



# The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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## Mass Times

**Sundays:** 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

**Weekdays:** 10.00am Mon, Wed, Fri &  
6.30pm Thurs

**Confession:** Sundays 9:45am – 10:15am & 6pm - 6:20pm

**Baptisms and Weddings:** Contact the Parish

**Office Hours:** 10:00am – 2:00pm Wed, Thurs & Fri  
The parish email account is monitored regularly.

## Twenty-Third Sunday (C)

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Sunday, 4 September 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Fr Logan RIP Season of Creation/The Welfare of our Common Home Pro-populo	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday (C)</b>
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Feria</b>
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Service of the Word	Feria
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>Thur 8<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Service of the Word	St Peter Claver
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Ted McCormack RIP - Birthday Remembrance	Twenty-Fourth Sunday (C)

## Reflection

This month is the Season of Creation. Pope Francis writes:

“Dear brothers and sisters!

‘Listen to the voice of creation’ is the theme and invitation of this year’s Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase begins on 1 September with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes on 4 October with the feast of Saint Francis. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. Originally inspired by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, this Season is an opportunity to cultivate our “ecological conversion”, a conversion encouraged by Saint John Paul II as a response to the “ecological catastrophe” predicted by Saint Paul VI back in 1970. The COP27 conference on climate change, to be held in Egypt in November 2022 represents the next opportunity for all to join in promoting the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement. During this Season of Creation, let us pray that COP27 and COP15 can serve to unite the human family (cf. *ibid.*, 13) in effectively confronting the double crisis of climate change and the reduction of biodiversity. Mindful of the exhortation of Saint Paul to rejoice with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep (cf. Rom 12:15), let us weep with the anguished plea of creation. Let us hear that plea and respond to it with deeds, so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in creation’s sweet song of life and hope.”

We keep in our prayers all our children returning to School. Praying for those starting school at St Osmund's and those going to their new Secondary School.

### **The Season of Creation**

Pope Francis's words are our reflection for this week. Members of the Green Team, identifiable by wearing green today, will hand out Pope Francis's Prayer for the Earth from his Encyclical Letter, Laudato Si, on our care for the earth; our common home. The prayer will be recited together after our post-communion prayer. The other churches in Barnes will be doing the same at their own Sunday services - so we unite with them in spirit.

### **Secondary School Transfer 2023 - A Message from the Archbishop**

The Bishops have reinstated the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Parents applying for a place at a Catholic school, under faith-based criteria will need to complete a Supplementary Information Form. Evidence of practice will be measured by frequency of attendance at Mass as validated by either a priest or minister, as was the case prior to 18th March 2020. These arrangements apply to the admissions round for 2023, and subsequent rounds.

### **A Note from The Men's Group**

Our next meeting is on Thursday 22 September, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, over the river at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward Church on Chiswick High Road (enter via passageway to right hand side of church). We will be looking at how to Pray and Provide for our families, followed by drinks at The Lamb pub - men of all ages are very welcome. Email Stephen Donnelly at [donnellysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnellysm@hotmail.com) for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to [www.catholicman.uk](http://www.catholicman.uk)

### **Retrouvaille**

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **Relics of St Bernadette: September & October**

Millions of people, many of them very sick, make the pilgrimage to Lourdes every year. After Rome and the Holy Land, Lourdes is the most popular place of pilgrimage for the Catholic faithful. The pilgrims flock to this holy place because of the Apparitions of Our Lady to a young, poor girl named Bernadette Soubirous. Our Lady, who identified herself as the Immaculate Conception, asked Bernadette to pray for the conversion of sinners, and for her to drink the spring water that was revealed to her at the grotto. Bernadette suffered much in her life, not only through physical suffering due to her poor health, but also through the jealousy and suspicion from others because she was given the grace of visits from the Blessed Mother. Today Bernadette is St Bernadette and Lourdes is a place of healing. Many travel there asking for a miracle, asking to be healed. The miracles do happen there and quite frequently, but the true miracle of Lourdes is not the healing of bodies but the healing that takes place within; the healing of the heart, the mind, the soul. This, ultimately, is the only healing that matters. True healing gives the sick person a peace that cannot be destroyed by cancer. It gives an experience of the love and compassion of God that no illness can shatter. True healing is the fruit of true faith, a faith that learns to trust all God's purposes. True faith can enter suffering without anger. True faith can face pain and bless God from a wounded, hurt or broken heart. Bernadette had this faith, and each one of us needs it. (Fr Slawomir Witon)

The relics will be at St Mary's University Chapel, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham on 6 Sept from 10.00am -10.00pm; St George's Cathedral, Southwark, 19-21 October; The Friars, Aylesford 24-28 October. Visit the St Bernadette Relic Tour website for more information: [stbernadette.org.uk](http://stbernadette.org.uk)

### **Sick List**

For the sick and the suffering, especially Stephen O'Brien, Maggie Danby, Ian Gomes, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Philippa Couttie, Charles Stillier, Aymeric and Natalie Schirmer and Susan Kelsey.

### **In Remembrance**

For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Eugene Bracken, Maria del Rosario Blanco-Norris, Joseph Clancy, Patrick Shanley, Peter Cullinan, Nora Noonan, Aurelia Boorsma, James Blackie and Laurence O'Toole.

**Salve Regina:** *Salve Regina mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes, in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos, ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.*