



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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

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Sunday, 18 December 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
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)
Mon 19 th Dec	10.00am Mass	Anthony Elliot RIP and David Robertson RIP	Feria
Tues 20 th Dec	10.00am	Service of the Word	Feria
Wed 21 st Dec	10.00am Mass	Diamond wedding anniversary of James and Audrey Smith	Feria
Thur 22 nd Dec	6.30pm Mass	Benefactors of the Parish	Feria
Fri 23 rd Dec	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sun 25 th Dec	4pm Mass 6.30pm Mass 11.30pm Mass	Ellen Mary Moran RIP Oscar Chevallier RIP and Andrzej Kedzierski RIP Alfred and Eileen Clark RIP	The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas and New Year Services

In this final week of Advent, we pray for a renewed sense of wonder at the imminent birth of our Saviour. May we find room in our hearts for the Christ child to be born.

Saturday 24 Dec: Christmas Eve

10-11am Confessions

4pm First Mass of the Nativity

6.30pm Mass of the Nativity

11.30 pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity

Sunday 25 Dec: Christmas Day

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

6.30 pm Mass

Friday 6 Jan: The Epiphany (Day of Obligation)

10.00 am Mass

6.30pm Mass



Schools have now closed for their Christmas break. Happy holidays to one and all, enjoy.

This evening, please join us for carols, poems and mulled wine in the Hall from 7.30 pm, led by the Choir.

Congratulations to Audrey and James Smith who celebrated 60 years of marriage, their Diamond Jubilee. Many Happy returns.

Reflecting on Christmas with Pope Francis:

"Christmas is the feast of love incarnate and born for us in Jesus Christ. He is the light of mankind shining in the darkness, giving meaning to human existence and to the whole of history. Christmas invites us to reflect, on the one hand, on the drama of history, in which men and women, wounded by sin, ceaselessly search for truth, search for mercy and search for redemption; and, on the other hand, on the goodness of God, who has come towards us to communicate to us the truth that saves and to make us sharers in His friendship and His life".

Jesus's Family Tree

Jesus's Family Tree, the Jesse Tree, grew more leaves last Sunday - not always in chronological order! The children gave us a picture of the 10 commandments given by God to Moses, the greatest prophet of the Old Testament. King David's crown also appeared as well as Joseph's coat of many colours. Joseph was the son of Isaac, known as Israel, whom we met the week before. He and his brothers were the founders of the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph can be seen as an example of Christ-like mercy. His jealous brothers sold him into slavery but, touched by compassion, he forgave them and saved their lives when they were starving following drought in Egypt.

Christmas Church Flowers

Last week's collection raised £243.81. Many thanks to our donors.

Renovating the Church and Hall

Thank you to those who came to Greg Fonseca's presentation in the Hall last Sunday. We are looking at ways of making his presentation more widely available. Tenders are being collected and as we move forward, more information will come to light.

Financial information for 2013- 2021

Copies of Paul Middlemass' report are available for collection after Mass today. Our thanks to the Finance Committee for all their work and diligence.

Foodbank

The foodbank are short of tinned items such as meat, chicken stew, rice pudding and custard, as well as long-life milk and razor blades.

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)

Carol singing

Join Rev James Hutchings from St Mary's at Walsingham Lodge and Viera Gray House on Monday 19 Dec, starting in the lounge at WL, 6pm.

The Barnes Fund are recruiting a Volunteer Treasurer Trustee

The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate amongst other things, a solid financial background, an ability to explain the financial consequences of the charities' strategic plans clearly and succinctly based on sound analysis, and experience of oversight of auditing professionals. The Board holds approximately 12 meetings a year, often in the evenings. For more details see:

www.thebarnesfund.org.uk/get-involved

From the Chair of Finance

Thank you for all of your support and generosity over this past year. Just a reminder, that priests do not receive a salary and rely on the collection taken at Christmas and Easter for their annual income. Donations can be done via the collection bucket at Christmas Mass, bank transfer with "Christmas Donation" as the reference, the electronic portals in the back of the church or via the parish website. Thank you.

45th White Knights' Ball

Tickets for the White Knights' Ball on 7 Jan are still available. Champagne reception and 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 dance tickets at £60. 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 Philippa Couttie, Michelle Gasperini and Sheila Forde Brennan, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frances Ogden, Richard Reynolds, Nancy McCullough, John Kemmis, Grant Middleton, Wanda Grodzka, Edward Coles, Peter Whitehouse, Sam Griffiths, Stephanos Stavrou, Josie O'Neill and Alejandro Duarte.

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.*