



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.

Sunday Newsletter

Sunday 6 August 2023 and Sunday 13 August 2023

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Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 6 th Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Jadwiga Langiewicz RIP Pro-populo	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Mon 7th Aug	NO MASS	NO MASS	St Sixtus II
Tue 8 th Aug	10.00am	Service of the Word	St Dominic
Wed 9th Aug	NO MASS	NO MASS	St Edith Stein
Thur 10th Aug	NO MASS	NO MASS	St Lawrence
Fri 11th Aug	10.00am	Service of the Word	St Clare
Sun 13 th Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Benefactors of the Parish	Nineteenth Sunday (A)
Mon 14 th Aug	10.00am Mass		St Maximilian Kolbe
Tue 15th Aug	10.00am Mass 6.30pm Mass		The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 16 th Aug	10.00am Mass	Rose and Timothy Couch RIP	St Stephen of Hungary
Thur 17th Aug	NO MASS	NO MASS	Feria
Fri 18 th Aug	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sun 20 th Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Fr Anthony Logan RIP	Twentieth Sunday (A)

Reflection

On the feast of the Assumption of Mary, 15 August, it is jarring to find Luke's account of the Visitation and the Magnificat paired with the apocalyptic scene from the Book of Revelation, in which a seven-headed dragon stands before the Woman Clothed with the Sun, poised to "devour her child when she gave birth." About this scene, biblical scholar Craig Koester says that the author "grapples with the cultural icons of his day to unmask them, so when readers see the realities that lie behind the façades, they might better resist and persevere in faith." What does it mean to give birth to someone who will threaten the world with goodness, joy and beauty? What does it mean to resist and persevere in faith in the face of society's influencers? Mary's prayer, the Magnificat: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly" perfectly unmasks "the realities that lie behind the façades." Despite all appearances, the Beast has no power to prevail against the God of Life, or a young Jewish girl named Mary. The birth of whose son creates hope in the unlikeliest of places, far from the centres of power. To call Mary Theotokos, Mother of God, is to recognize our own vocation to give birth and protect the Christ-Child, who gestates like a seed in each of us. God asks us to bring something beautiful into a broken world, through the enduring power of love and compassion, in the marriage of freedom and grace.

(Christopher Pramuk, author of *Hope Sings, So Beautiful*, is University Chair of Ignatian Thought and Imagination and Associate Professor of Theology at Regis University in Denver.)

Pope Francis prayer in August

For World Youth Day: We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

The Catholic Union of Great Britain: Craigmyle Lecture 2023

Dame Rachel de Souza DBE, Children's Commissioner for England, will deliver the 2023 Craigmyle Lecture on Wed 13 Sept from 6pm, at the University of Notre Dame London campus, SW1Y 4HG, near Trafalgar Square. There will be the opportunity to live-stream the event for those unable to attend in person. Dame Rachel will use her lecture to talk about creating a society where children can flourish. The lecture will be followed by a drinks reception to continue the conversation. Reserve your space here: <https://catholicunion.org.uk/eventslist/craigmyle-lecture-2023/>

The Mulberry Centre cancer support charity

Based within the grounds of West Middlesex University Hospital in Isleworth, we provide support to anyone affected by cancer, whether it is the person with the diagnosis, their family, main carer/supporter, or those bereaved by cancer. All our services are free regardless of postcode or hospital of diagnosis, and no medical referral is needed. We offer emotional support, counselling, several support groups, as well as complementary therapies, workshops on relevant subjects, social activities, and wellbeing classes. For more information, the timetable and to register, please visit www.themulberrycentre.co.uk

Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ

If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from 6-8 October; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email: reception@thefriars.org.uk

Invitation to FiSH 60th Birthday Celebration

The trustees and staff at FiSH warmly invite you to a 60th Birthday Celebration as a thank you to all our Volunteers and Supporters, on Wed 6 Sept 2023 from 5-7pm at Barnes Green Centre, Church Road, SW13 9HE. RSVP: info@fishhelp.org.uk

Hospital Stays

If you have to go to hospital and stay overnight or longer, make sure always to tell the ward staff that you are a Catholic and ask them to put this in your records. Our large local hospitals have full- or part-time Catholic Chaplaincy teams. They are there to look after your spiritual needs while you are in Hospital, but they will only be able to do so if you ask the Hospital Staff to contact them and let them know you would like a Catholic Chaplain to visit.

Run the Royal Parks Half Marathon in aid of The Passage

Taking place on Sunday 8th Oct 2023, this stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital's most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. Although undulating in parts, the course is not hilly and is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners. Registration fee: £20, fundraising goal: £300. All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness so that we can end homelessness for good. Sign up here: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/>

Glass Door's Sleep Out

This annual event will be taking place on Friday 6 Oct 2023. Participants give up their bed for one night to give someone a chance to leave homelessness behind. Find out more and sign up at: <https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/Event/sleep-out-2023>

Foodbank

The Foodbank is short of tinned items such as stews, rice pudding, custard and long life milk.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Susan Kelsey, 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: Dr Nick Boheimer, Ellen O'Sullivan, Tim Couch, Tom McKenna, Hannah O'Neil, Rose Therese Noonan, Jean McGarvey, Raymond Knight, Josie Flood, Tom Phillips, Ted Keen, William Cullinan, Sheila Cook, Mary Twohig, and Nuala Morgan.

Salve Regina

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.