



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.

Second Sunday of Advent (A)

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Sunday, 4 December 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 4 th Dec	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of baby Kamran Wood For the departed members of the Neate family RIP Robin McCallum RIP	Second Sunday of Advent (A)
Mon 5 th Dec	10.00 Mass	Roger Lewis RIP	St John Almond
Tues 6 th Dec	10.00am	Service of the Word	St Nicholas
Wed 7 th Dec	10.00 Mass	For the departed members of the Humphrys and Crawford families RIP	St Ambrose
Thur 8 th Dec	6.30pm Mass		The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 9 th Dec	10.00am Mass	Funeral mass for Michael Creighton RIP	St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Sun 11 th Dec	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Sheila Curry and Eamonn Ted Kenna, both RIP Mira Bebenek RIP Rosa Maria Menghini Pranzo RIP	Third Sunday of Advent (A)

Reflection

Second Sunday of Advent - Opening prayer:

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

In the Gospel this Sunday, John the Baptist tells us to prepare the way of the Lord. He is talking not about the babe in the manger but about the adult Christ soon to begin his public ministry. This prayer presents our response to Christ's call to join his company. We gain admittance to Christ's company when we are baptized as Christians, and time and time again when we join with the baptized in the liturgical celebration where we form the body of Christ, the Church in action. We gain admittance to his company when we share in communion. We gain admittance to Christ's company when we welcome him who comes to us in our neighbour in their need, which is the only criterion given in the Gospel for the final judgment and admittance to the company of saints.

Welcome to the children and their parents who are being enrolled on the First Communion and Confession programme for 2023 which starts today. Please keep the children in your prayers and pray their parents may experience the love of Christ in their hearts and encourage each other on this journey of faith.

Monday 5 December: Feast of St Osmund. Mass at 10am at the Church with staff and pupils from St Osmund's School. Happy Feast.

Thursday 8 December: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass at 6.30pm.

Friday 9 December: Feast of St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin. In Advent we pray for migrants and refugees; mindful of Mary and Joseph's travels to Judaea.

Prayer to Juan Diego: St. Juan Diego, our first saint from the Americas, pray for us. We ask God the Father to pour forth the protecting love of his Spirit upon all migrants, taking special heed of those in need of support, who are isolated or separated from their native lands, whether by choice or necessity. St. Juan Diego, intercede for those torn away from their families in pursuit of work that they may be reunited: husbands with wives and parents with children. As the Virgin of Guadalupe promised you her compassionate prayers for the poor of Mexico, so now raise your merciful pleading for migrant women and children who are particularly vulnerable to the dangers of human trafficking. Seek for them protection from all evil.

Prepare the Way

During the season of Advent you will notice changes that highlight a difference in our liturgy; the easiest to spot perhaps is the purple linen, the Advent wreath and the Jesse tree. Until Christmas day, the pictures on our Jesse Tree help us to know the story of God's love and care for us throughout history. Our tree is called a Jesse Tree after the text in Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot will come up from the stock of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit." Jesse was the father of King David, so our tree represents the 'family tree' of Jesus.

'In the Beginning' - Last week children from the Eco Council at St Osmund's primary school placed the symbols they had made for Creation and Noah on our Jesse Tree... early signs of the promise of Christ's coming. Creation - God's gift of our beautiful world - a garden to tend. Noah obeys God's command, preserving all His creatures until the dove of Peace returns with the Olive branch of forgiveness and reconciliation. More this week...

Hall and Church Refurbishment

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. Do come along.

Invitation to join and sing carols

Join St Mary's choir at the Wetlands Centre on Saturday 10 December from 2pm. Entry to the Centre is free and carol sheets are provided.

And more carols..

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 December 2022 at Wintershall, near Guildford. This is a wonderful way for families and parishes to journey with the Holy Family and 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 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)

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, 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 for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering, especially Mark and his family, Elizabeth Robertson, 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: Rosa Maria Menghini Pranzo, Patricia Bradley, Robin Durie, John Pavry, Richard O'Mahony, Paul Murphy and Thomas Dolan.

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.*