



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.

The Epiphany of the Lord (B) Sunday 7 January 2024 Mass Book p. 118

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 7 th Jan	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Richard Rampton RIP Fr Anthony Logan RIP Ian, Gregory and Simon Gomes RIP	The Epiphany of The Lord
Mon 8 th Jan	10.00am Mass	Felix and Mary Anne McCabe RIP	The Baptism of the Lord
Tue 9 th Jan	10.00am	Service of the Word	Feria
Wed 10th Jan	NO MASS	NO MASS	Feria
Thur 11th Jan	NO MASS	NO MASS	Feria
Fri 12th Jan	10.00am	Service of the Word	St Aelred of Rievaulx
Sun 14 th Jan	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Rev Frank Ryan RIP Derrick Daly RIP Pro-populo	Second Sunday (B)

Reflection

How could a human being give birth to God? Christmas proclaims God's unutterable closeness, expressed in life-giving paradox. But in Jesus, God's face at last becomes visible. Mary's motherhood is not merely a biological fact. Her smiles brought to light the radiant smile for which Israel had longed. Among the first to see that face were the shepherds, people who were "faceless" and of no account. Friends of mine adopted a Vietnamese baby, Ben, orphaned by the war. He never smiled, for no one had ever smiled at him before. One day, as we prepared for Mass, he amazed us with his first smile, the fruit of the love of his adoptive parents. God has smiled on us. We did not die, but he did, that joy might be eternal. Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones sang: "You don't want to walk and talk about Jesus / You just want to see his face." Every Christian has the maternal task of bringing the divine life-giving smile to birth in others, especially on the faces of those who are despised or unnoticed.

(Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP)

Thanks and a Happy and blest New Year. Grateful thanks for all the hard work which went into making the Church look so beautiful and loved at Christmas. To all who helped to prepare the Church and execute the Masses. Moreover thank you for your cards, good wishes and kind gifts which are much appreciated; though undeserved. Monsignor.

Crib Offerings

This year's crib offerings are for Mission Together – The Holy Childhood. The donations will be used entirely for the benefit of disadvantaged and vulnerable children globally; Providing education, faith formation, orphanages, health clinics, children's homes, and nutrition programmes, and more. There is a collection plate for this collection at the crib.

Confirmation 2024

Confirmation takes place this year on Sunday 7 July at 10.30am. Application forms for those who wish to receive the Sacrament will be available shortly.

Holy Days of Obligation 2024

The Epiphany - 7 January (transferred from Saturday 6 January)
 SS Peter & Paul - 30 June (transferred from Saturday 29 June)
 Assumption - 15 August
 All Saints - 1 November
 Christmas Day - 25 December (Wednesday)

Building a Better Marriage Course

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: website.

(<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention Jan 2024

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of the different rites within the Catholic Church. *There are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit; there are many different ways of serving, but it is always the same Lord. There are many different forms of activity, but in everybody it is the same God who is at work in them all.* (1 Corinthians 12: 4-6).

Churches Together in Barnes

Annual Ecumenical Service, Churches Together in Barnes Sun 21 Jan, 4 pm at St Michael and All Angel, 39 Elm Bank Gardens. Join our neighbours and friends in celebrating our common baptism

Retrouvaille: Do you need help in your marriage?

Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage, contact Retrouvaille confidentially for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 Feb 2024 or there is a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email (retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit (www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

The Men's Group

Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for our next meeting on Thursday 18 January, 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! We will have an update from the recent Synod in Rome, followed by a social drink at The Lamb pub. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: (donnellysm@hotmail.com) or just turn up.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Vincenzo Dallaglio, Janos Nemeth, 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 and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Adrian Myers, Leslie Russell, Thyra Jacobson-Kudzodzi, Phillipa Hoyland, Amelia Ferreira, Christopher Holland, Margot Andrews, Joseph O'Connor and Benedict Elliott.

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.*