



# 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.

## Second Sunday of Advent (B) Sunday 10 December 2023 Mass Book p. 85

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Sheila Curry (RIP) For the deceased members of the Neate family RIP Mira Bebenek RIP	Second Sunday of Advent (B)
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am Mass	Jenny McKenzie RIP	St Damasus I
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Service of the Word	Our Lady Of Guadalupe
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am Mass	George and Olga Eyston RIP	St Lucy
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm Mass	Alice Hurley RIP	St John of the Cross
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am Mass	Brendan Mullen RIP	Feria
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Nicholas Connolly RIP John Derek Ogden RIP and Frances Ogden RIP Billy Aspland RIP	Third Sunday of Advent (B)

## Reflection

### WAKE UP ... WAIT ... and WELCOME

Father Timothy Radcliffe says that 'To be AWAKE means to walk in the light of the Lord to be awake to the tiniest hints of his presence.' So what might be hints of God's presence in our daily lives? A smile from someone? A word of thanks or encouragement? The grace to forgive somebody? The generosity or a surprise from an unexpected stranger? A moment when suddenly everything becomes quiet? The driver who gives us space to change lanes? A moment of peace during our prayer time? Will you be awake to when God comes into your life unexpectedly this Advent?

And WAITING. We know the Incarnation has already happened, but we wait and long for it to be made truly flesh again in our broken and suffering world and in our own hearts - as we pray every day for peace, as we wait anxiously for good news of someone sick. And WELCOME.... Imagine a smile, an open door, an open heart to receive warmly the gift of someone's presence, no words necessary. How can we WELCOME Jesus - and others - into our hearts this Advent, this Christmas?

(Sister Ruth Ksycki, O.S.B.)

**Monday 18 December 6pm:** Carols and Readings with the children from St Osmund's School in the Church.

**Wed 20 December Mass at 9am.**

### The Jesse Tree

The children will continue to decorate the tree as we move through Advent. Each image will represent a landmark in the history of salvation, Christ's 'Family Tree', starting with King David, the son of Jesse, and ending with baby Jesus in the manger.

### Christmas Mass Schedule 2023

**Sat 23rd Dec:** Confessions 10-11am

**Christmas Eve, Sun 24 Dec**

Mass: 8.30am and 10.30am

6.30pm: First Mass of the Nativity

11.30pm: Midnight Mass of the Nativity, with Carols from 11pm

**Christmas Day, Mon 25 Dec**

8.30am: Dawn Mass of the Nativity

10.30am: Mass during the Day

**Boxing Day, Tues 26 Dec**

Feast of St Stephen, First Martyr, Mass: 10am

**New Year's Eve, Sun 31 Dec**

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus.

Masses 8.30am, 10.30am and 6.30pm

### St Osmund's Pilgrimage - Assisi, June 2024

Inspired by the recent exhibition at the National Gallery, a parish pilgrimage to Umbra: "Shrines and Vines in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi".

Dates: 9-16 June 2024. Return British Airways flights from Heathrow. Accommodation: Hotel Dal Moro Gallery. Daily Mass and Spiritual exercises with local guided tours of Assisi, La Verna, Gubbio, Spello, Montefalco, Orvieto and historic Perugia. Visiting three vineyards on the way. Cost: £1440 pp; single supplement £240. Interested? To make the Tour viable we have to **pre-register by midday on Friday 15 December**. Please email the office to register your interest: ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk))

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention Dec 2023

For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

### Parish Census 2023

We would like to invite those who joined the parish within the last six years to register your presence. The advantage of being on the list is that you will receive the weekly newsletter and updates. Moreover if and when references are required, your contact details will be known. You can complete the form available in the Narthex or contact the parish office directly: ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk)).

### Friends of the Holy Land Christmas Concert

Taking place at Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington High Street, on Thurs 14 Dec at 7.30pm. (For more information see: <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/Event/christmas-concert-2023>)

### Wintershall - Experience the Christmas story

Discover the true meaning of Christmas with a Nativity like no other. Stand with the shepherds, walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey, journey with Roman soldiers and enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold. It's the perfect festive event for kids, parents and grandparents. Book your tickets here: (<https://www.wintershall.org.uk/nativity-journey-0>)

### Retrouvaille: Do you need help in your marriage?

Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage, contact Retrouvaille confidentially for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 Feb 2024 or there is a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### Exhibition: Reformation Cardinal

Reginald Pole in Sixteenth Century Italy and England - The last Bishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace Library, 15 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7JT. Free Entry until 15th December 2023. Open Monday to Friday, 9.30 - 5pm (Saturday 2 Dec 10 - 5pm)

### Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Joan Moore, David Hoyland, Susan Kelsey, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stillier, Serge Moussalli and Bridget Jabour.

### In Remembrance

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Michael Creighton, William Capstick, John Kemmis, Toby Jessel, Catherine Malcolm, David Robertson, Margaret Ventom, Kathleen Casey, Mary Carr, Oscar Chevallier, Frances Ogden, John Murphy and Lucy Elkins.

### Alma Redemptóris Mater

*Alma Redemptóris Mater, quæ pérvia cæli  
Porta manes, et stella maris, succúrre cadénti,  
Súrgere qui curat pópulo: tu quæ genuísti,  
Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem  
Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore  
Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.*