



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

Nineteenth Sunday

Sunday 13th August 2017 (Mass book p. 114)

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sat 12 th Aug	6.30 pm	Pro Populo	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 13 th Aug	8.30 am 10.30 am 12.30 pm 6.30 pm	Agnes Foley RIP Richard & Jennifer Harrison Baptism Sofia Barnes & India Middleton Annie Saunders & William Oakden RIP	Nineteenth Sunday (A)
Mon 14 th Aug	10.00 am	Monica Cutting	Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe
Tue 15 th Aug	10.00 am 6.30pm	Nelson Caputa's intention Rose & Timothy Couch RIP	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 16 th Aug	10.00 am	Edward McLafferty RIP	Feria
Thurs 17 th Aug	10.00 am	James Moloney RIP	Feria
Fri 18 th Aug	10.00 am	Mr Marston	Feria
Sat 19 th Aug	6.30 pm		First Mass of Sunday
Sun 20 th Aug	8.30 am 10.30 am 12.30 pm 6.30 pm	Baptism Safia Dietz & Roberto Grimaldi	Twentieth Sunday (A)
Many thanks for last week's:	Mass count: 257	Offertory: £736.48	Second collection: £

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 want to make my First Holy Communion because I want to be closer to you than I was before. I also think receiving the Sacrament will bring me closer to the Christian faith and make my soul shine. I have been waiting a long time to receive the bread and wine with my family at Mass. Thank you for your blessing. Amen.

Dear Jesus, I am looking forward to having my Holy Communion and receiving the host and I'll try to follow in your footsteps. When I receive the host, I'll renew my faith. I hope when I have my Holy Communion I'll get closer to you. I'll try not to fall in sin and darkness. I'll try to make my heart shine brighter and can you help me be better than I am?

Dear Jesus, I would like to receive my First Holy Communion because I want to be the best Christian I can be. I want to make you proud. I love you so much. Thank you for sharing your love with me.

Dear Jesus, I would like to receive my Holy Communion because I want to be with you all of the time. I will try not to be naughty or mischievous. I will pray for my family every day and in church on Sundays. I promise to follow in your footsteps and be a good Christian. Thank you for helping me do my first Confession.

Dear Jesus, I am looking forward to receiving my First Holy Communion because I would like to be closer to you and follow in your footsteps. You have set such a good example. I will try to pray for my family every day and will try to be good in your image. Thank you for helping me to be brave in all the challenges I have in my life. Thank you for helping me to receive my first Confession.

Diary of events

Saturday 16th September 10.00am to 12.30pm

For our Eucharistic Ministers. On Saturday 16th September, all Eucharistic Ministers in the Mortlake Deanery (which includes our parish and the eight neighbouring Catholic churches) are invited to a session led by Canon John O'Toole looking at the meaning of the Eucharist within the Catholic Church. This will provide a great opportunity to take time to reflect on what it means to be a Eucharistic Minister and ask questions. We hope existing Ministers will join us. The session will run between 10am and 12.30pm (refreshments from 9.30am) and will be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Hall, 222 Sheen Rd., Richmond, TW10 5AN. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you to our Eucharistic Ministers for their faithfulness and for their ministry to the housebound, which is greatly appreciated.

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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.

Parish Secretary

We are looking to recruit a part time Parish Secretary to assist in the administration of our busy parish. The role is to provide comprehensive support to the Parish Priest in all administrative matters within the Parish and will cover secretarial, financial and office management work. Previous secretarial experience is essential, along with good knowledge of bookkeeping/financial work. The successful candidate will be fully conversant with current office software such as Word and Excel and be generally

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comfortable with IT and office equipment. He/she will have excellent telephone skills and a good understanding of the workings of a Catholic parish. Our ideal hours are 12.5 hours a week; actual days/hours to be mutually agreed. Salary £12 to £15 per hour depending on experience. If you would like to apply for this position please email your CV to meganfrost41@gmail.com by the closing date of Wednesday 27th September 2017. Please do not apply if you do not have current permission to work in the UK.

Glass Door Homeless Charity has enjoyed another fulfilling year with seven churches in the Borough of Wandsworth joining the two existing shelter circuits in Hammersmith & Fulham, and Chelsea & Knightsbridge, thus providing a secure place to sleep and be fed for 87 rough sleepers each night, from early November to early April. Caseworkers have helped 98 people into employment and 160 into more permanent housing. If you would like to help our vulnerable guests, there are two main ways:

1. **Support the Glass Door Sleep Out.** Friday 6th October 2017. For more information see poster at back of church, or: <http://www.glassdoor.org.uk/sleepout.htm>
2. **Become a Barnes' volunteer,** at the Glass Door Shelter hosted by Barnes Methodist Church. For one Saturday in four, help to prepare, cook, serve and then share a hot meal with circa 35 guests from 6 - 9.45pm. To volunteer, or for more information contact: miagibbons@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 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. The last National Eucharistic Congress took place in 1908 and permissions for a public procession with the Blessed Sacrament were refused!