



# 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.

## First Sunday of Advent (A) Mass Book p. 82 Sunday, 27 November 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Jadwiga Langiewicz RIP Fergus O'Kelly RIP John Fagan RIP	First Sunday of Advent (A)
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00 Mass	Caron Keating RIP	Feria
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Service of the Word	Sts Cuthbert Mayne and Companions
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Service of the Word	St Andrew
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	6.30pm Mass		Feria
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of baby Kamran Wood For the dear departed members of the Neate family RIP Robin McCallum RIP	Second Sunday of Advent (A)

### Reflection

Today is the First Sunday of Advent.

Pope Francis: "Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world."

St Francis de Sales: John the Baptist had already spent time preaching His coming, His miracles, and His greatness to his disciples. Now he wanted them to see Him whom he had announced to them. Surely, to make God known should be the principle aim of all. We ought neither to seek nor obtain anything but this: that He may be known to everyone. Therefore our glorious saint, John the Baptist, after having long preached to his disciples the coming of our Lord, now sends them to Jesus not only that they may know Him, but still more that they make Him known to others.

St Theresa of Avila: "I want to keep Advent in my soul, that is, a continual longing and waiting for this great Mystery wherein You, O Word, become flesh to show me the abyss of Your redeeming, sanctifying, mercy sweetest Jesus, You come to me with Your infinite love and the abundance of Your grace; You desire to engulf my soul in torrents of mercy and charity in order to draw it to You. Come, O Lord, come! I, too, wish to run to You with love, but alas! my love is so limited, weak, and imperfect! Make it strong and generous; enable me to overcome myself, so that I can give myself entirely to You.

Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. The evergreens: Laurel, a symbol of Christ's Kingship; Holly, a symbol of Christ's Passion; Ivy, a symbol of our clinging to Christ and finally in gratitude, Rosemary for remembrance lest we forget the wonderful things God has done for us. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday. The priest wears rose coloured vestments. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because we have arrived at the midpoint of Advent.

Service of the Word is at 10am on Tuesday 29 Nov and Wednesday 30 Nov.

#### **Diary dates**

- Monday 4 December: Feast of St Osmund. 10am Mass with the children from St Osmund's School.
- Friday 9 December: Late night shopping organized by the BCA in the High Street.
- Monday 12 December: St Osmund's School Carol Service at 6pm.
- Sunday 18 December: St Osmund's Choir carol concert; poems and mulled wine in the Hall at 7.30pm.

No one should be alone at Christmas. FiSH are organizing Christmas dinner and tea at their Centre on Barnes Green. Contact Arlene Coutts for more details (020 8876 3336).

#### **Hall and Church Refurbishment**

Prior to the pandemic we had hoped to begin the redecoration of the Church and Hall in stages. Events over took when the Hall was flooded beyond use. The Finance Committee believe we should now go ahead and do all the works. On Sunday 11 December 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. Please do come along.

#### **Admission to Hospital**

RC hospital chaplains will only be aware of your admission if you specifically ask for the hospital chaplaincy team to be informed. Please tell a member of the ward staff. It is also helpful to let your parish priest know. [St George's Hospital Chaplaincy: Fr Mark Higgins (020 8725 3069)]

#### **Confirmation - register your interest**

St Osmund's Parish would like to host a Confirmation Programme for children in Year 8 in 2022/23. If your child is interested in participating, please email the parish office: ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk))

#### **The Jesse Tree has arrived at St Osmund's to welcome the season of Advent**

The Jesse Tree is an ancient Advent tradition. The symbols that the children will hang on it as we move through Advent remind us of the prophesy in the bible foretelling the Messiah - A saviour 'sprung from the root of the tree of Jesse', the father of King David. Each symbol represents a landmark in the history of salvation, Christ's 'Family Tree', ending with baby Jesus in the manger.

Trees are vital symbols in Judaism and Christianity, from the Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden to the redeeming Tree of the Cross. In the ancient Jesse tree, we salute these miracles of creation - the oldest living things on earth. We also recognise the vital part trees increasingly play in enriching human life and preserving God's creation. (Message from the Green Team)

#### **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation Course (FHC) 2023**

Thank you to all who have registered. The Information Evening for parents will be on Thursday 1 December at 7pm in the Church. The course then starts on Sunday 4 December at 10.30am Mass with the enrolment of the children. After that date it will be impossible for others to join.

#### **A note from The Men's Group**

Our next meeting is on Thursday 8 December, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, over the river at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward Church on Chiswick High Road (enter via passageway to right hand side of church). Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a presentation on 'Rerum Novarum and its Challenges' - socio-economic morality and justice, followed by drinks at The Lamb pub. Email Stephen Donnelly at [donnellysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnellysm@hotmail.com) for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to [www.catholicman.uk](http://www.catholicman.uk)

#### **Sick List**

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

#### **In Remembrance**

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Susan Sardell, John Gibbons, Bridget Keane, Diana Thompson, Pamela Carrigan, Julia Sullivan, Stephen Kiselick and Carlos Jose-Menendez.

#### **Alma Redemptóris Mater**

*Alma Redemptóris Mater, quæ pèrvia 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.*