



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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Mass Times

Sundays: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 10.00am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Thurs (6.30pm)

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.

Eleventh Sunday (B) Sunday, 16 June 2024 Mass Book p 95

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 16 th June	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Bernard Blair RIP Eamonn Magner RIP	Eleventh Sunday (B)
Mon 17 th June	10.00am Mass		Feria
Tues 18 th June	10.00am Mass		Feria
Wed 19 th June	10.00am Mass	Felix and Mary Anne McCabe RIP	St John Rigby
Thur 20 th June	6.30pm Mass		St Alban
Fri 21 st June	10.00am Mass		St Aloysius Gonzaga
Sun 23 rd June	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Ian Gregory and Simon Gomes RIP Patrick James Quinn RIP Ned Eaves RIP	Twelfth Sunday (B)

Reflection

This Sunday, 16 June, the Church in England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland observes the 'Day for Life' with the theme, "*The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.*" This theme invites us to reflect on end-of-life care amidst the national debate on assisted suicide.

The sanctity of human life, central to the Church's teaching, advocates for reverence and protection at every stage. This principle is crucial in the context of end-of-life issues, where the Church opposes euthanasia and assisted suicide while upholding the sanctity of life.

Pope John Paul II, in **Evangelium Vitae**, asserted that life's value is not diminished by suffering or terminal illness; every moment is

precious and must be safeguarded. He highlighted that practices like assisted suicide and mercy killing are morally unacceptable as they involve the deliberate ending of human life.

In **Spe Salvi**, Pope Benedict XVI emphasized the transformative power of hope in facing suffering and death. He argued that true hope, rooted in Christ, calls for palliative care and companionship rather than premature life termination. Even in suffering, life retains its inherent worth and must be protected.

Pope Francis has consistently opposed the culture of assisted suicide, warning against a "throwaway culture" that discards the weakest among us. In a 2015 address to the Pontifical Academy for Life, he described assisted suicide and

mercy killing as false solutions to suffering, stressing the need for compassionate care for the dying.

The concept of "assisted dying" presents an ethical slippery slope, risking the normalization of ending life based on subjective assessments of its worth, thereby commodifying human existence.

The Catholic stance on end-of-life issues calls for reaffirming life's divine gift, urging society to uphold the dignity and sanctity of every human being through compassionate care and unwavering respect.

Day for Life

This Sunday's second collection is to support Day for Life. This is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Day for Life Collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic Charities working in the particular field determined by the time of the year.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June

For migrants fleeing their homes: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

St Osmund's Holy Hour, starting 5 July

In anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025, declared by the Holy Father through his Bull of Indiction "Spes Non Confundit" on 9 May, 2024, our parish will restart weekly silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Beginning Friday, 5 July, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 9am, one hour before Morning Mass, for silent prayer and adoration. During this time, the priest will be available for confessions. Adoration will conclude with Benediction, followed by the 10am Mass. We encourage all community members to join in this moment of prayer to deepen their faith and prepare for the Jubilee Year.

Holy Days of Obligation 2024

SS Peter & Paul – Sun 30 June
 Assumption – Thurs 15 August
 All Saints – Fri 1 November
 Christmas Day – Wed 25 December

Election Hustings - CTiB

Churches Together in Barnes (CTiB) invite you to meet and question our General Election Candidates Laura Coryton (Lab), Sara Gedzari (Con), Sarah Olney (Lib Dem), Chas Warlow (Green). Chaired by Nik Gowing on Thurs 20 June at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church Road, Barnes. Admission free - drinks served from 7pm - YouTube link at: (www.stmarybarnes.org). Questions in advance to (hustings@stmarybarnes.org)

Historical evening – The Nunnery, Hammersmith

From 7-9pm on Wed 26 June, Sacred Heart School, W6 7DG. Please join us for a talk about the extraordinary history of our site on Hammersmith Road from 1669 to the present date – a tale that involves the Catholic wives of protest Kings supporting a clandestine convent at a time when it was illegal to be Catholic. Tickets £10 includes a drink and the opportunity to visit the chapel and gardens. Any queries to Alex Dijkhuis (comms@sacredh.lbhf.scho.uk), Tel: 0208 748 7600.

Farewell mass for Mgr Cronin Fri 28 June

On Friday, 28 June at 6:30pm, we will host a farewell mass for our former parish priest, Mgr Cronin, at St Osmund, followed by a reception in the hall in thanksgiving for his eight years of dedicated service to our parish and the Barnes community. This occasion will offer us a chance to show our appreciation for his years of hard work in our parish and in the community. If you would like to contribute to Mgr Cronin's leaving gift, you can use the contactless machines in the narthex or online at (<https://donate.myдона.com/st-osmunds-catholic-church>) or by placing your donation in an envelope marked 'Mgr Cronin' to the Parish Office. Cheques should be made out to 'James Cronin'.

A Day with Mary – Westminster Cathedral

On Sat 13 July, join others for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Starts at 0945am with procession followed by Holy Mass and consecration. For more information visit (www.adaywithmary.org)

Summertime 2024 Altar Servers' Summer Break

29 July – 1 Aug: Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £189. For aged 11-16. We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. In an event that has now gone on for more than 20 years, and includes football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm's Dartford, see your parish priest for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St, Stephen, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel:01322 220075.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Audrey Smith, Nina Antonia, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Joan Moore, Susan Kelsey, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bernard Blair, Ned Eaves, Robert Tuhey, Anne Munro, Derek Kelsey, Christy Noonan, Joyce Codrington, Alfred Bullen and Abby King.

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 exsiliium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.