



# The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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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

## Thirtieth Sunday (A) Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	No Mass	For the Donor's Intention	
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass (Reservation req'd)</b> <b>6.30pm Mass</b>	<b>Michael Costello RIP</b> <b>The Hawken Family</b> <b>Patricia Bradley RIP</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday (A)</b>
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass	Agnes Foley RIP	Sts Chad and Cedd
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	No Mass	Andrzej Panufnik RIP	
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass	For the Welfare of Margaret Humphrys	Sts Simon and Jude
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	No Mass	Patrick Sheahan RIP	
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	Feria
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	No Mass	*Intention Available	
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass (Reservation req'd)</b> <b>6.30pm Mass</b>	<b>*Intention Available</b> <b>Patricia Jordan RIP</b> <b>baby Charlotte Victoria RIP</b>	<b>All Saints</b>

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

**Please read the attached**  
**Newsletter for the latest**  
**Church Update**



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Sunday, 25 October 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My heart sank as we went up a tier to high alert in order to prevent the spread of infection. Not as if I had any plans to go anywhere but I do miss going to the Theatre and Cinema. However currently I have no desire to do so. Moreover, I am disappointed that we can't have activities, including expanding our Alpha groups and preparation for Confirmation or simple things like Coffee after 10.30 Mass as we would normally have at this time. However there is a good side, this time the Church remains open for Masses.

I pray for all who live alone, for our students who are at University, especially those who have gone as freshers and had not the experience they were promised. I place in God's warm embrace those who feel their lives are on hold and who worry over job and financial security. I tell the Lord about those who have missed anniversaries and birthday parties and above all I thank God for each of us and the beauty of creation which is all around us in Barnes. This is a constant reminder that whilst we may feel our lives are on hold God is constantly holding each of us in the palm of his hand and close to his Sacred Heart.

### **First Holy Communion**

Please remember in your prayers those who made their First Holy Communion over the past month on Saturday mornings. Praying that the Blessed Sacrament will be the food that sustains them whatever life holds for them.

### **Baptisms**

We are welcoming a steady number of little ones coming into the Church through baptism. Not easy for parents as the restrictions allow only 6 persons including the baby. You do the math, as they say, which prohibits many who would normally attend: grandparents, aunties, uncles, cousins, friends. Quoting one of the Ancient Fathers: "The Church grows through the Waters of Baptism." Congratulations to all the little ones who now belong to us and we belong to them.

### **Red Boxes**

Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to collect the Red Mission Boxes. Consequently Fr Chantry has left a stock of envelopes for you to empty the Box into and these can be returned to Missio, directly.

## **Jam**

Margaret has a selection of homemade jams available. Should you wish to purchase a selection, please email her at margaretcrawford41@outlook.com.

## **Come on St Joseph, we need your help.**

With the economy and people's jobs at risk, let us ask St Joseph to assist us; entrusting ourselves to the intercession of St Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family and our families. The carpenter of Nazareth, who too experienced precariousness and uncertainty about the future, knew how to walk the darkness of certain moments, always letting himself be guided by God's will without reservation.

*Protect, O Holy Joseph, this our nation. Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know — like you do — how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility. Grant intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters. Sustain those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick. Bless, St Joseph, the Church. Make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness. Accompany, O St Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest. Preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement. Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor. With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic. Amen*

## **LIVE STREAMING OF MASS FROM ST OSMUND'S**

We now have a camera installed in the Church. In place of Zoom, we will be streaming the Sunday 10:30am Mass on Youtube, with the goal to stream all Sunday masses the following week. The camera will be switched on from approximately 15 minutes before Mass and switched off at the end of Mass. I hope the livestream will assist those to hear mass who are sheltering and those who are vulnerable.

For the live streaming of the Mass, visit: <https://youtu.be/BdZaDQlh8z0>

## **Current Mass Schedule**

Mon, Wed, Friday at 10.00am

Sunday at 8:30am, 10.30am\* and 6.30pm

### **\*Sunday 10.30am Mass**

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

## **In Remembrance**

For those who have died recently, especially Muriel Maseyk and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Jeff Potts, Marian Jay, Michael Ruvigny, Christopher Brickell, Patrick Sheahan, Andrzej Panufnik, Mgr Pat Wall, Joe O'Donne, Anna Bowers, Anthony Tomlins, Kathleen Scott-Allen, Mary Hickey, Liam Murphy, Patrick & James O'Neill, Eileen Radley and Francis McGuckin.

### **NHS Test and Trace App**

The NHS Covid 19 App is now available and all who can are advised to download it to their phone. To support this, our church now has a QR code on display - so please scan this whenever you attend. Apart from the Sunday 10.30am mass, which requires reservation, you can simply scan the QR code to register your attendance and then make your way to your seat. Alternatively, you will be required to provide your contact details to a steward at the entrance.

### **Blessing of the Graves**

On Sunday 1 November in the afternoon, we will be making our annual visit to the East Sheen and Richmond Cemetery. Owing to the social distancing guidelines, the following are changes for this year: (1) people will go to their individual family/friend graves for 3:00pm; (2) Mgr will come to the individual graves for prayers and blessings. There will be no meeting at the gates or procession while praying the rosary.

### **The Christian Heritage Centre**

Based in Stonyhurst, the Centre is offering an exciting online event this October:

“Newman 101: Why Newman Matters” – an online colloquium celebrating the 10th anniversary of beatification and 1st of canonisation. Leading Newman scholars will present short papers on different themes from Newman’s legacy. This event will take place at 4pm on Saturday 31st October. Visit [www.christianheritagecentre.com/events](http://www.christianheritagecentre.com/events) for more information and registration.

### **Blessed Carlo Acutis**

Basically, Carlo was an Italian, baptised here in London across the river in Fulham. He grew up back in Milan and died of a rampant leukaemia in the space of a few days in 2006, aged just 15. In those short few years of life, he had already manifested a remarkable holiness, so much so that he is on the way to being declared a saint. After a miracle in Brazil was verified, he has now been solemnly declared ‘Blessed’ in a ceremony last Saturday in Assisi. There is lots about him online now e.g.,

50 Facts about Carlo Acutis - <https://youtu.be/DgLtOF0G2sQ>

A priest who was in Assisi prior to the Beatification writes: As Carlo was a contemporary of ours, and it is easy to verify a great deal about his life (it is not ‘lost in the mists of time’, or surrounded by myth or uncertainty). He reminds all of us, especially those who are parents of young children, that, whatever our age, we are all called to holiness, to the friendship with Jesus he discovered in his short life. He became holy in ways appropriate to his young age – albeit in remarkable ways (such as outreach to poor and needy persons - some of which his parents only discovered after his death). Now he would be almost 30 and doubtless would be living his faith in an even deeper, adult manner. Never underestimate your kids. Don’t stifle signs of holiness, encourage it. Help them aim high, and do so with them. Among other things, Carlo’s example brought his parents, who were not ‘practising’, back to the faith! If you have young or teenaged children, why not help them find out more? One of his gifts was, as what we might call, a ‘computer geek’. He was not only highly skilled (beyond his years), but he saw the potential of the internet for good (as well as ill), and for

evangelisation. A short video, aimed at young people, with some words by Cardinal Nichols to them, can be viewed at:

<https://youtu.be/PLFusUobk4>

God bless and stay safe

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