



# 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 (A) Mass Book p. 130 Sunday, 29 January 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the welfare of Yvonne Kenna For the welfare of Andrew O' Connor For the Benefactors of the Parish	Fourth Sunday (A)
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Feria</b>
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10.00am	Service of the Word	St John Bosco
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>St Henry Morse</b>
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	6.30pm Mass	For the intentions of the Gawlik family	The Presentation of the Lord
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	10.00am Mass	William Edward Oakden RIP	St Laurence of Canterbury
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Fr Anthony Logan RIP For the deceased members of the Binane family RIP	Fifth Sunday (A)

## Reflection

In our politicized and polarized world, disagreement quickly becomes vicious. Even if we don't attack others ourselves, around every corner on social media and news outlet, we are assaulted by meanness. The claim to truth rarely comes with kindness. It is not enough to disagree without being disagreeable, although that's a start.

Early in his papacy, Pope Francis wrote that truth is not something abstract, isolated, or detached from human relationship. It is not something to hold over another. 'Truth is a relationship,' he argued. It comes to us 'always and only as a way and a life. Did not Jesus himself say: 'I am the way, the truth, and the life'?' Indeed, the pope concluded, truth and love are one. How can we ever come into the truth without one another? It is easy, to borrow a phrase, to love the one you're with. It is easy to cheer along with your team, to rally with your party, to read posts by friends who share your views. It is easy to count Peter among the Twelve. It is much more difficult to welcome in Judas. It is a lot harder to love your enemy. If we think the decision to include Judas was dumb, if we write off those on the other side as irredeemable, then we are missing something - "Kindness and truth shall meet." Perhaps we can take a small step toward that wonderful vision by striving always to speak and to listen in love.

(Edward P. Hahnenberg, PhD, Breen chair of Catholic Theology John Carroll University, USA)

**Churches Together Lecture**

Canon Dr Jeremy Morris, advisor to the Church of England on Ecumenical Relations will give a talk on Church Unity on Thurs 9 February, 7.30pm, followed by a drinks reception at St Mary's Putney, Putney Park Lane, organised by Churches Together Putney and Roehampton.

The Prophet Isaiah urges us to do good and seek justice together. Grace, peace, unity, justice: they are all interconnected. We pray: God, Creator and Redeemer of all things, teach us to look inward to be grounded in your loving Spirit, so that we may go outward in wisdom and courage to always choose the path of love and justice. This we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

**Memorial cards for Pope Benedict XVI**

Please take a prayer card from the narthex, upon the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

**Confirmation - register your interest**

We will soon be announcing dates for this year's Confirmation Programme at St Osmund's for children in Year 8. If your child is interested in participating, please email the parish office: ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk))

**Foodbank**

Thank you for remembering our local food bank. At this time, alongside food donations, they are particularly requesting toiletry items - toothpaste and brushes, deodorants, shampoo, soap and sanitary items. All your donations are greatly appreciated.

**Racial Justice Sunday, 5th February**

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate mass at 10am at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. At the Inaugural RJS Mass in 2022, Archbishop Wilson stated that there was no place for Racism in the Catholic Church, and encouraged all to '...broaden our hearts to love and minds to understand and to recognise that in the cultures of others, in the languages and traditions of others, there is something enormously enriching for the whole of the world.' Access the mass via this link: <https://bit.ly/RJS2023>

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

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for the Diocesan Lent Retreat "Renewed in Hope". Every week you will receive an email with links to a 20-minute video in which Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat programme and a witness will speak of the relevance in their daily life. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. Sign up via the following link: <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv>

**New Alpha Course**

Take time out to discuss: 'Is there more to life than this?'

Alpha is where we share good food, conversation and discuss with others what you think about life's big questions in a friendly and open environment. Starting 1 Feb until 29 March, every Wednesday evening from 7:30 - 9:15pm at St. Osmund's School Hall (next to Gail's Bakery in central Barnes).

We will kick off with a celebratory supper on the evening of 1 Feb. Please bring a friend. For more information, see <https://alpha.org/>. To sign up, please email: [Alphasaintosmunds@gmail.com](mailto:Alphasaintosmunds@gmail.com)

**Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages**

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit <https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/>

**The Friends of the Holy Land**

You are invited to an evening of uplifting music whilst raising funds for brothers and sisters most in need in the Holy Land, on Thurs 16 Feb at 7.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. Experience a wonderful evening of virtuoso singing and entertainment featuring the London Welsh Male Voice Choir supported by 'The Priests'. For more information and tickets follow the link: <https://bit.ly/FHLConcert2023>

**Sick List**

For the sick and the suffering, especially Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Susan Durie, Mark and his family, Elizabeth Robertson, 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: Sonnie O'Connell, Timothy O'Connell, Mary Mango, Eileen Gasson, Canon Francis Moran, John Maguire, Clorinda Gale, Walter Cuss, Margaret Bullen, Patrick Carr, Donna Jordan, and Barbara Kelsey.

**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.*