



# 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.

## First Sunday of Advent (B) Sunday 3 December 2023 Mass Book p. 82

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Joseph Coughlan RIP Justine Estaphanos (Birthday remembrance) Rosa Maria Menghini Pranzo RIP	First Sunday of Advent (B)
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am Mass	Alice Donnelly RIP	St John Damascene
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Service of the Word	St John Almond
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	St Nicholas
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm Mass	Fr Anthony Logan RIP	St Ambrose
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am Mass	Mgr James O'Reilly RIP	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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 Mira Bebenek RIP	Second Sunday of Advent (B)

## Reflection

Advent is a time of Wonder, a time of Waiting. Wonder that the Maker of the Universe is to be born as a helpless child. Wondering then what is expected of us, as God's family. And Waiting...but this waiting is not a passive thing, it's active, it's a time of remembering that each day we are coming closer to the great Feast of Christmas. We need to walk with our eyes wide open. We walk through wintry weather, festive preparations, busy-ness, expectations hard to meet...through memories of other Decembers, of happy and hard times with our families, and with the communities we're a part of, whether in conflict or in celebration...through a world where wars are being waged, babies being born, and we are humbled at our inability to do very much about what is wrong. But We do our best...each day of Advent, we try above all to be kind, to notice, to practice forgiveness. And we're helped by walking alongside other people, friends and strangers - we can learn from every one of them. Encounters with other people - different from me, each unique and precious in God's eyes, can be beautiful, surprising, challenging, sustaining...if we take time to notice. The Prophet Micah 6:8 reminds us to 'Love mercy..Act justly..and Walk humbly with your God.'

This Advent, let us walk cheerfully over our world in Wonder and Waiting. Come Lord Jesus. (Jan Sutch Pickard, the Iona Community)

**The Jesse Tree**

Our Jesse tree has arrived at St Osmund's to welcome the season of Advent, as the nations' leaders meet in COP 28 to plan our response to the climate emergency. These days we recognise the vital part trees play in preserving God's creation. Trees have inspired Judaism and Christianity from the Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden to the redeeming Tree of the Cross. In the ancient Jesse tree we salute these miracles of creation - the oldest living things on earth.

The children will 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. Pray that God will guide COP 28 in taking effective steps to preserve our common home...His precious gift to mankind.

**Christmas Mass Schedule 2023**

**Fri 15 Dec, 7.30pm:** Carol Concert in the Hall

**Mon 18 Dec, 6pm:** St Osmund's School Carol Service

**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

**Catholic Youth Service**

Last week's second collection for the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service raised £293.62. Thank you for your generosity.

**Pray with Pope Francis**

As COP 28 takes place in UAE, we pray with Pope Francis that something positive will emerge and world leaders will take seriously their role in protecting our God-given world.

**The Men's Group**

Don't miss Advent in the pre-Christmas frenzy! Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a half-hour Advent Reflection, followed by social drinks at The Lamb pub. Meet Thurs 7 Dec, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, over the river at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward Church, Chiswick High Road (enter via passageway to right of main church building). Newcomers are particularly welcome. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: ([donnellysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnellysm@hotmail.com)) or just turn up.

**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? Please email the parish office to register your interest: [barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk)

**Charity Carol Service for Pact**

Roger McGough and Sacred Heart School Choir will be taking part in Charity Carol Service for Pact, the national Catholic prison charity, at 7pm on Tues 5 Dec. Bishop Richard Moth, the Catholic Bishop for prisons will be presiding at Our Lady of Victories, Ken High St from 7pm. Reception follows. Register: (<https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/Pages/Events/Catechory/events>)

**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>)

**Parish Census 2023**

It is six years since we updated our parish records. 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)).

**Sick List**

For the sick and the suffering especially 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 Fr Jerry Singleton and Valerie Dixon, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Rosa Maria Menghini Pranzo, Patricia Bradley, Robin Durie, John Pavry, Paul Murphy and Thomas Dolan.

**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.*