



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 of Advent (A)

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Sunday, 11 December 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 11 th Dec	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Sheila Curry RIP and Eamonn Ted Kenna RIP Mira Bebenek RIP Rosa Maria Menghini Pranzo RIP	Third Sunday of Advent (A)
Mon 12 th Dec	10.00am Mass	Kevin Quinn RIP	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tues 13 th Dec	10.00am	Service of the Word	St Lucy
Wed 14 th Dec	10.00am Mass	Roger Lewis RIP	St John of the Cross
Thur 15 th Dec	6.30pm Mass	For the intentions of the Robertson Family	Feria
Fri 16 th Dec	10.00am Mass	Alison Porter RIP	Feria
Sun 18 th Dec	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the welfare of Brian Kenna John Derek Ogden RIP and Frances Ogden RIP For the welfare of Andrew O'Connor	Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

Reflection

Immaculate Mary:

The feast of the Immaculate Conception expresses the grandeur of God's love. Not only does God forgive sin, but in Mary he even averts the original sin present in every man and woman who comes into this world. This is the love of God which precedes, anticipates and saves. The beginning of the history of sin in the Garden of Eden yields to a plan of saving love. The words of Genesis reflect our own daily experience: we are constantly tempted to disobedience, a disobedience expressed in wanting to go about our lives without regard for God's will. This is the enmity which keeps striking at people's lives, setting them in opposition to God's plan. Yet the history of sin can only be understood in the light of God's love and forgiveness. Sin can only be understood in this light. Were sin the only thing that mattered, we would be the most desperate of creatures. But the promised triumph of Christ's love enfolds everything in the Father's mercy... The Immaculate Virgin stands before us as a privileged witness of this promise and its fulfilment.

(Pope Francis, Homily, December 8, 2015)

Please join us for the Carol Concert in the hall on Sunday 18 Dec at 7.30pm.

Christmas and New Year mass schedule:

Christmas Eve, Saturday 24 Dec:

10-11am Confessions
 4pm First Mass of the Nativity
 6.30pm Mass of the Nativity
 11.30 pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity

Christmas Day, Sunday 25 Dec:

8.30am Dawn Mass of the Nativity
 10.30am Mass of the Nativity

Monday 26 Dec: Feast of St Stephen

10am Mass

Sunday 1 Jan: Feast of Mary, Mother of God

8.30 Mass
 10.30am Mass
 6.30pm Mass

Jesus's Family Tree

Last week the children added the image of the Ram to the Jesse Tree. It symbolizes the call to the sacrifice of Isaac the son of Abraham, prefiguring the sacrifice of Jesus. Isaac was preserved by God to become the father of Jacob, known as Israel.

The children also added the symbol of Jesse himself, the father of Jesus's ancestor, King David. David, tradition says, was the composer of the beautiful poems we know as the psalms.

"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant and let all the trees of the forest sing for joy" Amen.

Christmas Church Flowers

This weekend there will be a second collection for Christmas Church Flowers.

Hall and Church Refurbishment

Today at 10.30 mass, Paul Middlemas will give an update on the parish finances, followed by a presentation of the proposed work by Greg Fonseca in the Hall. Do come along.

A New Auxiliary Bishop - Archdiocese of Southwark

On Monday 28 Nov 2022, His Holiness Pope Francis announced the appointment of Mgr Philip Moger as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark. A priest of the Diocese of Leeds for 40 years, Bishop Elect Moger has, until now, been the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. He will work with the Episcopal Vicars for the South West and South East. His episcopal ordination will be on 21 Feb 2023 in St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

Foodbank

The Foodbank are always grateful for your donations. Box can be found in the narthex. They are currently short of tinned items such as meat, chicken stew, rice pudding and custard as well as long-life milk and razor blades.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December

We pray that Volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Carol singing

At Walsingham Lodge and Viera Gray House on Monday 19 Dec, starting in the lounge at WL at 6pm. Rev James Hutchings writes: 'There will be some singers and ringers from St Mary's, but do invite any you think in your congregations who would help boost the singing too'.

Wintershall Nativity

The Nativity Journey will be performed from 14-19 Dec 2022 at Wintershall, near Guildford. This is a wonderful way for families and parishes to reflect on the true story of Christmas. Please note that there are some restrictions for those with physical disabilities. Tickets are now available: www.wintershall.org.uk or telephone 01483 892167.

Confirmation - register your interest

St Osmund's will host a Confirmation Programme for children in Year 8 in 2023. If your child is interested in participating, please email the parish office: (barnes@rcaos.org.uk)

45th White Knights' Ball

Tickets for the White Knights' Ball on 7 Jan are still available. Champagne reception and silver service three course dinner at Grosvenor House Hotel, with funds going towards the Order of Malta Volunteer's work with adults with disabilities and illnesses (<https://www.omv.org.uk>). Tickets £170 until 30th Dec. There is also the option to get after dinner tickets at just £60 if you just fancy a dance! See: <https://www.whiteknightsball.org.uk>

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering, especially Mark and his family, Elizabeth Robertson, Susan Kelsey, Maggie Danby, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Philippa Couttie, Charles Stiller, Serge Moussalli and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently including William Capstick and Michael Creighton, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: John Kemmis, Toby Jessel, Catherine Malcolm, David Robertson, Margaret Ventom, Kathleen Casey, Mary Carr, Oscar Chevallier, Frances Ogden, John Murphy and Lucy Elkins.

Alma Redemptoris Mater

*Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ pèrvia cæli
 Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadènti,
 Súrgerè qui curat pópulo: tu quæ genuísti,
 Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem
 Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore
 Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.*