina
Thur 24 th Sept	No Mass	Intention Available*	
Fri 25 th Sept	10.00am Mass	Intention Available*	Feria
Sat 26 th Sept	No Mass	Intention Available*	
Sun 27th Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass (Reservation req'd) 6.30pm Mass	Georgina Chevallier RIP	Twenty-Sixth Sunday (A)

*If you wish to have a mass intention said, please contact the Parish Office

Please read the attached
Newsletter for the latest on
Public Masses at
St Osmund's



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Sunday, 20 September 2020

Salvete Omnes - My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Trusting you are well. I pray for you each day. Until further notice the following Mass times will apply:

Sunday Masses

8.30am

10.30am

6.30pm

Weekday Masses

Monday 10.00am, Wednesday 10.00am, Friday 10.00am

****Please review the front page of our weekly newsletter bulletin located on the Parish Website for the most up-to-date Weekday Mass Schedule.**

For your safety, the number allowed in the Church is significantly reduced and other measures are in place to preserve social distancing. Attending Mass, you are required by Law to wear face masks and no toilet facilities are available.

The Sunday 10.30am Mass requires pre-booking. You can make your reservation by going to www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-osmunds-church.

At the other Masses (8.30am & 6.30pm) a steward will take your contact details so we can be part of the Trace and Contact scheme. Therefore you will be asked to give personal contact details which will be retained for three weeks and then destroyed.

Other than the 10.30am Mass you do not need to pre-book a place - which affords me the opportunity to thank our volunteer stewards for all they are doing to ensure we are compliant and therefore able to offer this range of Masses. It may interest you to know that two local parishes are still in lockdown and consequently not offering public Masses. The Guidelines also prohibit a priest from standing outside the Church after Mass. At least under our masks we can still smile!

Zoom

We will continue to Zoom the Sunday 10.30am Mass. Details on how to access the mass were sent via our weekly email newsletter. Please contact the office if you require the information again.

First Holy Communion

Please remember in your prayers children who have waited patiently to receive Our Lord. Given the restrictions, the First Holy Communion Masses will take place on Saturday mornings beginning on Saturday 26 September and will continue through October. Numbers are restricted to 30 persons including the Children at each celebration; hence the multiplication of Masses. It is important that the Children have a First Holy Communion Mass but alas no party in the Hall to follow due to restrictions.

Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16. Green with envy!

Those who know those things say that the poet Seamus Heaney was a victim of other peoples envy and they say his poem titled "The Scribes" is aimed at some of his detractors.

*I saw in my absence
The slope cursive of each back and felt them
Perfect themselves against me page by page.*

Here he describes the attitude of the literati set in Belfast who disapproved of his moving away and set about detracting from his achievements. Winston Churchill in a speech in Parliament is famously quoted saying; "a medal glitters, they also cast a shadow." What he meant is that not everyone receives a medal and the shadow the reward casts is envy. In other words, Why didn't I get one? The Catechism describes envy as a sin at being upset by another's good fortune. How does it feel? Envy produces a feeling of sadness at the sight of another's goods and their achievements. At worse, on seeing another person's success something within me dies!

In today's Gospel the vineyard owner is excessive and reckless with his money and property. At the conclusion of the text he adds a cautionary question to the disgruntled: why be envious because I am generous? According to one commentary the Greek text translates; Or is your eye evil because I am good. The same Commentator says: The key expression here is the evil eye, which in the Semitic idiom describes someone who is envious, grudging or capably lacking in generosity.

The vineyard owner pays those who came and worked a full day the same rate as those who worked solely for a few hours. When questioned he says: "Why be envious because I am generous". By this Jesus is telling us what sort of God made us and longs to share his life with us. Another example would be the parable of the Prodigal son. The wasteful father welcomes back his son, no questions asked, and orders a great feast.

In the burial service we say: "We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon the deceased in this life as they are signs to us of your goodness of our fellowship with the saints in Christ." We have much to be grateful for and the Gospel today invites us to rejoice at the liberality of God made manifest in the

lives of others. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's ways are not our ways. So this week let's try to think like God; generous, munificent, prodigal and reckless. Forget the green eye!

Year VI Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) for Secondary transfer 2020/21

I was waiting for the advice of the Diocesan Education Commission which arrived during the week. Following their model I have opted for a 'business as usual' approach using their tweaks and advice.

So, as in the past, there will be timed appointments held at the presbytery for parents of Year VI children wanting a completed SIF. The times/dates on offer are from 4pm - 6:20pm on Friday 2 October and 4pm - 5:20pm on Sunday 4 October. Please view the sign-up sheets in the back of the Church to book in for your 10-minute appointment. Please bring your own pen!

I ask you to please come to your appointment alone, unaccompanied, without children and wear a mask. What is also different is I will have copies available of the standard Certificate of Catholic Practice - so no need to bring your own. HOWEVER if you are applying to a school which has its own Certificate of Catholic Practice, e.g., Wimbledon College, Ursuline, Oratory please place them in a stamped addressed envelope and bring with you. They will be stored for 72 hours and then signed and returned to you by post.

The Diocesan Guidance states: When required to support the fair application process it remains the role of the Parish Priest to provide evidence of practice. That is based on practice over time (eg two or three years). In the current context, practice since February/March 2020 is not sufficient.

Please share this information - especially with anyone who may be shielding.

Here is a list of catholic secondary Schools: State and Private

Catholic State Schools

Cardinal Vaughan (boys)
Gumley House (girls)
Gunnersbury (boys)
Oratory (boys)
Sacred Heart (girls)
St Richard Reynolds (mixed)
Ursuline (girls)
Wimbledon College (boys)

Catholic Independent Schools

The Marist School, Ascot
More House, Knightsbridge
St Benedict's, Ealing
St Catherine's, Twickenham
St Mary's, Ascot
Woldingham School, Caterham

The month of September is a special time of prayer for the care of creation

Pope Francis says the coronavirus pandemic has brought the world to a crossroads and urged societies to come together to restore the land and find more sustainable ways of living to give the “Earth the rest it requires.”

“The disintegration of biodiversity, spiralling [sic] climate disasters, and unjust impact of the current pandemic on the poor and vulnerable: all these are a wakeup call in the face of our rampant greed and consumption,” Francis said in a written message Tuesday marking the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. “In some ways, the current pandemic has led us to rediscover a simpler and sustainable lifestyle. Already we can see how the earth can recover if we allow it to rest: the air becomes cleaner, the waters clearer, and animals have returned to many places from where they had previously disappeared,” he said.

The pontiff said the constant demand for growth and production are exhausting the natural world, proclaiming that “Creation is groaning!” He urged people to seize the opportunity of the pandemic to reflect on their habits of energy use, transportation and consumption.

FiSH is seeking a new Chair of Trustees

FiSH will be pleased to hear from any potential candidates for the role of Chair, for an initial appointment of four years. Interviews will take place in the autumn with a view to an appointment in November.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate strong leadership credentials and ideally have charity or volunteering experience.

Trustees are not remunerated. For more information about FiSH, including details of the current Board, please visit www.fishhelp.org.uk or contact the Director, Micky Forster on 07870 473711.

To apply, please email a CV and a covering letter (explaining why your skills, experience and personal attributes fit the criteria outlined) to director@fishhelp.org.uk or alternatively send these to Micky Forster, Director, FiSH Neighbourhood Care, Barnes Green Centre, Church Road, London SW13 9HE.

Closing date: 30 September 2020.

Stay well and best wishes,

Rev Monsignor Canon James Cronin