



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.

Third Sunday of Advent (B) Sunday 17 December 2023 Mass Book p. 87

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 17 th 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)
Mon 18 th Dec	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	Feria
Tue 19 th Dec	10.00am	Service of the Word	Feria
Wed 20th Dec	9.00am Mass	Victor Dumas RIP	Feria
Thur 21 st Dec	6.30pm Mass		Feria
Fri 22 nd Dec	10.00am Mass	Eric Shepherd RIP	Feria
Sat 23rd Dec	10-11am	Confessions	Feria
Sun 24th Dec	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Oscar Chevallier and Andrzej Kedzierski RIP Ellen Mary Moran RIP	Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)
Sun 24th Dec	6.30pm Mass 11.30pm Mass	(Carols from 11pm)	First Mass of Christmas Midnight Mass of the Nativity
Mon 25th Dec	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro-populo Fr Anthony Logan RIP	Christmas Day

Reflection

WHEN GOD COMES CLOSE

'We wait, we hope

We yearn, prepare

For who or how or what or where?

Maybe the changing of the tide

Maybe the turning of someone's eye

Maybe the falling of the snow

Only heaven knows what happens when God comes close.

We wait, we hope....

Maybe the healing of a heart

Maybe reunion of a drift apart

Maybe a child's coming home

Only heaven knows what happens when God comes close.

We wait, we hope....

Maybe the song, a place to belong

Maybe some faith, just a touch of grace

Maybe love, it's rarely what we think of

Only heaven knows what happens when God comes close.'

(Tara Ward - 'Art and Theology')

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

Christmas Cat

I've built a cuddly snowcat

With whiskers made from straws -

And I'm almost sure,

I'm *almost* sure

I saw him lick his paws.

He's sitting in my garden,

He's smiling at me now,

And I'm almost sure,

I'm *almost* sure

I heard him say, 'Mee-ow!'

(Clare Bevan)

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).

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 - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Sick List

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

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently especially Sheila Kiely and Victor Dumas, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Philippa Couttie, Michelle Gasperini, Frances Ogden, Richard Reynolds, Nancy McCullough, John Kemmis, Grant Middleton, Wanda Grodzka, Edward Coles, Peter Whitehouse, Sam Griffiths, Stephanos Stavrou, Josie O'Neill and Alejandro Duart.

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.*