



# 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.

## Thirty-Third Sunday (B) Sunday, 17 November 2024 Mass Book p157

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Michaela and Marguerite Creighton Justine Estaphanos RIP Michael Masterman RIP	Thirty-Third Sunday (B)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am Mass	For the deceased clergy of Mortlake Deanery	Feria
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Feria</b>
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	6.30pm Mass	Holy Souls	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	St Cecilia
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Jadwiga Langiewicz RIP Jason Coyle RIP Pro-populo	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)

## Reflection

This week, on Thursday, November 21, as is customary, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast is a beautiful and deeply meaningful tradition within the Catholic Church. According to ancient tradition, when Mary was just a young child, her parents, Saints Joachim and Anne, presented her in the Temple in Jerusalem to dedicate her entirely to God's service.

Though this event is not explicitly described in Scripture, it is cherished by the faithful and supported by ancient Christian writings such as the Protoevangelium of James. From the earliest moments of her life, Mary was set apart as holy and wholly devoted to God's will - a devotion she would live out fully through her humble acceptance of God's plan at the Annunciation.

This feast day invites us to reflect on the purity, dedication, and readiness of Mary's heart from a tender age. By contemplating Mary's early consecration, we are naturally led to consider our own dedication to God, which begins at our Baptism. Just as Mary's life was offered completely to God, we too were presented to Him in Baptism and called to a life of faithful service and holiness. Mary's unwavering faith and obedience serve as an inspiring example for all Christians, as we strive to live out our own calling with the same sincere devotion she displayed throughout her life.

The Catechism teaches that in Baptism, we are "*incorporated into Christ and into his Church ... and called to share in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and royal office*". This sacrament marks our dedication and consecration to

God, analogous to Mary's presentation in the Temple. Like Mary, we are called from an early stage in life - whether in childhood or at the moment of Baptism - to a complete, lifelong dedication to the service of God.

In celebrating the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are reminded that Mary's journey of faith began long before her pivotal role in salvation history became clear. Her unwavering trust and dedication to God serve as a powerful model, reassuring us that a life oriented towards God often starts with small, early seeds of faith. Through Mary's example, we are called to approach our faith with the same sincerity and openness, dedicating ourselves more fully to God's plan and becoming more deeply rooted in our relationship with Him.

**Weekday Mass**

Next week Holy Mass will be on Monday, Thursday and Friday only. There will be no masses on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**November: Month of the Holy Souls**

In November, the Church calls us to pray for all the faithful departed, including our loved ones and parishioners. The names of those we remember will be placed at the altar, where Masses will be offered in their memory throughout the month.

Remembrance sheets are available in the Narthex, or you may send names to the parish office. Donations can be made via the Dona portal's "Holy Souls" button, with offering envelopes also available in the Narthex.

**Next week's Second Collection - Catholic Youth Services**

The collection taken on National Youth Sun 24 Nov, supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

**Assisted Suicide Bishops' Statement**

Catholic Bishops have issued a united call for compassionate action to oppose the Bill on assisted suicide. In a joint statement on Assisted Suicide ahead of the Second Reading of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, the bishops have emphasised that true compassion involves caring for and accompanying people through suffering. In the statement, they defend the vulnerable at risk from this legislation, advocate for better-funded palliative care, and express concerns that such a law could lead to a perceived "duty to die" and damage the relationship between medical staff and patients. With only two weeks remaining until the parliamentary debate and vote, the bishops urge Catholics and all who share our belief in the sanctity and value of every human life to contact their local MP, expressing their opposition and requesting that they either oppose or abstain from supporting the Bill.

**Art and Faith: A Series of Lectures - Thurs 12 Dec, 7.15pm, St Osmunds Church.**

This Advent season marks the beginning of a new lecture series titled "Art and Faith," with the inaugural lecture by Dr Teresa Lane, an esteemed art historian and professor. With a focus on the Annunciation, Dr Lane will explore how artists of the Middle Ages and Renaissance interpreted the Gospel narratives surrounding Christ's Incarnation. Join us as we enter into the spirit of Advent through the artistic portrayal of Mary's Annunciation. Refreshments will be provided after the talk.

**Christmas Carol concert - save the date!**

All welcome for a carol concert in the hall at 7.30pm on Fri 13 Dec with mulled wine.

**Church Flowers - drivers needed**

We need volunteer drivers to help collect the beautiful flowers donated to our church by Freddie's Flowers each week. We collect them on Wednesday mornings from Heston (J3, M4) then place them in water in the flower room ready for the flower team to arrange. Full details will be provided. If you can spare circa 3 hours once every 8 weeks or so, please contact the parish office ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk)) Thank you.

**A Day With Mary**

'A Day With Mary' is taking place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Sat 14 Dec (10.15am to 5.15pm). Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark Diocese, John Wilson. Further information is available here: (<https://www adaywithmary.org/>) or (<https://eventcatholic.com/>)

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Please use the QR code below to make a contactless donation to the parish. As always, we are very grateful for all your support.



**Sick List**

For the sick and the suffering especially Jane Waddington, Audrey Smith, Teresa Cockburn, Mary Kelly, 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 Nora Magner, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: John Brooks, Angelina King, John Gibbons, Laszlo Trajer, Susie Wood, Richard O'Mahoney, Robin Durie, Christine Brett, Ines Hawken, Peter Hennesey, Eileen Dallaglio and Bridget Keane.

**Salve Regina**

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*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.*