



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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(Weds to Fri; 10.00am to 2.00pm)

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Website: <https://stosmunds.parishportal.net/>

Mass Times

Sundays: As noted below

Weekdays: As noted below

Confession: By private appointment only

Baptisms and weddings: Contact the Parish

Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A) Sunday 13th September 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sat 12 th Sept	No Mass		
Sun 13th Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass (Reservation req'd) 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Sarah Hughes RIP	Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A)
Mon 14 th Sept	No Mass		
Tue 15 th Sept	No Mass		
Wed 16 th Sept	No Mass		
Thur 17 th Sept	No Mass		
Fri 18 th Sept	No Mass 12.00pm	Funeral Mass for Patricia Barrigan	
Sat 19 th Sept	No Mass		
Sun 20th Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass (Reservation req'd) 6.30pm Mass	Vincent Herbert Egan & Family RIP Ellen O'Sullivan RIP Mary Donovan RIP	Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A)

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



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Sunday, 13 September 2020

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Public Masses

Until further notice the following Mass times will apply:

Sunday Masses

8.30am

10.30am

6.30pm

**Please review the front page bulletin of our newsletter to view the Weekday Mass Schedule. The bulletin can be found at: <https://stosmunds.parishportal.net/category/newsletter>

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 10.30 am 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 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 each Saturday in 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.

Words of Pope Francis spoken on the Feast of The Assumption

When man set foot on the moon, he said a phrase that became famous: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." In essence, humanity had reached a historical goal. But today, in Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we celebrate an infinitely greater conquest. The Madonna has set foot in paradise: she went there not only in spirit, but with her body as well, with all of herself. This step of the lowly Virgin of Nazareth was the huge leap forward for humanity. Going to the moon serves us little if we do not live as brothers and sisters on Earth. But that one of us dwells in the flesh in Heaven gives us hope: we understand that we are precious, destined to rise again. God does not allow our bodies to vanish into nothing. With God, nothing is lost! In Mary, the goal has been reached and we have before our eyes the reasons why we journey: not to gain the things here below, which vanish, but to achieve the homeland above, which is forever. And Our Lady is the star that guides us. She went there first. She, as the Council teaches, shines "as a sign of sure hope and solace to the People of God during its sojourn on earth." (Lumen gentium, 68)

A message from our Green Team

Everywhere you look, the movement is growing. Oceania. Asia. Africa. Europe. South America. North America. Thousands on six continents are making the prophetic decision to join the Season of Creation.

And this year, the Season of Creation couldn't come at a more important time. A quarter of Bangladesh is flooded. Climate emissions are surging as countries reopen. High temperatures are scorching the middle east. The world desperately needs the message of hope that Season of Creation provides - that we can - and must - pray for and act for creation. As Pope Francis tells us, "we know things can change." A just climate future is possible, but it will take each and every one of us playing our part. Next month, the world's 2.2 billion Christians on six continents will unite as one community to pray and take action for our common home. Together, they'll show the world how to care for each other and for creation. Visit www.seasonofcreation.com

Covid-19 Appeal for children's duvet covers

A local team of needleworkers is keen to receive any children's duvet covers to make into child friendly scrubs. They have had a surge in requests from children's hospitals and outpatients, where masks and visors can be frightening for children and it's difficult to get child friendly scrubs. The team is currently making scrubs for the Royal Brompton paediatric wards and Great Ormond Street Hospital. If you have suitable duvet covers you wish to donate please contact Sheila at: 07711284096 or sheilatreadaway@gmail.com

Alternatively if you wish to donate money so that the team can buy fabrics,

please use: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?charityCampaignUrl=southlondonscrubs>

Red Boxes

It is time to empty your red box and send the money off to fulfil its purpose in helping the poorest of the poor and those most in need of the Good News. Please join us for mass this weekend and empty your box in a brown Missio envelop located near the steward's desk at the front entrance. You can then take your empty box home with you.

Alternatively, please contact the office for information on how you can count your own money and pay directly to Missio. Many thanks for all of your support.

A Commentary on Matthew 18: 21 – 35 by Fr. Michael Casey

The first debtor owes his master a “huge amount,” literally, some ten thousand talents—about a billion dollars in today’s currency. The debt is immeasurable. The second owes a “much smaller amount,” a hundred denarii—about three months’ wages. What we are inclined to forget in reading this parable is that few of us would willingly overlook the loss of a quarter of the year’s income. This may be much less debt than most of us carry, but it is still a considerable amount of money. It helps if, when we suffer injury or loss at the hands of another, we remember that we ourselves are not always totally blameless. As the saying goes, it takes two to have a fight. There is often a measure of complicity, for example, if we knowingly lend money to someone who is unlikely to pay it back. Beyond that it is worth considering that our peace of mind is worth more than money or the sweetness of revenge. “Wrath and anger are hateful things; yet the sinner hugs them tight.” Our obsessing about the wrongs done to us or the unpaid debts owed to us will not bring about repayment, but they will certainly undermine our inner tranquillity. We end up being double losers.

Contrariwise, if we have the magnanimity to forgive and not allow the injuries done to us to define our lives, then there will be peace within us, peace with our neighbour, and ultimately peace with God. It seems like a pretty good bargain.

Fr. Michael Casey is a Cistercian monk of Tarrawarra Abbey in Australia.

Vulnerable

During lockdown we had a marvellous team of parishioners who assisted those vulnerable by helping with shopping etc. If you still know of someone who is struggling and who would not normally ask for help, please email us at: barnes@rcaos.org.uk. FISH did sterling work as did Lisa Ross at the OSO.

Food Bank

We are still unable to take donations at the Church for the Food Bank. These can be taken directly to the Castelnau Centre on Friday morning from 9.15 - 11.15. The address is 7 Stillingfleet Road, Barnes.

Stay well and best wishes,

Rev Monsignor Canon James Cronin