



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 Baptism of The Lord Mass Book p. 118 Sunday, 8 January 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 8 th Jan	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI RIP Thomas Meaney RIP For the deceased members of the McCormack family	The Baptism of the Lord
Mon 9th Jan	NO MASS	NO MASS	Feria
Tues 10 th Jan	10.00am	Service of the Word	Feria
Wed 11th Jan	NO MASS	NO MASS	Feria
Thur 12th Jan	NO MASS	NO MASS	St Aelred of Rievaulx
Fri 13 th Jan	10.00am	Service of the Word	St Hilary
Sun 15 th Jan	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo For the welfare of Andrew O'Connor For the deceased members of the Ryan family	Second Sunday (A)

Reflection

Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Baptising children in 2014, Pope Francis spoke of Baptism as a link in a chain.

“Jesus did not need to be baptized, but the first theologians say that, with his body, with his divinity, in baptism he blessed all the waters, so that the waters would have the power to confer baptism. And then, before ascending to Heaven, Jesus told us to go into all the world to baptize. And from that day forward up until today, this has been an uninterrupted chain: they baptized their children, and their children their own, and those children... And also today this chain continues. These children are a link in a chain. You parents have a baby boy or girl to baptize, but in some years they will have a child to baptize, or a grandchild... Such is the chain of faith! What does this mean? I would like to tell you only this: you are those who transmit the faith, the transmitters; you have a duty to hand on the faith to these children. It is the most beautiful inheritance you will leave to them: the faith! Only this. Today, take this thought home with you. We must be transmitters of the faith. Think about this, always think about how to hand on the faith to your children. Today the choir sings, but the most beautiful choir is the children making noise... Some of them will cry, because they are uncomfortable or because they are hungry: if they are hungry, mothers, feed them with ease, because they are the most important ones here. And now, with this awareness of being transmitters of the faith, let us continue with the rite of Baptism”.

This is our first newsletter of the New Year. Happy New Year.

A huge thank you to one and all for all you do, especially at Christmas to support the parish and your commitment, to the choir and servers, collectors, counters, catechists, children's liturgists, sacristans, florists, readers, ministers, cleaners, linen cleaner, welcomers and helpers. Thank you for your generosity in the Christmas Collection which is greatly appreciated. The Carols and Reading organised by the Choir was very uplifting and a good preparation for the Feast. Thank you to them and those who reorganised the refreshments. I do hope you had an opportunity to pay a visit to our beautiful Crib, saying a prayer to contemplate the mystery it depicts. Crib donations were for Mission Together (The Holy Childhood) for projects supporting children in Mission territories.

Help, please, is needed in taking the Christmas trees and their decorations away after 10.30am Mass today.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI RIP

Benedict XVI was Pope for less than eight years and became generally known in Britain as the second pope in history to visit the UK in 2010. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, said: "I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of Pope Benedict. He will be remembered as one of the great theologians of the 20th century. "I remember with particular affection the remarkable Papal Visit to these lands in 2010. We saw his courtesy, his gentleness, the perceptiveness of his mind and the openness of his welcome to everybody that he met." We remember Pope Benedict in our prayers. As Director of Missio, I had the privilege of meeting Pope Benedict on several occasions. On one occasion he held me in conversation for some time, telling me how much he enjoyed his visit to Great Britain.

Pope Francis prayer intention for January

For Educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Church cleaning - can you help?

We are looking for a few extra people to join our cleaning rota which would greatly help our current team. As a rough guide, we're looking at 1 or 2 hours every 4 to 6 weeks or so (but any time that you could spare would be very much appreciated). If you are interested in helping, please contact Aoife Hulme: (aoifehulme@hotmail.com)

Confirmation - register your interest

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

Together in Barnes Annual Ecumenical Service

Taking place in Barnes Baptist Church, Lonsdale Road on Sun 22 Jan at 4pm. Join our neighbours and friends in thanking God for one common baptism and collaboration through Glassdoor and FiSH.

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

Marriage Encounter, England and Wales

Upcoming Experience in Hendon on 11 & 12 Feb 2023 at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Hendon, London, NW4 4TY. This marriage enrichment courses offer a unique opportunity for couples to rekindle their relationships and focus on what is important to them. Course organisers Paul and Marie Kennedy say, 'Our experience helped us to understand each other more and reminded us that we had made a sacramental marriage in front of our families and God. The Marriage Encounter course also helped us with our relationships with our children. For us, our experience was a gift from God'. For further information and to book an experience, see: <https://wwme.org.uk>

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering, especially Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Susan Durie, Mark and his family, Elizabeth Robertson, Susan Kelsey, Maggie Danby, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, Serge Moussalli and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently especially Pope Benedict XVI, Adrian Myers and Leslie Russell, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Thyra Jacobson-Kudzodzi, Phillipa Hoyland, Fr Michael Boland, Amelia Ferreira, Christopher Holland, Margot Andrews, Joseph O'Connor and Benedict Elliott.

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.*