



# 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)

**Confessions:** Friday 9-9.50am, Sunday 9:45am – 10:15am & 6pm - 6:20pm

**Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament:** Fri 9-10am

**Baptisms and Weddings:** Contact the Parish Office.

## Eighteenth Sunday (B) Sunday, 4 August 2024 Mass Book p 114

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo	Eighteenth Sunday (B)
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00am Mass		Feria
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00am Mass		The Transfiguration of The Lord
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>	<b>St Sixtus II</b>
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6.30pm Mass		St Dominic
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00am Mass		St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Jadwiga Langiewicz RIP Pro-populo	Nineteenth Sunday (B)

### Reflection

In the fifth instalment of his Catechesis on Prayer, Pope Benedict XVI highlighted Moses as a model of prayer in the Old Testament. Moses, the prophet and leader during the Exodus, served as a mediator between God and Israel, conveying divine commands and leading the Israelites to the Promised Land. His profound prayer life, however, distinguished him most.

Moses' intercessory prayers were central to his role. He prayed for Pharaoh during the plagues (Ex 8-10), for his sister Miriam's healing from leprosy (Num 12:9-13), and for the Israelites during their numerous rebellions (Num 14:1-19). His intimacy with God was emphasised by the description of speaking with Him "face to face, as a man speaks to his friend" (Ex 24:9-17).

The episode of the golden calf at Sinai (Ex 32; Dt 9) stands out in this catechesis. While Moses was on the mountain fasting for 40 days and

nights, receiving the Law, the people below crafted an idol. This act of creating a tangible god out of impatience and fear is highlighted as a recurring temptation in faith – the urge to replace divine mystery with something more comprehensible and controllable.

Moses' prayer during this crisis exemplified his intercessory role. God revealed His wrath, but Moses pleaded for mercy, reminding God of His covenant with the patriarchs. Moses' supplication was rooted in God's fidelity and grace, arguing that destroying the people would tarnish God's reputation among the Egyptians. His prayer showcased his deep love for his people and concern for God's honour, asking for forgiveness not by excusing sins, but appealing to God's merciful nature.

Benedict XVI connected Moses' intercession to Christ's ultimate mediation on the Cross. Christ's sacrifice went beyond solidarity,

identifying with humanity's sin to ensure salvation. His ongoing intercession invited believers to unite with Him, transforming and renewing through divine connection.

The Pope concluded by echoing Paul's assurance to the Romans: nothing could separate believers from the love of Christ, who eternally intercedes for humanity (Rom 8:33-35, 38-39). This underscored the transformative power of Christ's intercessory prayer, which believers were called to emulate.

There will be no 10 am Mass on Wed 7 August.  
There will be Service of the Word at 10am.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for August**

For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

**Free School Meals from the Richmond Housing Project - summer holidays**

Please see details on the posters in the church or: ([https://www.richmond.gov.uk/free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.richmond.gov.uk/free_school_meals))

**New Dawn Pilgrimage, Walsingham 5-9 Aug**

Join thousands of pilgrims for the New Dawn Pilgrimage in this Summer taking place at the National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. It is a family-friendly event with a full programme of liturgy, sacraments, praise and worship. During 5 days there will be a wealth of keynote speakers, including the Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, Archbishop John Wilson: Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark, Fr Columba Jordan SFR, Fr Pascal Uche and Michelle Moran, A variety of workshops will also be available, with special ministries for children and youth. Visit New Dawn website: ([www.newdawn.org.uk](http://www.newdawn.org.uk))

**St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club**

Do you enjoy walking in the countryside? We have been leading weekly walks for like-minded people since 1930. Walks take place in the South East of England and are accessible by public transport. Membership is open to all walkers who are happy to respect our Catholic ethos. Make new friends, enjoy fresh air and get fit at the same time! For further details please visit: ([www.stfrancisramblers.ukwalkers.com](http://www.stfrancisramblers.ukwalkers.com)) or email: ([stfrancisramblers@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisramblers@gmail.com)).

**Run the Royal Parks Half Marathon in aid of The Passage**

We are now accepting applications for the London Landmarks Half Marathon provisionally set to go ahead on Sun 6 April 2025. This stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James’s Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital’s most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. Distance: 13.1 miles, Registration fee: £25, Fundraising target: £350. All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness. Sign up here: (<https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/london-landmarks-half-marathon/>)

**Ursuline High School, Wimbledon**

We welcome parents, carers and students seeking Year 7 entry in 2025 to this outstanding Catholic all girls school. Please sign up to open evenings/ mornings via website: ([www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events](http://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events))

**QR code for DONA portal donations St Osmunds**

There are now posters in the church porch with a QR code which will take you to our ‘Dona’ portal – this will enable you to make a contactless donation to the parish without using the devices inside the church. This may be particularly useful if there is a queue for these devices, or they are not working properly. You can find the same QR code below:



As always, we are very grateful for all your support.

**Food Bank Appeal**

Long-life or tinned good as well as all toiletries are greatly appreciated.

**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 especially Barbara Doherty, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Dr Nick Boheimer, Ellen O’Sullivan, Tim Couch, Tom McKenna, Hannah O’Neil, Rose Therese Noonan, Jean McGarvey and Raymond Knight.

**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.*