



# 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.

## Second Sunday of Lent (A)

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Sunday, 5 March 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Joan and Arthur Lewis RIP Catherine and James Sacré RIP Elizabeth Magner RIP	Second Sunday of Lent (A)
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am Mass	Agnes Foley RIP	Feria
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Service of the Word	Feria
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Service of the Word	Feria
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.30pm Mass		Feria
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Catherine Mary Walker RIP Edward Collini RIP Frank Comerford RIP	Third Sunday of Lent (A)

## Reflection

Lent 2023 is upon us: "Believe in the Gospel"; Ash Wednesday opens the 40-days season of Lent, emphasising both our equality before death and the possibility of doing good during our earthly life. We enter the season of Lent with the rite of the imposition of ashes on our foreheads. The two formulas to choose from that ceremony deliver its meaning. "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" (Gen 3, 19). The imposition of ashes reminds us of our human condition. We are transients, pilgrims on this earth. In this, we are all equal: no one can claim to be superior to others. This simple reminder is beneficial: it puts everyone in their place. At the same time, knowing that we are all mortals has something soothing about it: "Can any of you, however much you worry, add a single cubit to your span of life?" asks Jesus (Lk 12, 25). It is useless, therefore, to make all kinds of efforts in the belief that we can escape our mortal condition. On the contrary, if our time is short, let's go to the essentials. Is this not what the second formula used in the Liturgy of the Ashes tells us: "Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mk 1, 15). This call to conversion can be understood as an invitation to accept and fully inhabit our finite condition. It is a condition that Christ freely embraced by becoming "as human beings are" (Phil 2, 7). During his earthly life, Jesus never ceased to show that human finitude does not prevent us from behaving as good people. The Gospel is therefore an invitation to do the same by using our capacities to do good. They are capacities that come from God and that we discover and maintain through prayer, fasting and sharing. Happy Lenten journey!  
(Fr Dominique Greiner AA)

Belated Happy St David's day to all our parishioners from Wales.

### **Upcoming funeral arrangements:**

Mrs Susan Durie RIP: 12pm, 13 March

Mr Robert Frame RIP: 10am, 15 March

### **Activities during Lent**

During Lent, Bucket Collection is for the Church in Myanmar which is one of Asia's poorest countries. Internal conflict, inadequate infrastructure and exploitation of its natural resources mean life is difficult for many families. Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Archbishop of Yangon in Myanmar said, 'One of our biggest needs is the education of young people'. Children from the poorest families often leave school early to work. The physical labour and long hours mean that they have no time to study, make new friends and play.

Perhaps you might consider coming to the 6.30pm Mass on Thursday, during Lent and /or Stations of the Cross on Sunday at 5.00pm.

### **Safety advice**

Please be aware that a car was broken into in the car park of the Church during an evening Mass. Please be vigilant. Also, last Saturday, an attempt to break into the Church failed. The side door was damaged and the lock broken. There have been a spate of similar incident in and around Barnes.

### **Lenten Broadcasts**

Radio 3 is broadcasting the service of Compline (the Night Prayer of the Church) each Monday night at 9.30pm:

(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001jcqc>)

Radio 4 is broadcasting weekly 'Lent Talks', reflecting on 'The Our Father – the People's Prayer', each Wed evening at 8.45pm:

(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001jkxr>)

### **Growing in Faith Together**

A programme consisting of six one hour-long sessions via Zoom is a wonderful opportunity for engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and want to continue exploring their faith together, or for married couples. You can attend alone or together. The Lenten course runs for six consecutive Tuesday evenings between 8 -9pm, starting on 28 Feb and then on the following dates: 7 Mar, 14 Mar, 21 Mar, 28 Mar and 4 Apr. Click on the link for more information:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together>

### **Alpha Course**

Continues every Wed evening until 29 March from 7:30 - 9:15pm at St. Osmund's School Hall. To sign up, please email: [Alphasaintosmunds@gmail.com](mailto:Alphasaintosmunds@gmail.com)

### **Foodbank**

Our local food bank are currently short of tinned items such as meat, chicken stew, rice pudding, custard, etc., and long-life milk and razor blades.

### **Confirmation**

Our Confirmation programme has now started. We have over 20 young people enrolled. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their course.

### **The Lent Retreat 2023: "Renewed in Hope"**

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this coming Lent. Sign up for the Diocesan Lent Retreat "Renewed in Hope". Every week you will receive an email with links to a short video. You will also receive materials to use in your own reflection. Sign up here: <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv>

### **Peace, support and forgiveness**

In a press conference, held the day before the First Anniversary of the war in Ukraine, Bishop Nowakowski (Greek Catholic Bishop in London) explained that prior to the war, 80% of Ukrainians described themselves to be people of faith, and that the Catholic churches had been offering sanctuary, humanitarian aid, refuge, food packages and emotional and spiritual support throughout the crisis. The Season of Lent will commence this weekend for Eastern Christians, with Forgiveness Sunday. When asked how this would resonate with Ukrainians this year, the Bishop explained "This coming Sunday will be challenging as we are all asked to forgive our enemies for what they may have done to us... we are meant to forgive each other...it is hard to forgive when you know the other side does not feel any remorse or guilt, but that's what it is all about for people of faith and hope. This faith and hope can only be shown by how we live differently".

### **St Osmund's Church History**

Do you have photos of St Osmund's in the past - particularly of the building, opening, dedication of the Church and the planting of the front garden? The Green Team are planning a project. Please contact the office if you have anything to share.

### **Sick List**

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

### **In Remembrance**

For those who have died recently especially Frank Comerford, Margaret Minch and Mark, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Cathie Sacre-Eassie, Annie Macklow-Smith, Edward Collini, Tony Hallam, Pauline Calvery, Ralph Hedderwick, Maria Paz Figueroa, Margaret Quinlan and Mary McGowan.

### **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.*