



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.

Seventh Sunday (A) Mass Book p. 139 Sunday, 19 February 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 19 th Feb	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Georgina Chevallier and Jozef Langiewicz RIP Susie Keen RIP For those who have no-one to pray for them	Seventh Sunday (A)
Mon 20th Feb	NO MASS 11.00am	Funeral of Wendy Allen RIP	Feria
Tues 21 st Feb	10.00am	Service of the Word	St Peter Damien
Wed 22nd Feb	10.00am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Gladys, Daisy and Cynthia Smith RIP	Ash Wednesday - Fasting and abstinence
Thurs 23 rd Feb	6.30pm Mass		Feria
Fri 24 th Feb	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sun 26 th Feb	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Fr Anthony Logan RIP Susie Keen RIP For the Benefactors of the Parish	First Sunday of Lent

Reflection

Jesus says: Pray for those who persecute you. I try to pray for the perfectionist who persecuted me. Flashes of memory intrude on my prayer. Unprepared to offer prayer for the one who harmed me, I widen my petition:

May the sun rise tomorrow, may the rain fall on us all. Let there be light, indiscriminate and warm. Let there come storms to drench the merciful and cleanse the mean alike, to baptize the seemingly irredeemable as well as the merely imperfect. Let the scorched earth of persecuted souls be transformed by your gaze into a garden where long-buried seeds of compassion germinate at last, grow and flower, and humankind, driven to persecute our own kind, turns finally in blossoming surrender to you, who give us power, intending it for mercy, only for mercy, like yours toward my persecutor and me.

After prayer, my mind's eye sees the perfectionist who persecuted me cloaked in a hair shirt inherited from parents who never cared for their child. Now all the meanness I experienced makes sorrowful sense. Now forgiveness like rainfall soaks into my skin and rinses shame away that was never mine to bear. In your mercy, comes a new prayer, let your face shine on my enemy through me.

(Rachel M. Srubas is a Presbyterian cleric and Benedictine oblate.)

Lent 2023

This Wednesday, 22 February, is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 10am and 6.30pm. Ashes will be blessed and given at both masses. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Stations of the Cross on Sundays in Lent will be at 5pm. Perhaps you might consider coming to the 6.30pm Mass on Thursday, during Lent.

During Lent the Bucket Collection will be for the Church in Myanmar, with the exception of next Sunday the first Sunday of Lent when the collection is for the Clergy Support Fund.

Myanmar is one of Asia's poorest countries. Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Archbishop of Yangon in Myanmar said, 'One of our biggest needs, and the Church sets a priority, is the education of the children and the young people because of a lack of education'. Children from the poorest families often leave school at an early age and work to earn a small amount of money to buy food. The physical labour and long hours mean that they have no time to study, make new friends and play.

Retiring collection Clergy Support Fund

The Archbishop writes: "In 2022, the clergy support fund provided care for 73 retired priests, at a cost of £1.33 million. Wherever possible, the Archdiocese works with the NHS and the local Council to ensure funding gaps are met, but the archdiocese still relies heavily on the generosity of parishioners who contribute to this worthy fund each year".

St Osmund's Primary School Consultation

St Osmunds School are consulting stakeholders on their desire to join Christ the Redeemer Catholic Education Trust. To find out more and submit feedback, go to www.ctrcet.org.uk by Fri 3 Mar 2023.

Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention:

For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Foodbank

Thank you for remembering our local food bank. At this time, alongside food donations, they are currently short of tinned items such as meat, chicken stew, rice pudding, custard, etc., and long-life milk and razor blades.

Alpha Course

Take time out to discuss: 'Is there more to life than this?' Every Wednesday evening until 29 March from 7:30 - 9:15pm at St. Osmund's School Hall (next to Gail's Bakery in central Barnes). Please bring a friend. For more information, see <https://alpha.org/>. To sign up, please email: Alphasaintosmunds@gmail.com

Confirmation - date for your diary

Our Confirmation programme will start on Sunday 26 February. (We will be sending more detailed information shortly to those who have already expressed an interest.) Please contact the parish office if you have not yet done so, to register your child: (barnes@rcaos.org.uk)

The Men's Group

Our next meeting is on Thursday 23 February, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, over the river at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward Church on Chiswick High Road (enter via passageway to right hand side of church). Join us for a video and discussion on 'Divine Renovation UK - My Parish Isn't Missional! How to Lead when you're Not in Charge', followed by drinks at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnellysm@hotmail.com for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

Radio Maria: Catholic radio station

The 24hr broadcast from London includes talk shows about life as a Catholic, daily catecheses, live prayer, and music. Available on DAB+ radio (Radio Maria England), the Radio Maria Play app for smartphones and tablets, the live-player on www.radiomariaengland.uk and the Amazon Alexa device. Podcasts are also available. Find out more: info@radiomariaengland.uk or 0300 302 1251.

Archdiocese of Southwark Lent Retreat, 2023: "Renewed in Hope"

Make space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for this Lent Retreat "Renewed in Hope" for weekly emails with links to a 20-minute video in which Archbishop John will introduce the theme, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat and a witness will speak of the relevance in their life, plus extra prayer materials. Sign up here: <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv>

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering, especially Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Mark and his family, Susan Kelsey, Maggie Danby, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, Serge Moussalli and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Susan Keane, Ellen Danby, Nova Mallalieu, Mona Bruce, Rose Couch, John Codrington, Terence O'Neill, Desmond Osbourne and Michael Donovan.

Ave Regina Caelorum:

Ave Regina Caelorum, Ave Domina Angelorum: Salve, radix, salve, porta, Ex qua mundo lux est orta: Gaude, Virgo gloriosa, Super omnes speciosa, Vale, o valde decora, Et pro nobis Christum exora.